

**VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 2, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District was held on Tuesday, July 2, 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:

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| 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: | None |

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of the June 4, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting.
- B. 20-Gallon challenge Water Conservation Public Awareness Program.

On motion by **Director Foreman**, seconded by **Vice President Heneveld**, and carried unanimously by a voice vote to adopt the consent calendar as shown.

4. PUBLIC HEARING - NONE

5. OPERATIONAL REPORTS

- A. Monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements for May, 2013.

On motion by **Director Peddicord**, seconded by **Director Foreman**, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to approve the monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements for the month of May 2013 in the amount of \$606,703.60.

B. Water Source Report.

Operations and Maintenance Supervisor Fullner reported that all the well were currently on.

6. PRESIDENT'S AND DIRECTORS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS

Vice President Heneveld learned that fluoride sealants can be applied to teeth to help prevent decay.

In response to **Director Kenny's** question regarding the 20-Gallon challenge Water Conservation Public Awareness Program, Mr. Muelrath clarified that the goal was to save 20 gallons a day.

Director Peddicord commented that she had heard people in the public commenting about the City of Sonoma water rates.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S AND DISTRICT COUNSEL'S REPORTS

General Manager Daniel Muelrath reported on the following:

A. Technical Advisory Committee Meetings

At the June 26th TAC ad hoc it was reporting that there was approximately a 4,000 acre foot buffer between the water storage and the critical curve. Also discussed was a weather forecast model to help predict heat spells to optimize operations and be proactive and fill tanks before demands spike. At the July 1st TAC it was reported that a majority of the local contractors have submitted resolutions of support for the water bond coalition; take it from the TAP event will be held on July 19th; a draft of future potential water projects costs for all water contractors was discussed; information was presented on the continuation of construction on the Dry Creek habitat restoration and Directors were asked if they were interested in a tour.

B. Sonoma Valley Groundwater Update

Updates were given on the Sonoma Valley Groundwater Management Program and the Groundwater Banking Program Feasibility Study.

C. Association of California Water Agencies/California Urban Water Conservation Council Water Pricing

Mr. Muelrath attended a training workshop about this topic in late June. Currently there is the 70/30 revenue split requirement, but they are going to be convening a committee to discuss alternative compliance methods.

D. VOMWD Strategic Initiatives

Mr. Muelrath highlighted 3 key strategic initiatives that the District will continue to focus on:

1. Retention of institutional knowledge
2. Water supply reliability
3. Emergency Planning, Supplies & Equipment

General Manager Muelrath also reported that he would be meeting with Supervisor Gorin on July 22nd at 1:00 pm regarding summer conservation and the sewer district assessment fees, and asked if any board members would like to be present. **Director Foreman** volunteered to attend the meeting with the General Manager.

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Feasibility Study Results.

Mr. Muelrath introduced the item by summarizing the results of the feasibility study. He said significant cost savings can be achieved by reducing non-revenue water and a decrease in the number of vehicle trips to read meters. The next step would be to develop a no obligation Request for Proposals for an AMI project that would include the flexibility to decide on a full system deployment after a pilot test of 1 year. The District has been offered approximately \$60,000 in grant monies by the Sonoma County Water Agency and California Water Foundation, to help cover infrastructure cost during the pilot.

In response to **Director Peddicord**, Mr. Muelrath explained that the water use data from an AMR (automated meter reading) system is received by driving by the meters, whereas an AMI system is received daily. He also stated that the financial analysis looked at costs and benefits over a 15 year period.

Motion by **Vice President Heneveld** seconded by **Director Foreman** and carried unanimously by a voice vote to 1) authorize staff to develop and solicit a Request for Proposals for an AMI project and 2) authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute the grant agreement with Sonoma County Water Agency and California Water Foundation.

President Prushko convened the meeting into Closed Session at 7:35 P.M.

9. CLOSED SESSION

A. Conference with legal counsel to consider pending litigation, pursuant to government code section 54956.9 (a) – “VOMWD v. Brown and Caldwell, et. Al”

President Prushko reconvened from Closed Session at 8:46 P.M. There was nothing to report.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Vice President Heneveld**, seconded by **Director Foreman**, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is a regular meeting on August 6, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.

Shari Walk, Deputy Board Secretary

Ron Prushko, Board President