

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by the Board President Mike Etchart at 6:03 pm at the District Office.

Present were: Board President Mike Etchart, Board Directors, Jim Kentosh, Diana Engle and Larry Harrold. Staff Present: General Manager Mike Hollebrands and Board Secretary Summer Ward. Attorney Lindsay Nielson was also present.

Absent: Board Director Mike Krumpschmidt

2. Approval of the minutes

Approval of the June 19, 2018, Regular Meeting and June 27, 2018, Special Meeting minutes:

Ms. Engle made the motion to approve the June 19, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes and the June 27, 2018, Special Board Meeting minutes. Mr. Harrold seconded the motion.

Engle/Harrold
All Ayes
M/S/C

3. Public Comments

Ms. Von Gunten – Provided a statement of attendance and past participation on the MOWD Board. Ms. Von Gunten expressed dissatisfaction with being required to stand at the lectern to speak.

4. Financial Matters

- Approval of Payroll and Payables from June 16th to July 15th, 2018 in the amount of:

Payables -	\$ 296,650.11
Payroll -	\$ 31,228.77
Total -	\$ 327,878.88

Mr. Harrold made the motion to approve the Payroll and Payables from June 16th to July 15th, 2018. Mr. Kentosh seconded the motion.

Mr. Kentosh requested clarification on the board approval of the \$25,000 to the GSA. Mr. Hollebrands explained this was the second installment of the \$50,000 the board approved in 2017.

Ms. Engle noted the MOWD invoice payments sum to \$49,000 versus \$50,000 owed to the GSA. Staff to verify invoice amounts to the GSA.

Public Comment – None.

Harrold/Kentosh
All Ayes
M/S/C

The Board closed the open session at 6:22 p.m.

5. Closed Session: The Board of Directors will hold a closed session to discuss personnel matters or litigation, pursuant to the attorney/client privilege, as authorized by Government Code Sections 54957 & 54956.8, 54956.9 and 54957.

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL and POTENTIAL CO-COUNSEL – Anticipated/threatened Litigation Paragraphs (2,4) subdivision (d) Section 54956.9. District properties and associated water rights.
- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation Paragraph (1) subdivision (d) Section 54956.9. Conference regarding State Case: SBCK vs. SWRCB, San Francisco Superior Court, Case # CPF-14-513875.

At 7:15 p.m. the board closed the closed session and re-opened the open session.

Mr. Nielson stated that in closed session they discussed litigation matters with Attorney Greg Jones, related to easement rights and the decision was made to proceed with legal action. There was no discussion related to item 6b.

6. General Manager's Report

- Operations & Maintenance Report – Mr. Hollebrands stated that Diener's Electric has begun working wells 4 and 7 motor controls and VFDs. The District must be careful with blending MOWD and Casitas water, as the treatments are different. The work on wells 4 and 7 is expected to be complete at the end of July or early August.
- Board Standing Committees – Mr. Hollebrands stated that he was reviewing the standing board committees and would like to draft a

quarterly schedule for each committee. The board requested that Mr. Hollebrands draft the schedule for review at the August Regular Board meeting.

Public Comment –

Ms. Von Gunten stated that she is in support of publishing a schedule for the standing committees.

- **Well 4 update – Mr. Hollebrands stated that the District expects to have well 4 completed within the next few weeks, at that point we will be able to turn off the Casitas connection.**
- **Economic Study Meeting- Update of consultant interviews July 16, 2018– Ms. Engle to update during item 10.**
- **Casitas MOU– Mr. Hollebrands stated that Steve has been out of the office and will return next week.**
- **30-Year CUP – Mr. Hollebrands reported that the Districts 30-Year Conditional Use Permit for 2680 Maricopa Highway was granted by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors.**

7. Board Discussion/Actions

- a) **Approval of the draft budget for fiscal year 2018-19 and Budget Resolution 20180717-1.**

Mr. Hollebrands presented the draft budget along with the support from the Board Budget Committee members Harrold and Etchart. Discussions included a review of increased expenditures based on salary adjustments, capital projects and anticipated legal fees, worker's compensation decreased and the five year phased rate increased for MOWD water availability charge. Revenues projected do not include fees or penalties such as drought surcharges.

Mr. Harrold made the motion to approve the fiscal year 2018-19 budget and Budget Resolution 20180717-1. Mr. Kentosh seconded the motion. Public Comment – None.

Roll Call vote: Etchart – Aye, Kentosh – Aye, Krumpschmidt – Absent., Harrold – Aye, Engle – Aye.

All Ayes

M/S/C

- b) **Approval of General Election Resolution 20180717, requesting MOWD be consolidated in the General Election.**

Mr. Hollebrands presented the Election Resolution 20180717, Ms. Ward provided Mr. Etchart, Mr. Kentosh and Mr. Harrold with their re-election form and CD of County provided forms, due date August 10, 2018.

Ms. Kentosh made the motion to approve the General Election Resolution 20180717. Mr. Harrold seconded the motion.

Public Comment – None.

Roll Call Vote: Etchart – Aye, Kentosh – Aye, Krumpschmidt – Absent, Harrold – Aye, Engle – Aye.

All Ayes

M/S/C

- c) Discussion and approval of well contractor proposals to pull, inspect, and video wells 1 and 2.**

Mr. Hollebrands reviewed that well 1 has having wobbling issues, involving the whole motor and well 2 sounded as if it was grinding marbles. Mr. Hollebrands included bids for assessing both wells. The contractor bids reviewed were General Pump \$7,900.00, Layne Christensen \$11,045.24, and Precision Hydro \$17,100.00. Mr. Hollebrands recommended General Pump, the District has not worked with them in the past, however, they are based out of Camarillo and have done a lot of reputable work locally and statewide, they also came in with the lowest bid. General Pump will provide a report of findings as well as recommendations for a second bid process.

Ms. Engle made the motion to approve the General Pump contract proposal of \$7,900.00 to pull, inspect and video wells 1 and 2. Mr. Kentosh seconded the motion.

Public Comment – None

Engle/Kentosh

All Ayes (Krumpschmidt Absent)

M/S/C

8. Board Committee Reports

- GSA (7/12/2018) –Ms. Engle reviewed two topics of discussion.**
 - The GSA reviewed several bids for hiring a Fee Consultant, seeking an expert firm to assist with setting the various pumping fees for the GSA.**
 - The city of Ventura, et al. are looking at different models for the Tech Advisory Committee (TAC).**

The Board will discuss options for the TAC at the August Regular Board meeting.

9. Old Business

- **State Water/MOWD public statement of support – Mr. Hollebrands stated that the approved Op-Ed was submitted to the Ojai Valley News and invoices were mailed to the 3 other agencies for the shared cost of the article. The article was published in the OVN June 29, 2018. The placement of the article was not ideal, it will be included in the July 31st billing statements.**
- **Ojai Valley Water Group – No update**
- **Matilija Dam Removal – No update**
- **Cold Water Formation – Mr. Hollebrands stated that Jordan Kear, Hydrogeologist recommended drilling down the old well 4 with a 6” bit down to 3,000 ft. to see if it could produce water, rather than evaluating a new site.**

The Board would like to seek bids for this project at the August Regular Board meeting. Additionally, Mr. Kentosh and Ms. Engle would like to review the Cold Water Formation report that Jordan has submitted previously to the District, as well as get a second Hydrogeologist’s opinion of the site.

- **Generators – No update**

10. Board of Directors’ Reports

Mr. Krumpschmidt – Absent.

Mr. Etchart – None.

Mr. Kentosh – Mr. Kentosh shared a personal experience at his home with a main line leak that he feels sympathy for others that have to make leak repairs, he installed a bypass and it has taken him a month to complete the repair.

Mr. Harrold – Asked if anyone had any updates on the “El Nino” predictions. NOAA’s last report showed 60% probability of an El Nino season.

Ms. Engle – Ms. Engle stated that she has attended several meetings and she requested that the next bill message include the meter read dates. Additionally, Ms. Engle has briefly discussed with Jeff at the Sanitary District a special connection for our well 8 (high nitrate levels). Ms. Engle also referred to the Economic Study led by Burt from Ventura River Water District, he is estimating the budget for the study to be around \$30,000. She noted some concerns about the RFP and customer water use data privacy.

11. Meeting Adjournment

There being no further business to conduct at this time, Board President Mike Etchart adjourned the meeting at 8:13 PM.

President

Secretary