

MARIANA RANCHOS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

9600 Manzanita Street
Apple Valley, CA 92308

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 15, 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. A five minute recess was immediately called to allow for Vice President Russell and Director Varley more time to arrive. Session resumed at 4:05 p.m. and a quorum was declared.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: President Ronald Dodge, Director's; Lauren Stewart, Jon Varley, Marilyn Cresser.

ABSENT: Vice President Dennis Russell, due to illness.

STAFF: James Hansen, General Manager, Phyllis Walker, Office Assistant/Board Secretary and Attorney Colin O'Neal attended by phone.

AUDIENCE: Customers; Ken Gates and Tom Whittington.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Stewart made a 1st motion and a 2nd was made by Director Cresser for approval of the agenda with a change under new business; Tapestry Project in Hesperia, has been added as emergency item D under New Business. AYE's were 4-0, unanimous, motion carries at 100%.

CONSENT AGENDA

Director Stewart made a 1st motion and a 2nd motion was made by Director Cresser for approval of the consent agenda and to approve the directors checks being processed with payroll on the last pay period of each month. AYE's 4-0, unanimous, motion carries at 100%.

President Ron Dodge authorized the removal of "Approval for checks signature" on future agendas since they will now be receiving their checks in way of direct deposit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Gates: El Nino update; last 2 months, threshold declared at .5, so it is modest. The PDO index is now at 2.51 and last year it was at -.4, it has jumped a lot in the past 3 months that looks promising. Now the bad news, the first Sierra snow pack is at 40-50% of it normal year, so we are a long way from normal. The State Water Delivery System has attentively planned to pledge 10% of its water and Ground Water Control have to come up with a plan and put in enforce by 2020.

Tom Whittington: Spoke on two subjects, first one was on Capital Improvements the second on the Tapestry Project.

- 1.) Some foreign countries, such as Brazil, China and Russia are having financial difficulties and they subsidized their income with steel. He feels that now is the time to take care of the tank and purchase U.S. steel. Ask contractors to start placing bids and spend some of our cash flow.

- 2.) Tapestry Project is proposing to build 19,000 homes, bringing in 50-60,000 residents in the Las Flores Ranch area and it is going to affect our water. Water levels are dropping and there could be a water war. The U.S. Geological Survey said the ground in Lucerne has dropped 5 feet from the drawdown of the aquifer, again showing that we do not have enough water. He suggested that the board formulate a response to oppose the project and have it documented; the deadline to respond is 1-30-15.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made by Director Cresser and 2nd by Director Varley to discuss and approve the financial statements for December 2014; No Discussion. AYE's 4-0, unanimous, motion carries at 100%.
- B. The GM spoke on customer's #00820134 behalf and advised the board of the unique circumstances. A motion was made by Director Varley and 2nd by Director Stewart to discuss and approve action on Account # 00820134, to forgive the outstanding balance. AYE's 4-0, unanimous, motion carries at 100%.
- C. A motion was made by Director Varley and 2nd by Director Cresser to discuss and approve President Ron Dodge signature on the Federal Property Reuse Program paperwork. AYE's 4-0, unanimous, motion carries at 100%.
- D. Tapestry Project was added as an emergency item due to the limited window of time and a response is needed before the next board meeting. Director Varley made a motion for discussion and a 2nd was made by Director Cresser. After discussion that also included Attorney Colin O'Neal a motion was made by Director Stewart and a 2nd by Director Varley for the GM to speak with Attorney Michael Silander or Keith Lemieux to draft a letter voicing our concern with the Tapestry Project and the effect it may have on our district and customers.

ONGOING BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made by Director Stewart and 2nd by Director Cresser to discuss and approve the GM preparing a workshop on Drought Contingency on February 23rd, 2015 at 6:00pm. AYE's 4-0, unanimous, motion carries at 100%.
- B. The GM purchased 2 new generators that are dual fuel, propane and gasoline.

INFORMATION REPORTS

- A. Attorney Report; None. Attorney was dismissed at 5:05 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 up coming classes that are posted on the agenda; RCAC On-line Training for the month of February 2015, ABC's of Water on January 27 2015 and MWA Facilities Mini Tour on Wednesday May 13, 2015.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

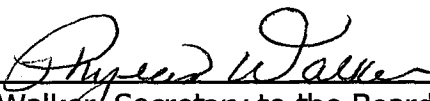
President Ron Dodge asked the Board Members to be thinking and ready to discuss using some of the CIP fund to raise or replace the existing water tank, as it could be on next months agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Director Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m. and was 2nd by Director Varley. AYE's 4-0, unanimous, motion carries at 100%.

Approved: 02/19/2015
(Date)


Ronald Dodge, Board President


Phyllis Walker, Secretary to the Board