

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

March 1, 2017

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Western Municipal Water District was called to order at 9:30 a.m. and President Evans led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Directors Present

Tom Evans, Presiding
Brenda Dennstedt, Vice President
Robert Stockton, Secretary-Treasurer
Donald D. Galleano
S. R. "Al" Lopez (Absent)

Others Present

Craig Miller, Deputy General Manager
Rod LeMond, Assistant General Manager/CFO
Kevin Mascaro, Director of Finance
Tim Barr, Director of Water Resources
Candi Judd, Director of Human Resources
Paul Rugge, Director of Operations
Derek Kawaii, Director of Engineering
Gary Miller, Deputy Director of Operations
Chris Fike, Deputy Director of Operations
Karly Gaynor, Water Planning and Policy Manager
Tom Thornton, Principal Engineer
Michele McKinney, Special Projects Coordinator
Rachel McGuire, Public Information Officer
Teri Patton, Senior Engineering Technician
Albert Magallon, Operations Supervisor
Tina Barber, Executive Committee
Tony Pollak, Operations Supervisor
Alex Chang, Operations Supervisor
Dean Standing Warrior, Operations Supervisor
Sergio Felix, Construction Management Administrator
Tresa Huffman, Customer Service Supervisor
Cindy Bohn, Administrative Supervisor
Kim Gugliotta, Human Resources Specialist II
Jeremy Hoel, Operations Technician I
Martin Lomeli, Operations Technician I
Horacio Hernandez, Operations Technician II
Peter Marshall, Operations Technician III
Scott Page, Senior Operations Technician I
Joel Bravo, Operations Technician II
Chuck Hunt, Senior Operations Technician II

Nick Barnes, Operations Technician III
Jeremy Scott, Operations Technician II
David Batten, Operations Technician III
Dean Hillard-Bradshaw, Operations Technician I
John Woldberd, Operations Technician II
Rogelio Martinez, Operations Technician IV
Phil Calderon, Operations Technician IV
Lynne Dixon Butler, Community Affairs Specialist
Dave Aranda, Senior Operations Technician I
Lisa Dougherty, Accountant Sr.
Teri Patton, Senior Engineering Technician
Jason Baringer, Senior Operations Technician II
Oswald Tello, Senior Customer Service Representative
Jean Perry, Executive Assistant
Steve, Gustafsson, IT Specialist III
Jeff Ferre, Best, Best and Krieger
Robert Perez, Box Springs Mutual Water Company
Michelle Diamond, Tetra Tech, Inc.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Any person may address the Board upon any subject within Western's jurisdiction, which is not on the agenda, at this time. However, any non-agenda matter that requires action will be referred to staff for a report and action at a subsequent Board meeting. Any person may also address the Board on any agenda matter at the time that matter is discussed, prior to Board Action.

There were no members of the public who wished to speak during Oral Communications.

PRESENTATIONS

Deputy General Manager Craig Miller introduced Director of Human Resources Candi Judd who made a presentation on Western's employee accomplishments from July through December 2016.

M-6636 – Approval of Consent Calendar

It was moved by Director Galleano, seconded by Director Dennstedt to approve the Consent Calendar. As a result, the following Consent Calendar items were approved:

- A) Approve Directors' Requests for Compensation
- B) Approve Regular Board Minutes, February 15, 2017
- C) Receive and File Cash Disbursement Reports, January 2017
- D) Receive and File Government Code Section 53065.5 Disclosure Report, January 2017
- E) Receive and File Investment Report, January 2017

Motion carried 4-0, with Director Lopez absent.

- END OF CONSENT CALENDAR -

M-6637 – Consider Approval of Interagency Agreement with the City of Riverside for Sewer Service for the Woodcrest Area Along Van Buren Boulevard

Deputy General Manager Craig Miller introduced Assistant General Manager/COO Jeff Sims who said that the City of Riverside has requested that Western provide sewer service to certain commercial properties fronting Van Buren Boulevard between Wood Road and Gamble Avenue as the City has limited sewer service capabilities. Following a full discussion and consideration of this matter by the Board, a motion was made by Director Galleano, seconded by Director Stockton to enter into an interagency agreement between the City of Riverside and Western Municipal Water District to provide sewer service to certain commercial properties along Van Buren Boulevard within the City of Riverside's sphere of influence. Motion carried 4-0, with Director Lopez absent.

M-6638 – Consideration and Possible Action to Set a Deadline for Continuing to Receive Prop 218 Protests Regarding a Rate Proposal and Public Hearing That Have Been Cancelled and Permitting the Application of Protests to a Future Rate Proposal

Deputy General Manager Craig Miller explained that the board took action on February 15, 2017 to cancel the March 15, 2017 Public Hearing regarding proposed rates and charges for retail water service. In order to be responsive to customer concerns, staff is recommending discussion regarding the possible continuation of acceptance of Prop 218 written protests to count towards the next rate proposal. Following a full discussion and consideration of this matter by the Board, a motion was made by Director Dennstedt, seconded by Director Stockton to:

1. Set a deadline of 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8, 2017 for continuing to receive Proposition 218 protests regarding the rate proposal and public hearing which were cancelled on February 15, 2017; and
2. Direct Staff to include in any future Proposition 218 Notice a statement that protests to the previous rate proposal, received prior to a deadline, will be considered as protests to any new rate proposal, unless an individual contacts the District to request withdrawal of his/her protest; and
3. Direct Staff to include in the ongoing public outreach efforts information regarding the deadline for receipt of protests and that protests received prior to the deadline will be considered as protests to any future rate proposal, unless withdrawn by the protester.

Motion carried 4-0, with Director Lopez absent.

General Counsel Report

Legal Counsel Jeff Ferre provided an update on Assembly Bill 313 addressing the future structure of the State Water Resources Control Board.

Staff Reports

Deputy General Manager Craig Miller and staff reported on the following:

- Provided an update in regard to the Wheeling Agreement with the City of Riverside
- Assistant General Manager/CFO Rod LeMond provided an update on Alessandro Property issues

SAWPA Report

Director Evans provided a summary report of the meeting.

MWD Report

Director Galleano provided an update of the meeting and noted that a presentation was made on emergency safety.

CBWM Report

Director Galleano said there was nothing to report today.

CDA Report

Director Stockton said there was nothing to report today.

WRCRWA Report

Assistant General Manager/COO Jeff Sims provided an update of the meeting.

WRCOG Report

Director Dennstedt said there was nothing to report today.

SRRRA Report

Director Dennstedt said there was nothing to report today.

Directors' Reports

Director Stockton provided an update of his recent legislative meetings in Sacramento.

Closed Session

President Evans announced that the Board would not go into Closed Session on the following matters:

- A) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) and (4)
of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
Two potential cases

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 10:16 a.m. President Evans adjourned the Regular Board Meeting of Western Municipal Water District.



THOMAS P. EVANS
President



ROBERT STOCKTON
Secretary-Treasurer