

WEST VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

08-24-2021

The regular meeting of the West Valley County Water District was called to order at 7:01 PM. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: President L. Ballentine, Vice President J. Hoerricks, Director B. Palo were present.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR MINUTES

A motion was made by Vice President Hoerricks to approve the Minutes of the June 22, 2021, Regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Palo. The vote was taken and carried with 3 Ayes and 0 Noes.

APPROVAL OF STANDBY MINUTES

A motion was made by Vice President Hoerricks to approve the Minutes of the June 22, 2021, Standby Meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Palo. The vote was taken and carried with 3 Ayes and 0 Noes.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

A motion was made by Vice President J. Hoerricks to approve the Financial Transactions for June 2021, including Checks 8761-9853 and July 2021, including Checks 8774-9871. The motion was seconded by Director Palo. The vote was taken and carried with 3 Ayes and 0 Noes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Sheriff's Department took down eight (8) pot farms in Los Angeles County and nothing is growing on these farms at this time, emphasizing that traffic and excessive surplus water sales should lessen.

INTRODUCTION OF FERNANDO SAENZ, NEW INTERIM/CONTRACTUAL GENERAL MANAGER-SUSP

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT FOR JUNE 2021

F. Saenz discussed installing automation for the three tanks that can read data and start or stop the well remotely using a transducer.

PUMPING AND DISTRIBUTION

Well No. 3 Static
June ft. in.

JUNE 2021

Water billed cubic footage	635,844	%BILLED	%DIFF
Water pumped cubic footage	670,187	94.88	5.12

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT FOR JULY

PUMPING AND DISTRIBUTION

Well No. 3 Static
July 2021 ft. in.

JULY 2021

Water billed cubic footage	640,182	%BILLED	%DIFF
Water pumped cubic footage	787,834	81.26	18.74

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Resolution 5-2021: Exception to the Website Requirement by the California Legislature**
Vice President Hoerricks moved to adopt the Resolution; Director Palo seconded the motion. Resolution 5-2021 was adopted by a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Noes.
- Vice President Hoerricks moved to appoint Gary Allison to the vacant Board seat with a one-year expiry. Director Palo seconded the motion. Appointed by a vote of 3 Ayes and 0 Noes.
- Vice President Hoerricks moved to appoint Brian Richmond to the vacant Board seat with a two-year expiry. Director Palo seconded the motion. Appointed by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Noes.
- **Reconstitution of Board Officer Positions:**
President: J. Hoerricks
Vice President: E. Ballentine
Secretary: Brian Richmond
Vice President Hoerricks moved the slate be elected as nominated; Director Allison seconded the motion. Motion was taken and carried by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Noes.
- **The Elimination Of Surplus Water/Retail Sales At Hydrants**
Having been sued by the County of Los Angeles' Water Agency, and having to reduce our pumping over the course of seven (7) years, based on the December, 2015 Adjudication of the Court, from two hundred ten (210) acre feet per year to forty (40) acre feet per year, President Hoerricks moved to eliminate the sale of water at hydrants in order to reduce the amount of substantial fines facing the District in over-production of water pumped, and to maintain only residential sales. The motion was seconded by Director Palo, and the discussion began. The motion failed with 1 Aye and 4 Noes.

COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

A number of Kern County residents who purchase retail water from the District attended to express their concerns about the cessation of sales. Said concerns were taken into serious consideration by the Board.

A motion was made by Vice President J. Hoerricks to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. The motion was seconded by Director B. Palo. The vote was taken and carried with 5 Ayes and 0 Noes.

ATTEST:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY