

WEST VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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Minutes

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the West Valley County Water District (WVCWD) has been called for:

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 7:00 pm
25315 West Ideal Ave, Lancaster, CA 93536

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The Regular Meeting of the West Valley County Water District was called to order at 7:17 PM. The Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL. Members present were Secretary B. Richmond, Director T. Green and Director K. Hooker. General Manager F. Saenz was present. SUSP Regional Manager E. Garibay, Office Assistants E. Bachara and F. Taylor were also present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Director Green motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 03, 2024. The motion was seconded by Director Hooker. The motion was carried with 3 Ayes and 0 Noes.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT. None

GENERAL MANAGER'S & FIELD OPERATIONS REPORT.

FIELD OPERATIONS

Customer complaints: (4) Three customer complaints came in for high bill investigation. All three readings were correct, but one customer requested a bucket test to ensure meter accuracy. Upon the results of the meter accuracy test, we found the meter was registering 4X fast. The customer's meter was replaced, and their last two bills were adjusted per district rules and regulations.

Customer shut offs: (1) Customer requested lock off.

Customer lock offs: (6) Customers were locked off for nonpayment.

Water main and service line leaks:(1) Main Line leak. 250th Street West, 2-inch main line had a pinhole in the wall of piping 2-inch repair clamp was installed to remedy the leak.

Road repair/ Mowing: Continued mowing around district roads. Roads will be scraped starting late November running through the winter.

Fire Department: We are still working to get the fire department usage of water to fight fires not in our district. They want specific dates of fires so they can determine the use of our water.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Generator grant – The status has not changed in regard to actually moving the project forward. The district is in the que but in the 3.5 years of the program to date they have

only placed one generator. I have no explanation and as far as I know the ball is in the SWRCB court.

Water Bond passes -A state water bond passed in the election which would provide millions in infrastructure grant funding. I talked with Dat Tran, the head of the SWRCB's Department of Financial Assistance (DFA) for the state's infrastructure funding program. Dat relayed that it would take some time to allocate the funds to programs and create some specific programmatic funding for infrastructure dollars.

Distribution planning and construction grant - Right now the district is not eligible for a grant as the DWR grant programs for water conservation are not available, and grants through the State revolving loan program eligibility is very low due to the lack of a public health issue with the water system. We are hoping the new water bond will have a program that we can viably apply for with a chance to be considered for funding.

SUSP Executive Director stated that we have to start on replacing the water system as required by SB 218. Planning on getting a loan for the engineering and also getting a construction grant.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT – Financial Year through October 31, 2023. The Financial Report was approved with 4 Ayes and 0 Noes

DIRECTOR COMMENTS. None

OLD BUSINESS. None

NEW BUSINESS.

A-B) Board Resolution 2-2024 was proposed to reappoint Brian Richmond and Lisa Ballentine to fill the vacant positions on the Board of Directors. No election had been held due to only one person nominated for the three vacant offices. Resolution 2-2024 was read to all present. Secretary Richmond motioned to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by VP Ballentine. The motion was carried with 4 Ayes and 0 Noes.

C) The Board discussed removing Kenneth James Hoerricks from the US Bank Accounts as he will no longer be on the Board. VP Ballentine motioned to approve removing Mr. Hoerricks from the US Bank Accounts. The motion was seconded by Director Green. The motion was carried with 4 Ayes and 0 Noes.

D) The Board discussed adding Brian Richmond to the US Bank Accounts. Director Green motioned to approve adding Secretary Richmond to the US Bank Accounts. The motion was seconded by VP Ballentine. The motion was carried with 4 Ayes and 0 Noes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. None

MEETING ADJOURNMENT.

This is President Hoerricks last meeting with the Board. He thanked SUSP Executive Director DeMoss for the stable management of the District.

VP Ballentine motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Secretary Richmond. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Attest:

Secretary, B. Richmond