



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

REGULAR MEETING

July 18, 2018

The following were present:

DIRECTORS: SANDS FIGUERS
DENNIS GAMBS
RICHARD QUIGLEY
ANGELA RAMIREZ HOLMES
OLIVIA SANWONG
BILL STEVENS

DIRECTORS ABSENT: SARAH PALMER

ZONE 7 STAFF: VALERIE PRYOR, GENERAL MANAGER
OSBORN SOLITEI, ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER,
FINANCE/TREASURER
COLTER ANDERSEN, PRODUCTION MANAGER
JARNAIL CHAHAL, ENGINEERING MANAGER
CAROL MAHONEY, INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGER
NZINGA ARRINGTON, ACTING EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

COUNSEL: DAVID ALADJEM, DOWNEY BRAND

Item 1 - Call Meeting to Order

President Pro-Tem Figuers called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Item 2 – Swearing in of Directors

Directors Gambs and Sanwong were sworn in by Supervisor Scott Haggerty. Director Stevens was sworn in by Mayor John Marchand of Livermore.

Item 3 – Closed Session

- (a) Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code section 54954.5:
Agency Negotiator: Valerie Pryor
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

Item 4 – Open Session and Pledge of Allegiance

President Pro-Tem Figuers led the Salute to the Flag.

Item 5 - Report Out of Closed Session

Two items were reported out of Closed Session.

The County and the Alameda County Management Employees Association (ACMEA) General Government and Confidential Units have agreed to increase the employees' share of the cost of medical premiums. The Board of Directors wishes to honor the terms of that collective bargaining agreement by authorizing payments to Agency ACMEA employees that are equal to those to be paid pursuant to the terms of the MOU between the County and the ACMEA General Governmental and Confidential Units.

Resolution No. 18-53 Authorizing a \$2,500 One-Time Payment In-lieu of Increase in the Share of the Cost of Medical Premiums

The authorization of payments pursuant to the ACMEA MOU, Sideletter of Agreement to increase the employees' share of the cost of medical premiums.

Resolution No. 18-54 Authorization of Payments Pursuant to the Alameda County Management Employees Association (ACMEA) MOU, Sideletter of Agreement

Item 6 – Citizens Forum

Mr. Gregory K. Brown, of San Lorenzo stated that he works for a company called Accurate Measurement Systems. He mentioned that SB88 has a compliance issue of accuracy of the measurement of water. Mr. Brown stated that his company offers certification of flow meters upon installation and every 5 years as required in SB88.

Item 7 – Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 20, 2018

Director Quigley moved to approve the minutes of June 20, 2018 and Director Stevens seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a voice vote of **3-0-2** with abstentions by Directors Ramirez Holmes and Sanwong, and Director Palmer absent.

Item 8- Presentation of the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

Ms. Pryor announced that this is the second year in a row that the Agency has received the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for the Agency's Comprehensive Annual Financial Reporting. This is a very prestigious award and all of the credit goes to Osborn Solitei and his team. Director Stevens stated that he read a news article in a local paper listing another agency as having been awarded this certificate as well and they are receiving recognition. Ms. Pryor stated that we could send out a news article regarding the award and Director Ramirez Holmes stated her agreement in sending out a news article. Ms. Pryor stated that it would be included in the Zone 7 e-newsletter.

Item 9 Employee of the Month

Ms. Pryor stated that the Employee Recognition Program Nomination Committee met in June and Rich Gould, Water Facilities Supervisor was chosen as the May 2018 Employee of the Month. Mr. Gould was nominated for his good work as an Operations supervisor, his valuable help in planning for system outages to accommodate Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) construction projects and input in design reviews of major CIP projects. One example of Mr. Gould's helpfulness was the draining of the Del Valle Water Treatment Plant 4.5 MG Clearwell to accommodate a six-month construction schedule to re-coat the interior of the tank. Mr. Gould had to operate the plant over a weekend to make sure the water levels were down. There were some complications with a broken inlet valve and he did everything he could to make this happen. He is very friendly and helpful, as well as respected by the other supervisors.

Item 10 Presentation on the State Water Supply Infrastructure, Water Conveyance, Ecosystem and Watershed Protection and Restoration and Drinking Water Protection Act of 2018 (Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018)

Dr. Gerald Meral presented the 2018 Water Bond Act to ask the Board to consider endorsing this important measure. This Proposition (Proposition 3) is on the ballot for November 2018. The credibility of Zone 7 and water agencies throughout the State with water consumers is very high. Zone 7's endorsement to the campaign is very important.

Director Ramirez Holmes inquired about the money that would be used for the land that has been over-pumped. Dr. Meral stated the land is the Friant-Kern Canal and this occurred during the drought mostly by those who weren't serviced in the District. Director Ramirez Holmes also inquired about the California Democratic Party endorsed a no vote on the bond this weekend. Dr. Meral stated that the official position by the party was no position. He was in attendance at the meeting. Director Ramirez Holmes asked whether this was concerning. Dr. Meral stated that the position of the parties would have been a concern if they took an opposition to the position. Director Ramirez Holmes stated that the Board would not be taking a vote tonight. Director Sanwong asked what assistance Dr. Meral would like from the Board. Dr. Meral stated that he would like the Board's support in sharing the information with others.

Ms. Pryor stated that if the Board wants to take a position, staff could bring a report and resolution at another Board meeting. The Board consensus was to bring a staff report back to the Board to discuss at a later date.

Item 11 Reports - Directors

Director Quigley reported that he attended the California Special Districts Alameda Chapter meeting and brought Valerie Pryor and Osborn Solitei along with him. Other agencies in attendance were ACWD, EBMUD, EBRPD, LARPD and others. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 and will be hosted by Zone 7.

Director Quigley also reported that he attended the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce Mixer and BBQ on July 11th and brought Ms. Pryor as his guest. They met a number of Pleasanton key leaders and also ran into Director Sanwong.

Director Ramirez Holmes announced that Ms. Pryor was the presenter at the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce government affairs committee meeting this morning. Ms. Pryor presented on Zone 7 and answered a lot of questions and discussion on what the Board has been doing.

Director Sanwong stated that the PowerPoint presentation presented at the New Directors Orientation last week was a great overview of the District. Ms. Pryor stated that the presentation will be uploaded to the website.

Item 12 Items for Future Agenda - Directors

There were not any items suggested for the future agenda.

Item 13 Staff Reports

Ms. Pryor stated that the Robert Rules cheat sheet as provided by Director Stevens was provided to Directors. The interactive storm damage repairs and closures map is live on the Zone 7 website. It shows where all of the repairs are taking place and trail closures. Director Ramirez Holmes stated that she appreciated this map and that it is very helpful to the public as well as the Board members.

Ms. Pryor stated that the items listed in the General Manager's report regarding the California Waterfix are now out of date. DWR has issued a draft supplemental EIR. Changes are to reduce the footprint and reduce impacts on environmental resources and the comment period ends September 17, 2018. DWR has filed a consistency determination certificate with the Delta Stewardship Council that the project meets coequal goals of reliable water supply and protects Restore the Delta ecosystem.

The California Waterfix Finance JPA mentioned in the report is to assist the DWR with issuing bonds. This JPA is being formed by various State water contractors. There will not be much bonding activity over the next year. The Finance JPA will be filing a letter of interest in WIFIA funding for California Waterfix by the end of July. It is an extremely low interest loan through the federal government. It will be a financial benefit for the State contractors. There will be one meeting of this finance JPA for the month of July which will be held tomorrow in Sacramento. Quarterly meetings will take place thereafter. Originally General Managers were going to be on the Board and not elected officials. It has since changed to be a mix of General Managers and elected officials. Ms. Pryor will work with the Board President to consider replacing Ms. Pryor with a Zone 7 Director after a President of the Zone 7 Board of Directors is selected in August.

Director Ramirez Holmes asked that the comment period for the DWR EIR be placed on the website for the public.

Director Gambs had some questions and comments on Item 13e – Updates on Water Supply Projects. Director Gambs asked for clarification if all four projects listed would be completed. He also stated that the Agency would need to be up to speed on completing them all. Director Figuers stated that perhaps a presentation could be provided for the new Directors to provide more information on the projects. Ms. Pryor stated that in August an informational presentation will be provided.

Item 14 Adjournment

President Pro-Tem Figuers adjourned the meeting at **7:56 p.m.**