

MARIANA RANCHOS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

9600 Manzanita Street
Apple Valley, CA 92308

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 17, 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: Customers; Ken Gates and Patricia Stiles. Guest; Doug Shumway from MWA.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board President asked the board's permission to add two more items to the agenda under New Business. These items are to be added as emergency additions as we just received the information the day before. 1st item to be added as 6-E, Discuss customer service problem and 2nd item to be added as 6-F, Board member appointee as Vice President Varley will be submitting his letter of resignation. Director Stewart made a 1st motion and a 2nd was made by Director Adams for approval of the agenda with the two new items added. 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 Adams for approval of the consent agenda, items A & B, no discussion. AYE's were 4-0, unanimous, motion carries at 100%.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Customer Ken Gates gave a very enlightening briefing on the latest El Nino conditions and forecast.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Guest speaker Doug Shumway from Mojave Water Agency spoke about disadvantage communities and some of the things that are available for those communities. At this time we are not considered to be a "disadvantaged community", but Mr. Shumway would like to work with the GM to see if we can qualify our district for other programs and do some grant writing as well.
- B. The GM went over some moments he had highlighted from the water conservation class we attended earlier that day.
- C. Board President Dodge asked the board members to be thinking about our annual pot luck that will be approaching. He also mentioned that he would like to move the November Regular Board Meeting to the week prior to our normally scheduled date, as he will be out of town. These items will be discussed at the October Meeting.

- D. The GM asked the boards permission to have President Dodge and himself sign the necessary paperwork and to pay off BNY, a further instruction was added to the motion to have the old payment be allocated into the CIP fund. A 1st motion was made by Vice President Varley and a 2nd was made by Director Adams to have the GM and President Dodge sign the paper work, payoff BNY and start putting the funds into our CIP account. AYE's 4-0, unanimous, motion carries at 100%.
- E. The GM advised the Board Members about a customer that has an ongoing history with the district of being hostile and antagonistic. He would like for the staff to direct this customer directly to him for any interaction with the district. This would be in the staff's best interest to have little or no interaction with this customer of any kind. The attorney M. Silander suggested that the staff document any interaction with this customer.
- F. The board begrudgingly accepted Vice President Varley's letter of resignation and then discussed the process of appointing someone for the vacant seat. Attorney M. Silander weighed in and set the proper method for time frames for the appointment. The GM expressed his concerns about not having a quorum if one of the three remaining directors was unavailable.

ONGOING BUSINESS

- A. Drought contingency update; the GM handed out graphs to show 2013 comparison number to now. He stated that "the customers need a pat on the back for doing a good job conserving water".
- B. No new toilet applications have been submitted. Discussion on how to spark new interest in the program. Mailing stuffers will go out in the next billing cycle.
- C. Update on Mr & Mrs. Bromley; they closed escrow and have opened a new service account.

INFORMATION REPORTS

- A. Attorney Report; None, dismissed at 4:53 pm
- B. Green Committee; Vice President Varley and the GM met with A Million Solar Solution last week, they are going to report back to the GM with more information. We also need to be thinking about who will fill Vice President Varley's position on the Green Committee.
- 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

Thank you customer Carol Watermen for the delicious peanut butter cookies! We look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

Vice President Varley thanked the board for letting him serve and all of their support, he hopes he was a good addition to the board.

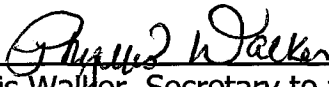
ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved: Oct 15 2015



Ronald Dodge, Board President



Phyllis Walker, Secretary to the Board