

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, October 24, 2023 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 7:00 PM. The Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL. Members present were President K.J. Hoerricks, Secretary B. Richmond and Director K. Hooker. Director T. Green was absent at roll call but arrived at 7:37 PM. Vice-President L. Ballentine was absent. Also, SUSP Manager D. DeMoss and Field Technician G. Gurry were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Secretary Richmond motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 27, 2023, and the Standby Meeting held on July 25, 2023. The motion was seconded by Director Hooker. The motion was carried with 3 Ayes and 0 Noes.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT – July 1 through September 30, 2023. President Hoerricks clarified the water purchases or fine, as it were, as an annual expenditure. Secretary Richmond motioned to approve the Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Director Hooker. The motion was carried with 3 Ayes and 0 Noes

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION SUPPORT BY SUSP ENGINEERING. President Hoerricks pointed out that this should have been placed under New Business in the agenda. He also stated that it doesn't require Board approval for SUSP to do its job, therefore no action was taken by the Board.

APPROVAL OF BANK SIGNATORIES. This item was placed incorrectly on the agenda. However, it was noted that this was approved in an earlier Board Meeting and no further action was taken.

APPROVAL TO MOVE THE DECEMBER BOARD MEETING FROM DECEMBER 26 TO DECEMBER 5. Again, this item belonged under New Business. President Hoerricks stated that per the Brown Act, an item of business cannot be inserted into New Business during a public meeting. After discussion, no action was taken. The meeting date remains the 26th.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. President Hoerricks noted that the Rabbit Bush is out of control on the easements and asked if there is a plan in place to communicate with the County to assess vacant property owners to clean it up and make it firesafe and drivable. SUSP Manager DeMoss said he would check it out.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT.

Generator Grant Status: State program staff and CRWA staff were onsite this month to review engineering requirements, power needs, location of the generator and perform a site review. Currently the generator grant is in the final review. The State has switched the grant provider to RCAC. We are a priority on the list.

Field Operations Report: The hydrant meter at Three Points Road was stolen and replaced.

A project was completed to clean out all meter boxes, confirm meter SN, size, read and physical address and lot location for the new billing software installation.

Weed control was completed around hydrants, signs and roads was completed. A program is in place to get all delinquent accounts up to date. The current total of delinquent accounts is \$26,680.59.

Emergency Action Plan for a Temporary Generator: CRWA just entered into a partnership with Generac which gives us access statewide to emergency backup generators.

Update on SUSP comprehensive grant/engineering plan: We are going to go through DWR (Division of Water Resources) rather than the State to apply for grants. DWR is quicker. The goal is to get another well per State requirements.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS. Secretary Richmond commented on the delinquent accounts, stating that our Bylaws are clear and there should be zero tolerance of non-payment after 60 days. Office Assistant Erin brought up that when Covid Rules went in place, the county increased the time to 90 days. This is being researched to determine what is legally correct.

OLD BUSINESS. None

NEW BUSINESS. None

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Nancy Dillon asked if the Water District will continue to use postcards in billing. The answer is that the district had to change to RVS System and they use postcards. They are much less expensive. Emails are being sent also. The bills will go out at the beginning of the month and meters will be read three days before. Payment due date will always be on the 25th.

Sherry Ditto asked about the emergency generator rental. The answer from SUSP GM is that we have an agreement with Generac and we have submitted our needs. The grant for a permanent generator is moving well.

Nancy Dillon asked why the water leaks are in the same places. The answer from SUSP GM is that the line gets weakened. Once the line gets kinked the fluctuating pressure causes it to break again. The solution is to do full line replacements from the main to

the meter. We have spent around \$20,000 in the 2-3 months doing such replacements.

Nancy asked if driving over the roads causes the leaks. Answer is no. It has to do with fluctuating water pressure and kinks. The remedy is to replace the distribution system, mostly the service lines.

Nancy asked about responsibility for the roads. Answer is the district is responsible for care of the roads. Nancy asked if residents should turn people in for doing donuts in the road. President Hoerricks explained that the Sheriff is not going to do anything about it.

SUSP GM DeMoss stated that we have spent \$15,000 in the last 3 months on fixing the roads. In response to the question, why don't we have our own equipment, he answered SUSP is going buy a piece of equipment because the rental fees are outrageous.

Mrs. Good mentioned that she has seen the gates to the water tanks unlocked several times and is concerned someone may be stealing water. She was advised to contact the office to report it if it happens again.

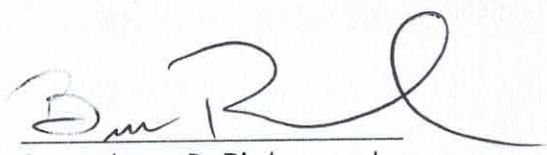
MEETING ADJOURNMENT.

Secretary Richmond motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Hooker. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Attest:



President, K.J. Hoerricks



Secretary, B. Richmond