



ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7  
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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ZONE 7  
ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING  
November 15, 2017

The following were present:

DIRECTORS: SANDS FIGUERS  
JOHN GRECI  
ANGELA RAMIREZ HOLMES  
JIM McGRAIL  
SARAH PALMER  
RICHARD QUIGLEY  
BILL STEVENS

DIRECTORS ABSENT: NONE

ZONE 7 STAFF: JILL DUERIG, GENERAL MANAGER  
OSBORN SOLITEI, ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER, FINANCE/TREASURER  
CAROL MAHONEY, MANAGER, INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES  
LINDA VAN BUSKIRK, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

GENERAL COUNSEL: DAVID ALADJEM, DOWNEY BRAND

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**Item 1 - Call Meeting to Order**

President Greci called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the board went into Closed Session immediately.

**Item 2 - Closed Session**

- (a) Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code section 54954.5:  
Agency Negotiator: G. F. Duerig  
Employee Organizations: Alameda County Management Employees Association; Alameda County Building and Construction Trades Council, Local 342, AFL-CIO; International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Local 21, AFL-CIO; Local 1021 of the Service Employees International Union, CTW; Unrepresented Management
- (b) Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1): 2 cases
  - (1) Zone 7 v. Bhupinder Singh, et al., Alameda County case no. RG17862001 and related cross action
  - (2) Edwin Belshe and Ginger Belshe v. Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Zone 7, et al., Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG17868354
- (c) Conference with Legal Counsel - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Gov't Code section 54956.9(d) (2): 3 cases
- (d) Conference with Legal Counsel - Potential litigation pursuant to Gov't Code section 54956.9(d) (4): 2 cases

(e) Conference with Legal Counsel regarding retirement of General Manager pursuant to Government Code §54957

**Item 3 – Open Session and Pledge of Allegiance**

The Board came out of Closed Session at 6:52 p.m. President Greci called the meeting back into session at 6:58 p.m. and led the Salute to the Flag.

**Item 4 - Report Out of Closed Session**

President Greci reported that the Board met in Closed Session on the items on the agenda and that no reportable actions were taken.

**Item 5 - Citizens Forum**

No comments were received.

**Item 6 - Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 18, 2017 and Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of November 1, 2017**

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 18, 2017

Director Palmer moved that the minutes of October 18, 2017 be accepted and approved, and Director Quigley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a voice vote of 7-0.

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of November 1, 2017

Director Palmer moved that the minutes of November 1, 2017 be accepted and approved, and Director Quigley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a voice vote of 7-0.

**Item 7 - Consent Calendar**

- a. Designating Zone 7's Voting Representative for ACWA Elections
- b. Contract Amendment for Janitorial Services for Administration Office Building

Director Ramirez Holmes moved to approve Items 7(a) and (b) and Director Palmer seconded the motion. The items were passed by a roll call vote of 7-0.

**Resolution No. 17-86**                      Designated Director Dick Quigley as Zone 7's Voting Representative for ACWA's Elections (Item 7a)

**Resolution No. 17-87**                      Authorized Endorsement of ACWA's Nominating Committee Selections (Item 7a)

**Resolution No. 17-88**                      Authorized an Amendment to the Janitorial Services Contract with Alliance Building Services for the North Canyons Office (Item 7b)

## **Item 8 - Staffing Update**

### **Employee of the Month Recognition**

Ms. Duerig announced that Wes Mercado, Junior Engineer in the Integrated Planning Section was the September Employee of the Month and was present in the audience. Mr. Mercado joined Zone 7 in October 2016 as a Junior Engineer and was recently promoted to Assistant Engineer. He was recognized for the important role he has played in a number of key planning projects such as the Tri-Valley Joint Feasibility Evaluation of Potable Reuse, the Lake Del Valle Storage Expansion Study, and the 2017 CIP Update. Mr. Mercado was acknowledged for his receptiveness to accepting new assignments and his great persistence and attention to detail, especially with regard to the complex Water Supply Risk Model. He has been a great team player, pitching in where and when needed. The Board applauded Mr. Mercado for his accomplishments.

## **Item 9 – Temporary Adjournment/Continuance of Zone 7 Water Agency Meeting:**

The Zone 7 Water Agency meeting was temporarily adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

## **Items 10 – 15**

[See “Livermore Valley Water Financing Authority, Minutes of the Authority Board Members, Special Meeting, November 15, 2017”]

## **Item 16 – Call Zone 7 Water Agency Meeting to Order**

President Greci called the meeting of the Zone 7 Water Agency back into session at 7:14 p.m.

**Item 17 - Committees:** None.

## **Item 18 - Reports - Directors**

- a. Verbal comments by President
- b. Verbal reports

President Greci reported that he ran into staff at a recent celebration of Barry Ivy’s retirement. He commended Mr. Ivy, an amazing gentleman who is liked by all at the treatment plants and who will be missed. Ms. Duerig added that a recommendation to honor him by Board resolution will be presented at the next board meeting.

Director Figuers reported that he attended a symposium on November 9<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) entitled “Can We Really Predict the Weather? The Latest in Forecasting.” He stated this was one of the most interesting symposiums he has attended in decades. He shared a set of seven diagrams for discussion. The symposium highlighted California’s five-year drought which came to an abrupt end with the second-wettest water year on record and asked the question, “Could we have forecasted that this would happen?” Little progress has been made on our ability to accurately forecast wet or dry conditions more than two weeks out since the U.S. launched its first weather satellite in 1960. Speakers at the symposium included DWR Director Grant Davis and ACWA Deputy Executive Director for External Affairs Jennifer Persike.

Director Ramirez Holmes reported that on October 24<sup>th</sup> Carol Mahoney and Andy Chamberlain took her on a fascinating field trip to get an update on the flood control repairs in progress at the Foothill Road and Verona property sites in Pleasanton. She expressed her gratitude to Ms. Mahoney and Mr. Chamberlain for showing her the sites and praised staff for the work they've done to repair the damage caused by the heavy storms in 2017. Directors Ramirez Holmes and Palmer suggested that staff let the public know about this year's work. Staff replied that these are often captured and published in the Annual Report.

**Item 19 - Items for Future Agenda – Directors**

None.

**Item 20 - Staff Reports** (Information items. No action will be taken.)

- a. General Manager's Report
- b. Legislative Update
- c. Outreach Activities
- d. Water Inventory and Water Budget Update
- e. FY 2017-18 Unaudited First Quarter Revenue and Expenditure (R&E) Report
- f. Capital Projects Status Report
- g. Verbal reports

Ms. Duerig invited any questions on the staff reports. She confirmed with the board that a quorum will be present for the next board meeting on December 20, 2017.

Mr. Solitei announced that the Agency was awarded its second District Transparency Certificate of Excellence from the California Special Districts Association for the period August 2017-August 2019.

President Greci announced that he received a communication from Assemblywoman Catharine Baker congratulating and commending Zone 7 on receiving the California Special Districts Association's District Transparency Certificate of Excellence.

**Item 21 - Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.