

**VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 2, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District was held on Tuesday, September 2, 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:	Matt Fullner, Operations & Maintenance Supervisor Shari Walk, Administration & Finance Manager
Public:	None

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A.** Minutes of the August 5, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting.

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 July, 2014.

Administration & Finance Manager, Walk informed the board that the auditors have completed their onsite work.

On motion by **Vice President Foreman**, seconded by **Director Peddicord**, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to approve the monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements for the month of July 2014 in the amount of \$546,117.53.

B. Water Source Report.

Operations & Maintenance Supervisor Fullner said all wells are currently on, and doing well given current drought conditions.

C. Operational updates.

Operations and Maintenance Supervisor Fullner reported the following:

1. The Boyes Hot Springs Project is complete.
2. All of the polybutylene replacements have been completed in the Sonoma Greens development. Most of the services replaced had small pinhole leaks.
3. Eight of our 13 tanks were cleaned last week. It was reported by the tank cleaning company that all were in good shape, and that very little sediment was found in the bottom of the tanks. A couple of the tanks will need recoating in the near future.
4. Cathodic protection inspections were done today on the tanks. In response to Director Prushko, the one seismic valve the District had did not work during the earthquake and is currently being investigated by the manufacturer.
5. The last of the initial meeting with all the Homeowner's Association Boards/Property Managers was completed last week. Throughout the rest of the month staff will be attending HOA Board meeting to discuss the backflow requirements with their general membership.

6. PRESIDENT'S AND DIRECTORS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS
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President Heneveld reported that Grant Davis had called him asking if the District had any damage from the earthquake.

Vice President Foreman observed that while working in Napa after the earthquake that the water was turbid and took a while to clear.

Director Kenny commented about water being served in restaurants in Sonoma without customers asking.

Director Prushko said he e-mailed General Manager Muelrath asking if Napa needed our help during the earthquake and was informed that Napa was receiving support through the CalWARN system.

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

Earthquake recap: VOMWD water system and staff handled the earthquake very well. On the day of the earthquake crews responded appropriately and came to the office. The crew member in charge instructed staff to perform a system check and used earthquake assessment checklist forms that are routinely discussed in safety trainings. No damage was cited, the major issue was the power outages, getting the shop up and running and towing a generator to the Sobre Vista booster. We have done a post-earthquake review of how

we operated the day of the earthquake and also are considering the most effective supplies and equipment that the District needs when allocating the emergency preparedness funding that has already been approved in this year's budget.

Drought Update: Lake Sonoma is at 63% or 154,500 AF and Lake Mendocino is currently at 32,500 AF. Our customers continue to respond to our call for conservation and since March our water use is down 16.5%, customers are reporting neighbors that have runoff or that are irrigating during daylight hours, water on request cards have been distributed to restaurants in our service area, to date no water waste fees have been assessed on any customer.

Groundwater Bills: AB1739, SB1168 and AB1319 are setting on the Governor's desk awaiting his signature. These bills are significant as they relate to regulating groundwater, which California is the last Western state to adopt groundwater regulations. Specific to Sonoma Valley these bills are important as the Valley has been identified as a medium priority basin. If signed by the Governor, the following actions will need to be taken: within two and a half years determine a lead groundwater sustainability agency, within seven years have a sustainable ground water management plan in place. These bills allow for local control, but if sufficient actions are not taken then the State may step in.

Water Bond: Information regarding Water Bond 2014 prepared by ACWA was handed out to the Directors.

Sphere of Influence Consideration: It may be a strategic move to amend the District's sphere of influence to include Sonoma Developmental Center (SDC).

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC): Because of the holiday, the TAC meeting will be next week.

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Engineering Services to update the District's Standard Plans and Maps.

General Manager, Muelrath, introduced the item noting the need for the District to update its Standard Plans and System Maps. The last standards update was in 2003 and the last maps update was in 2011.

Motion by **Vice President Foreman** seconded by **Director Prushko** and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to approve an agreement with CSW/Stuber-Stroeh Engineering Group, Inc in an amount not-to-exceed \$10,900 to update the District Standard Plans and Maps.

B. Water Rate Study.

General Manager Muelrath reported that the last rate study done, by CH2MHill, and assisted by Foresight Consulting Services was completed in May 2003. Additional discussion ensued regarding the need to perform a rate study or if in house staff could evaluate the need for any future potential rate increases. **Director Prushko** stated his objection to hiring a consultant for this work as he felt that District staff has a good handle on the financial needs of the District.

Motion by **Vice President Foreman** seconded by **Director Kenny** and carried by a roll call vote of 4 ayes, and 1 nay, Prushko to approve an agreement with the firm of NBS for an amount not to exceed \$52,665 to perform a comprehensive water rates analysis study.

President Heneveld 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 Heneveld reconvened from Closed Session at 7:45 P.M. There was nothing to report.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Vice President Foreman**, seconded by **Director Kenny**, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is a regular meeting on October 7, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.

Shari Walk, Deputy Board Secretary

Mark Heneveld, Board President