

**MARIANA RANCHOS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

9600 Manzanita Street  
Apple Valley, CA 92308

**MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
July 16, 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 quorum was declared.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: President Ronald Dodge, Vice President Jon Varley, Director's; Lauren Stewart, and Gary Adams.

ABSENT: Director Marilyn Cresser.

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

AUDIENCE: Customer Ken Gates.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Vice President Varley made a 1<sup>st</sup> motion and a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion was made by Director Stewart for approval of the consent agenda, items A & B, no discussion. AYE's 4-0, unanimous, motion carries at 100%.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Customer Ken Gates spoke about the El Nino readings; as of now we are at 9 and last year it was at a 0, anything above a 5 is considered to be an El Nino. He also commented on the Senior Water Rights, the judge has curtailed the process and the next hearing is set 7/30/15.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. The GM spoke about the progress of the water tank on Sagebrush; he presented a slide show and went over the process. He explained the time line and inspections that we will go thru before putting it back on line. Once this project is complete it will be like having a brand new water tank. The Valley Vista Tank will be next.

**ONGOING BUSINESS**

- A. Update on the 2015 appointee position; We have been informed by Maureen Mountain from the District Board of Supervisors office that they will be appointing a board member in concert with us. The GM asked the directors how they would like this process to happen. Should they as a entire board interview potential appointees or would they like himself and another board member to be on the interview panel? The board discussed the interview process and a suggestion was made to have two Board Members, Jim Hansen and Phyllis Walker conduct the interviews.

- B. Update on drought contingency planning; no significant changes. Some discussion among the directors; Vice President Varley asked how do we report water abusers? The GM replied you can share the information with me and I can address it or if you are comfortable with the person you can talk to them your self. Director Adams asked if we have customers that need help with adjusting there timers, he recently had a personal experience with resetting one for a family member. The GM response was, yes, we have offered this in the past newsletters, but no one has asked recently. The GM then presented the board members with a sample of a door tag that we can give water abusers on water conservation. Director Adams found some templates on line that we could use. After some review and making the sample tag unique to our district the GM was directed to purchase water conservation tags for our district.
- C. No new toilet applications have been submitted.

**INFORMATION REPORTS**

- A. Attorney Report; None, attorney dismissed at 4:42 pm.
- B. Green Committee; None.
- C. Monthly report on subjects not covered on the agenda. The GM's report is available for review. The GM spoke briefly on a potential new customers behalf and ask with the boards permission it be placed on next months agenda. The potential customer is interested in going off the grid and would like to have a well installed on a 5 acre parcel that is in our district. The board agreed to the GM's request.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

**CORRESPONDENCE/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/MEETINGS**

- A. Reviewed upcoming classes that were posted on the agenda.
- B. The GM thanked the board for sending him to the GM Leadership Conference. He asked them for their help. He would like to apply for the CSDA Transparency Award. He said we are about 80% finished. Once we have this award it can help us apply for Leadership Grants, these grants will help further Board Members education and help our own customers.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

President Dodge asked for a moment of silence as we acknowledge the passing of an Ex Board Member, Joe Monroe.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Vice President Varley to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Stewart. AYE's 4-0, unanimous, motion carries at 100%.

Approved: 8/20/2015

  
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Ronald Dodge, Board President

  
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Phyllis Walker, Secretary to the Board