

**VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District was held on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, 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 Heneveld 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 Meghan Peddicord Ron Prushko Jon Foreman Mark Heneveld
General Manager:	Daniel Muelrath
District Personnel:	Shari Walk, Office Supervisor
Public:	None

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of the April 1, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting.
- B. November 4, 2014 General Election.
- C. Project Closing Documents for Water Facilities Installation Project No. 2943.

On motion by **Vice President Foreman**, seconded by **Director Kenny**, 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 March, 2014.

On motion by **Vice President Foreman**, seconded by **Director Kenny**, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to approve the monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements for the month of March 2014 in the amount of \$246,369.41.

B. Water Source Report.

General Manager Muelrath reported that Larbre well is down approximately 26%, and that all the wells will be turned on tomorrow, May 7th.

C. Operational updates.

General Manager Muelrath reported the following:

1. All the services have been completed in the Deercreek development on W. Thomson.
2. The water main replacement project in the Boyes Hot Springs area will be starting as soon as the contractor receives the encroachment permit.
3. The Department of Health Services performed their routine inspection of the District's facilities, and a report will be forthcoming. All indications are that the District's facilities are in good shape.
4. A system wide leak detection will be starting on May 19th.
5. The new small dump truck was delivered last week.
6. Data loggers have been installed on the two vehicles that will be retrofitted as part of the CARB requirements in order to build the specialized diesel particulate filters.

6. PRESIDENT'S AND DIRECTORS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS

There were no comments from the Directors.

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

General Manager Muelrath reported the following:

Water Advisory Committee Meeting of April 7th.

The Sonoma County Water Agency rates were approved effective July 2014, and the water shortage allocation methodology was approved as well.

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting of May 5th.

Due to the drought the State Board is looking at ways to reduce diversion from approximately 8 river systems in the State. The upper Russian River has been identified, north of the dry creek confluence. No apparent impact to SCWA water rights.

Water Supply Conditions

1. Pillsbury is 90% capacity (92% last month), Mendocino is at 72% of winter capacity (65% last month) or 47% of the seasonal storage curve, and Lake Sonoma is at 75% capacity (75% last month).
2. District's water purchases/production has dropped 17% since the Governor's drought declaration and VOMWD's resolution of support.

ACWA State Leg Committee

Discussed the importance of staying proactive and knowing about legislation and helping craft it to avoid or minimize additional costs to the District. Also helps in planning future District operations to stay compliant with all regulations.

State Water Bond / Drought Funding

1. Two versions moving forward, one in the Senate and one in the Assembly. Still unknown if a water bond will appear on the ballot in November. Will know in the next month. May be a source of grant funding for additional production wells or conservation.
2. Other sources of funding being explored now is the USDA Rural Assistance and CA DPH.

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Advanced Metering Infrastructure.

General Manager Muelrath introduced the item, stating that the top four proposals for an advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) system were interviewed in October 2013, and based on board authorization an agreement was negotiated with the selected vendor.

Motion by **Vice President Foreman**, seconded by **Director Peddicord** and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to approve an agreement between the Valley of the Moon Water District and National Meter and Automation Inc. and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement.

- B.** Meter Charge Revision.

General Manager Muelrath discussed the current and proposed meter fees, stating the need to update the fee to reflect current labor rates and the cost of advanced meters.

Motion by **Vice President Foreman**, seconded by **Director Kenny**, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to adopt Resolution No. 140503, amending Regulation 8-3.2, meter and service line charges effective July 1, 2014.

President Heneveld convened the meeting into Closed Session at 7:21 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 Heneveld reconvened from Closed Session at 7:29 P.M. There was nothing to report.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Director Kenny**, seconded by **Vice President Foreman**, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is a regular meeting on June 3, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.

Shari Walk, Deputy Board Secretary

Mark Heneveld, Board President