

**VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 4, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, in the Board Chambers of the District Office at 19039 Bay Street, El Verano, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL

President Prushko called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by **Deputy Secretary Walk** noted the following present:

Directors:	Ed Kenny Jon Foreman Meghan Peddicord Mark Heneveld Ron Prushko
General Manager:	Daniel Muelrath
District Personnel	Matt Fullner, Operations & Maintenance Supervisor Shari Walk, Office Supervisor
Public:	Larry & Mary Coulombe, Heidi Danieli & Gina Cuclis

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A.** Minutes of the May 7, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting.
- B.** Declaring Surplus Material.

On motion by **Director Foreman**, seconded by **Director Kenny**, and carried unanimously by a voice vote to adopt 3.A of the consent calendar.

On motion by **Vice President Heneveld**, seconded by **Director Peddicord**, and carried unanimously by a voice vote to adopt 3.B of the consent calendar.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

- A.** Proposed water rate increase, effective July 1, 2013.

President Prushko opened the public hearing at 6:45 pm.

In response to Mr. Coulombe, General Manager Muelrath clarified that the operational expenses increased primarily on account of water purchases.

Ms. Cuclis, ratepayer, commented that she was a happy customer, and that VOMWD is doing a great job. Even with the rate increase, the customers will be paying less than City of Sonoma customers.

No other members of the public came forward to speak. President Prushko closed the public hearing at 7:15pm.

5. OPERATIONAL REPORTS

A. Monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements for April, 2013.

On motion by **Director Foreman**, seconded by **Vice President Heneveld**, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to approve the monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements for the month of April 2013 in the amount of \$314,817.03.

B. Water Source Report.

General Manager Muelrath reported that the Water Source Report has been returned to the original format, except for some reworking of the chart.

In response to **President Prushko**, Mr. Fullner said the wells and tanks are all doing well.

Director Kenny suggested that staff delete the Verano Well from the report, since it has not been in use for quite some time.

6. PRESIDENT'S AND DIRECTORS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS
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Vice President Heneveld reported on an article in the Press Democrat regarding mercury levels found in the fish. He thanked the General Manager for getting him the information he requested.

Director Peddicord reported on the ACWA conference she attended May 8th & 9th, noting the main focus was the delta and the consolidation of special districts. District counsel was present along with Governor Jerry Brown.

President Prushko commented on the article regarding clean power which our new supervisor seems to be supporting. He finds it alarming that the SCWA is going into that business.

Director Kenny commented that he was asked to go on the radio to report on water, but declined the offer.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S AND DISTRICT COUNSEL'S REPORTS
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General Manager Daniel Muelrath reported on the following:

- 1) TAC
 - a. May 20th (adhoc)
 - i. Discussed the development of a regional conservation plan and message. This resulted in the 20 gallon challenge which was launched last week. Go to www.savingwaterpartnership.org to complete pledge.
 - ii. Lake Mendocino storage started to increase due to decreased releases and increases in diversion through the potter valley project

In response to **Director Peddicord**, Mr. Muelrath said the 20 gallon challenge will be going through October of this year.

- b. Jun 3rd (regular)
 - i. July 19th UFO, Santa Rosa ,ACWA region 1 will be hosting a program, “Take it From the Tap, Promoting Drink Local Campaigns”
 - ii. Biological Opinion update: Mid June the remainder of the 1st mile demonstration project will begin construction, SCWA has not fully inflated the rubber dam, but will do so in July or as soon as flows and water demand require.
 - iii. Lake Mendocino peaked on Saturday, potter valley project had to reduce diversion starting June 1st, so the lake is now decreasing. Approximately 1400 AF buffer between current and critical curve.

Director Peddicord inquired about the outreach to the Spanish speaking community in regards to the “take it from the tap” campaign. Mr. Muelrath acknowledged the difficulties engaging the Spanish speaking community and will bring back any new information learned from the ACWA “Take it From the Tap” workshop.

- 2) ACWA
 - a. Spring conference recap
 - i. Lots of focus on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (minimal impact to us)
 - ii. Good sessions on Advanced Metering Infrastructure
 - iii. Heard a few sessions on the proposed 2014 water bond
 1. No special/preferential projects
 2. Smaller than last bond (~ \$8 Billion)
- 3) AMI Feasibility. The preliminary analysis is approximately 50% complete. The results are expected to be brought to the Board at the July or August meeting.

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Fiscal Year 2013-14 Final Budgets & Water Rates.

Adopt, by roll call vote, the following Resolutions:

1. No. 130601, overruling objections and protests, adopting a report on charges for water services and confirming such charges for fiscal year 2013-14, and amending District Regulations 8-2.19 and 8-2.21 to reflect such charges.

2. No. 130602, adopting the fiscal year 2013-14 Operations and Maintenance budget and the Annual Statement of Investment Policy.
3. No. 130603, adopting the five-year Capital Improvement Program for fiscal years 2013-14 through 2017-18 and approving funds for fiscal year 2013-14 Capital Improvement Program budget.

Mr. Muelrath introduced the item and noted that 1) the proposed budget had increased the allocation to the Capital Improvement Program to \$675,000, and 2) the District's water rates were still ranked the lowest third among 17 Bay Area water districts/agencies.

Motion by **Director Foreman** seconded by **Vice President Heneveld** and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 130601, overruling objections and protests, adopting a report on charges for water services and confirming such charges for fiscal year 2013-14, and amending District Regulations 8-2.19 and 8-2.21 to reflect such charges; to adopt Resolution No. 130602, adopting the fiscal year 2013-14 Operations and Maintenance budget and the Annual Statement of Investment Policy; to adopt Resolution No. 130603, adopting the five-year Capital Improvement Program for fiscal years 2013-14 through 2017-18 and approving funds for fiscal year 2013-14 Capital Improvement Program budget.

9. CLOSED SESSION - NONE

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Vice President Heneveld**, seconded by **Director Foreman**, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is a regular meeting on July 2, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.

Shari Walk, Deputy Board Secretary

Ron Prushko, Board President