

**VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 4, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District was held on Tuesday, November 4, 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 Jon Foreman Mark Heneveld
Directors Absent:	Ron Prushko
General Manager:	Daniel Muelrath
District Personnel:	Matt Fullner, Operations & Maintenance Supervisor Shari Walk, Administration & Finance Manager
Public:	Barry Danieli

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of the October 7, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting.
- B. Annual District Audit Report.
- C. December Board Meeting.
- D. 2015 Holiday Schedule.

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 PRESENTATION - NONE

5. OPERATIONAL REPORTS

- A. Monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements for September, 2014.

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 September 2014 in the amount of \$428,698.37.

B. Water Source Report.

Operations & Maintenance Supervisor Fullner said on average the wells are 10' lower than last year.

C. Operational updates.

Operations and Maintenance Supervisor Fullner reported the following:

1. One employee retired last month, and his replacement will be starting soon.
2. Two of the larger polybutylene services, one at Faha and the other at Sonoma Point Apartments were replaced due to leaks.
3. The District is Carb compliant with our on-road fleet now that the truck retrofits have been completed.
4. Water testing for Hexavalent Chromium was recently completed. All results were below the maximum contaminate level of 10 ugl, the highest being 1.47 ugl.

6. PRESIDENT'S AND DIRECTORS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS
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President Heneveld reported that he attended the WAC meeting, where a representative from Napa gave a presentation on the earthquake response, which was very informative. He also reported that there will be a tour of the fish screen project at Mirabel on November 14th.

Director Peddicord reported that she received an invitation to go on a tour of the waste water treatment plant, which proved to be very interesting. She noted that because of water conservation the amount of waste water treated was down from 1.2 billion gallons last year to 900 million this year.

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

TAC/WAC Meeting:

1. A copy of the Napa earthquake response presentation that was mentioned by President Heneveld has been requested so the full board can review.
2. Amongst all water contractors the water use is down 13.7% in 2014 vs. 2013. VOMWD's water use was down 22% for the month of September.
3. Presentation on Dry Creek Habitat restoration, some features are working and some are not but as a whole the demonstration phase miles 1-2 are working.
4. On November 14, 2014 there is a groundbreaking for the new water education facility and a tour of the fish screen project that is underway at Mirabel.
5. Sonoma-Marín Saving Water Partnership, which we are a member of, won the EPA WaterSense Partner of the Year Award.

Sonoma Valley Sanitation: In response to Director Prushko's question at last month's Board meeting, the Sonoma Valley waste water treatment plant treats approximately 4,000 AF per year and uses 1,800 AF for current and future ag/urban irrigation and 1,200 AF for the Napa salt ponds and discharges the remaining 1,000 AF to the Bay.

Sonoma Valley Water Meeting: Mr. Muelrath said he attended the Sonoma Valley Water Meeting last Thursday that Supervisor Susan Gorin hosted. The main focus of the meeting was on watershed/creek issues, which is why the Valley of the Moon Water District did not participate.

AMI: By the January 2015 board meeting, all meters for the pilot phase of this project will have been installed.

Holiday Party: Mr. Muelrath asked the board's opinion on whether the holiday party should continue as in the past. The consensus of the board was to continue this year but to look at alternatives for next year.

8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Water Rate Study Update.

General Manager, Muelrath gave a PowerPoint presentation on the progress to date regarding the water rate study. The general consensus of the board was to include the following into the rate model: CIP reserves, rate stabilization reserves, increase the CIP funding, adjust the fixed vs. variable rate ratio, lower the tier thresholds and add a 4th tier. A couple of different rate structure scenarios will be presented at the January 2015 Board meeting.

President Heneveld convened the meeting into Closed Session at 8:00 P.M.

9. CLOSED SESSION

A. Conference with Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6; Agency Negotiator: General Manager Daniel Muelrath; Negotiating Parties: International Union of Operating Engineers, Stationary Local 39 AFL-CIO.

President Heneveld reconvened from Closed Session at 8:12 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 8:13 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is a regular meeting on January 6, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.

Shari Walk, Deputy Board Secretary

Mark Heneveld, Board President