

**VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 7, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District was held on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, in the Board Chambers of the District Office at 19039 Bay Street, El Verano, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE OATH OF OFFICE FOR INCOMING DIRECTORS ROLL CALL
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President Heneveld called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Secretary Walk administered the Oath of Office to incoming Directors Mark Heneveld, Jon Foreman and Meghan Peddicord.

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:	Marcus Trotta, Sonoma County Water Agency & Heidi Danieli

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A.** Minutes of the September 2, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting.
- B.** AB 1600 Annual Report for FY 2013-2014.
- C.** Project Closing Documents for Water Facilities Installation Project No. 2946.
- D.** Declaration of Surplus Equipment.

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

4. PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Marcus Trotta, Sonoma County Water Agency gave a presentation on the current state of groundwater in the Sonoma Valley.

5. OPERATIONAL REPORTS

A. Monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements for August, 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 August 2014 in the amount of \$690,365.38.

B. Water Source Report.

Operations & Maintenance Supervisor Fullner said all wells will be turned off the middle of next month for resting. Well levels are lower than average, but higher than expected considering the drought.

C. Operational updates.

Operations and Maintenance Supervisor Fullner reported the following:

1. Staff is in the process of replacing 1-1/2" to 2" polybutylene services. It is estimated that there are still 25 of these services requiring replacement.
2. The tank cleaning inspection report from Potable Driver has been received. The report indicates that the two Bolli tanks, small Temelec and Hanna tanks will require recoating in the near future.
3. The new CARB compliant dump truck has arrived.

6. PRESIDENT'S AND DIRECTORS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS

In response to **Vice President Foreman**, Mr. Fullner said he investigated the green area on Park Tree Lane and that there is not a District leak in that area.

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

General Manager Muelrath reported the following:

TAC Meetings:

1. SCWA is performing a water rate study to evaluate different rate structures. A draft should be available later this year.
2. A representative from Napa will be making a presentation on their earthquake response and the CalWARN System at the WAC/TAC meeting in November.
3. The Mirabel fish ladder project is underway and the contractors are currently installing sheet piling to isolate the worksite from the river.
4. Lake Sonoma is at 60% or 146,000 AF and Lake Mendocino is currently at 30,000 AF.
5. PG&E will be performing work on the Potter Valley Hydroelectric Project this fall and winter which will lower the amount of water that is normally diverted during this time of year. The Project should be done by spring and flows will resume.

Sphere of influence: The District met with LAFCO and a new Municipal Services Review is being performed for VOMWD as the first step in a change to our sphere of influence.

AMI: The handhelds for the meter reader have been converted to the new system. The next step is for the installation of the network for the office and data collectors in the field.

New Phone System: Staff is in the middle of deploying a new phone system that should save the District about 50% of the cost compared to our current provider.

Water Bond: Reminder that Prop 1 is on the November ballot.

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Groundwater Legislation.

General Manager, Muelrath reported that the California legislators passed a trio of bills that provides framework for the sustainable management of the state’s groundwater resources. The new law grants certain local public agencies the ability to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for their basin or a portion thereof, with broad authority to develop and implement Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). Mr. Muelrath highlighted the steps required if a local public agency wanted to become a GSA. As an alternative to developing a GSP, a local agency may choose to submit for review by the Department of Water Resources an “alternative plan” that the local agency believes satisfies the objectives of the legislation.

President Heneveld commented that he thought the District should consider taking on this role.

Director Peddicord expressed interest in having the District be part of the GSA potentially through a JPA, but at this point in time questioned whether the District is in the position to know the groundwater needs of the surrounding area of the District.

General Manager Muelrath stated that other local agencies may be interested in forming a GSA for the Sonoma Valley and that the District could possibly join one of their efforts or could still form an independent GSA. He will keep the board updated as new information is received.

B. Homeowners Associations Cross Connection Update.

General Manager Muelrath reported that Matt Fullner, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor and he met with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) today to discuss the backflow requirements for the Temelec area. There are three preliminary compliance options depending on the auxiliary water source. Staff will report back to the Board once these options are finalized and approved by CDPH.

9. CLOSED SESSION - NONE

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Director Kenny**, seconded by **Vice President Foreman**, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is a regular meeting on November 4, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.

Shari Walk, Deputy Board Secretary

Mark Heneveld, Board President