

MARIANA RANCHOS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

9600 Manzanita Street
Apple Valley, CA 92308

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 23, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mariana Ranchos County Water District (MRCWD) was called to order by Board President Ronald Dodge at 4:00 p.m. at the District office, 9600 Manzanita St., Apple Valley, CA. At 4:00 p.m. A quorum was declared.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: President Ronald Dodge, Vice President Jon Varley, Director's; Lauren Stewart, Gary Adams and Marilyn Cresser arrived at 4:04 pm.

ABSENT: None

STAFF: James Hansen, General Manager, Phyllis Walker, Office Assistant/Board Secretary and Attorney Michael Silander attended by phone.

AUDIENCE: Customer Ken Gates, Joshua Porter from US Bank, Dan Smith from AVHCWD, Gail Hunter from AVHCWD & Bill Woody Director from AVHCWD.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Stewart made a 1st motion and a 2nd was made by Vice President Varley for approval of the agenda. No Discussion, AYE's were 4-0, unanimous, motion carries at 100%.

CONSENT AGENDA

Director Adams made a 1st motion and a 2nd motion was made by Director Stewart for approval of the consent agenda, items A & B AYE's 4-0, unanimous, motion carries at 100%.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Joshua Porter from US Bank collected new signature cards from the Board Members and the Board Secretary. Gary Adams was added and Dennis Russell was removed.
- B. The GM went over the new Resolution 15-01; he asked the Board Members to consider removing the old Resolution and implement the new one to allow the Injury and Illness Prevention and Heat Illness Prevention Programs to be reviewed on an annual basis. 1st motion was made by Director Stewart and a 2nd by Director Cresser, to implement Resolution 15-01. AYE's 5-0, unanimous, motion carries at 100%.
- C. The GM reviewed MRCWD finances and asked the board if they can direct him to move \$225K into the CIP fund. The Board directed the GM to move the money in May.
- D. After some discussion on creating a finance committee for the FY 2015-2016, the Board directed the GM to dispense with the finance committee route, complete the budget and have it available at the May Board Meeting.

- E. The GM informed the Board Members that we have the documents that were requested from AVHCWD and they are available for review at any time at the District Office.

ONGOING BUSINESS

- A. Update on the 2015 election dates; we would like to eventually move away from August to a November, but due to legalities we will not be able to move it this election, we will proceed as usual. The GM asked the board about posting a question on the 2015 ballot asking the public to approve moving it to November for future elections. The GM is still working out the details with the ROV and our attorney such as the cost and the wording on the ballot.
- B. On going discussion regarding the drought; the GM went over the latest news and tiered rate structures. He asked the board to consider assigning a spokesperson to answer and address any concerns the customers may have regarding the drought. Vice President Varley made a 1st motion and a 2nd was made by Director Stewart to nominate the GM as the spokesperson and Gary Adams as alternate on behalf of MRCWD. AYE's 5-0, motion carries at 100%
- C. A final review on the Low Flow/High Efficiency Toilet Application was made; the board made a couple of minor changes. A 1st motion was made by Director Cresser and a 2nd made by Director Stewart to proceed with the toilet application and program. AYE's 5-0, motion carries at 100% .

INFORMATION REPORTS

- A. Attorney Report; None, attorney dismissed at 5:10 pm
- B. Green Committee; None.
- C. Monthly report on subjects not covered on the agenda. The GM's report is available for review.

OTHER BUSINESS

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/MEETINGS

- A. Reviewed upcoming classes that were posted on the agenda.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Vice President Varley spoke about his disappointment in the High Desert Water Summit; he was appalled about the Tapestry Project, the City Manager claimed that the estimated 19000 homes that they plan to build will not affect our water. Director Stewart said it was not nearly as impressive as it was last year.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice President Varley to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. and was 2nd by Director Cresser. AYE's 5-0, unanimous, motion carries at 100%.

Approved: May 21 2015


Ronald Dodge, Board President


Phyllis Walker, Secretary to the Board