

**VALLEY OF THE MOON WATER DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 3, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Valley of the Moon Water District was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 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 Foreman** 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:	Mark Heneveld Ed Kenny Ron Prushko Meghan Peddicord Jon Foreman
General Manager:	Daniel Muelrath
District Personnel:	Matt Fullner, Operations & Maintenance Supervisor Shari Walk, Administration & Finance Manager
Public:	Dawna Gallagher-Stroeh

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Gallagher-Stroeh commented that she was present to get an update/reaction of this Board as to City of Sonoma's vote and letter on fluoridation. **Vice President Peddicord** responded by saying that we should also consider sending a letter from this Board, based on the cost of implementation and uncertainty regarding groundwater recharge; all other Directors concurred.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A.** Minutes of the February 3, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting.

On motion by **Vice President Peddicord**, 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 January 2015.

On motion by **Director Heneveld**, seconded by **Vice President Peddicord**, and carried unanimously by a

roll call vote to approve the monthly Financial Reports & Disbursements for the month of January 2015 in the amount of \$236,245.07.

**B. Water Source Report.**

General Manager Muelrath pointed out that the well use in January was higher than normal as a strategy to offset SCWA costs, and that all wells are currently off except for Larbre.

**C. Operational updates.**

General Manager Muelrath reported:

- 1) As of yesterday, the field crew is fully staffed.
- 2) An agreement should be before the Board at the next meeting for the valve replacement project, currently budgeted for in this fiscal year. The valves scheduled for replacement will be on Agua Caliente Road.

<b>6. PRESIDENT'S AND DIRECTORS' REPORTS OR COMMENTS</b>
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**Director Prushko** commented on an article regarding ½ full agriculture ponds in Petaluma and questioned why the Sonoma County Water Agency could not install a filling station so farmers could truck water to their ponds.

**Director Heneveld** commented on the importance of managing groundwater and cited that wineries in Central California are leaving due to surface and groundwater shortages.

**President Foreman** reported that he and Director Kenny attended the most recent Russian River habitat restoration tour. General Manager Muelrath was also present and showed pictures of the restoration work.

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

**TAC Meeting:** Recommended that the SCWA O&M budget be moved to WAC for vote in April.

**Water Supply Levels:** Lake Sonoma = 89.1% of water supply capacity and Lake Mendocino = 99.2%.

**Habitat Tour:** Pictures of the tour were shown to the Board.

**State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Update:** Later this month the SWRCB is planning on extending their emergency conservation regulations an additional 270 days regardless of local supply conditions. Staff will bring the required extension to VOMWD's declaration to the Board at the April meeting.

**Other items reported:**

1. The Automatic Metering Infrastructure Pilot Grant monies of \$50,000 were received from the Sonoma County Water Agency and California Water Foundation.
2. Equivalent Single Family Dwelling Policy and service line abandonment are being drafted for the next Board meeting.

3. City of Sonoma fluoride vote was 3 to 2 in favor of sending a letter to the County in opposition of adding fluoride to the Sonoma County Water Agency's water supply.
4. Highway 12 Phase II to be awarded to include the relocation of District facilities.
5. A listing of the FY 2014-2015 project status was handed out to the Directors, and each item was briefed.

<b>8. OLD/NEW BUSINESS</b>
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**A. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.**

General Manager Muelrath reported that at the October 2014 Board meeting the recently passed Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was discussed as it pertains to the District. SGMA requires:

- Formation of a groundwater sustainability agency by July 1, 2017
- All groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins to be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan or coordinated groundwater sustainability plans by January 31, 2022.
- Groundwater basin to achieve sustainability by January 31, 2042

The questions to consider are:

1. Does the District want to participate in a facilitated regional approach with multiple local agencies?
2. Does the District want to be the lead groundwater sustainability agency for its current service area?
3. Is the District interested in serving as the lead groundwater sustainability agency for an area larger than its current service area (i.e. Sonoma Valley)?

The consensus of the Board was to wait on any direction until after the County Board of Supervisor heard this item at their March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**President Foreman** convened the meeting into Closed Session at 7:47 P.M.

<b>9. CLOSED SESSION</b>
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- A.** Conference with legal counsel to consider pending litigation, pursuant to government code section 54956.9 (a) – “VOMWD v Brown and Caldwell, et. Al”
- B.** 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.
- C.** Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957-General Manager.

**President Foreman** reconvened from Closed Session at 8:55 P.M. There was nothing to report.

<b>10. ADJOURNMENT</b>
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Motion by **Director Kenny**, seconded by **Vice President Peddicord**, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is a regular meeting on April 7, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.

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Shari Walk, Deputy Board Secretary

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Jon Foreman, Board President