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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ZONE 7
ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PATTERSON PASS WATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES & OZONATION
PROJECT GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

April 10, 2019

The following were present:

DIRECTORS: SANDS FIGUERS
DENNIS GAMBS
SARAH PALMER
RICHARD QUIGLEY
ANGELA RAMIREZ HOLMES
OLIVIA SANWONG

ZONE 7 STAFF: VALERIE PRYOR, GENERAL MANAGER
OSBORN SOLITEI, TREASURER/ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER, FINANCE
JARNAIL CHAHAL, ENGINEERING MANAGER
RHETT ALZONA, PRINCIPAL ENGINEER, FACILITIES ENGINEERING SECTION
MONA OLMSTED, ASSOCIATE ENGINEER, FACILITIES ENGINEERING
JAVIA GREEN, FINANCIAL ANALYST
ELKE RANK, ASSOCIATE PLANNER, INTEGRATED PLANNING SECTION
ALEXANDRA BRADLEY, COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST
LIRA WALTER, RECORDER
MIKE WALLACE, PHOTOGRAPHER

Item 1 - Call Meeting to Order

President Ramirez Holmes called the meeting to order at 11:19 a.m. and led the Salute to the Flag with representatives from Camp Parks.

President Ramirez Holmes welcomed everyone to the groundbreaking ceremony at the Patterson Pass Water Treatment Plant (PPWTP), and expressed her gratitude to all who were present. In attendance were many local officials including Mayor of the City of Livermore John Marchand, ~~Melissa Hernandez~~, Vice Mayor of the City of Dublin Melissa Hernandez, City Councilmember Shawn Kumagai, Dublin San Ramon Services District Director Ann Marie Johnson, Judy Lloyd of Senator Glazer's Office, and Gabriela Jimenez of Assembly Member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan's Office.

President Ramirez Holmes spoke about Zone 7's ongoing commitment to providing safe and clean drinking water for its constituents, as the agency also strives to be forward thinking and fiscally responsible for its citizens. She proudly announced the commencement of the project, and added that it had been in the planning stages for over a decade.

Item 2 - Citizens Forum

President Ramirez Holmes welcomed public comments. None were received.

Item 3 - Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Patterson Pass Water Treatment Plant Ozonation Project

President Ramirez Holmes introduced Mayor of the City of Livermore, John Marchand, and welcomed him to the podium. He stated, “Water is the most fundamental compound for life to exist. Life can exist without oxygen, it can exist without light, but it cannot exist without water.” The plans for the ozone project dated back to some of his proudest moments serving as a Zone 7 director in 1991. Mr. Marchand expressed that the value of ozone is the importance placed on water quality and public health. He spoke about several carcinogenic disinfection byproducts, and acute health risks like cyanotoxins that could become more prevalent without ozone. Ozonated water is always the highest quality water delivered, and that is what Zone 7 residents deserve. He believed that Zone 7 was continuing to reaffirm its commitment to water quality and public health with the addition of ozone.

Director Quigley stated that the project was indeed a long-term process in the pursuit to provide safe and clean drinking water for the public. He expressed his confidence in the value of the project.

Director Figuers said that ozone was one of many Zone 7 projects. Staff is involved in continually working on aspects like water treatment, pipelines, dams, geology, and planning for environmental hazards. The commencement of the project was just another example of Zone 7 at work.

Director Sanwong continued to build upon her colleagues’ previous statements, and welcomed first time visitors to the plant. She pointed out the South Bay Aqueduct for the newcomers, and expressed that it was a real treat to have everyone onsite to see everything that takes place in terms of water.

Director Palmer added that ozonation is one of the only economically feasible means of correcting endocrine disruptors and cyanotoxins. The project is actually inexpensive, and there will be a cost savings in the end. Director Palmer stated that she was proud to represent the public, and thanked the audience for their attendance.

Director Gambs acknowledged Alexandra Bradley, Communications Specialist, for organizing the ceremony. He gave a brief overview of the PPWTP; the plant was completed in 1962, and it was the first treatment plant south of the Delta. Since then, other treatment plants on the South Bay Aqueduct have added ozone. Director Gambs was confident that both ozone additions at the Del Valle Water Treatment Plant (DVWTP) and PPWTP would ensure clean and safe drinking water for the public.

Valerie Pryor, General Manager, shared her excitement of the groundbreaking ceremony, as the project was 15 years in the making. She thanked each of the project partners, consultants and staff for their hard work, passion and dedication from the project’s conceptual stages.

President Ramirez Holmes thanked everyone who was present once more, and adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m. The attendees gathered around the directors for the groundbreaking, which was followed by light refreshments.