

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, August 27, 2024 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 7:02 PM. The Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL. Members present were Secretary B. Richmond, Director K. Hooker and Director T. Green. Vice-President L. Ballentine was absent at roll call but arrived at 7:06 PM. President K.J. Hoerricks was absent. SUSP Regional Manager E. Garibay and Field Technician G. Gurry were present.

Secretary B. Richmond presided over the meeting due to absence of the President and Vice-President at the time of Call to Order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Director Hooker motioned to approve the Minutes of the Special Standby Meeting and the Regular Meeting held following the Special Meeting on June 25, 2024. The motion was seconded by Director Green. The motion was carried with 3 Ayes and 0 Noes.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT – July 2023 – July 2024. Secretary Richmond as presiding officer stated the Financial report had been approved at the prior meeting and no further action was taken.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. President Hoerricks was absent. Vice-President Ballentine had no report.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT – FIELD OPERATIONS REPORT

Generator Grant Status: the grant is moving although slowly. State program staff and CRWA staff were onsite evaluated the electrical connections needed and are concerned that electrical upgrades needed will exceed the grant amount. It will 1-2 years out.

Lead and copper line inventory requirements this is a federal regulation that requires all public water systems to inventory both the customer service line and the service line from the main to the meter that were installed prior to 1 January 1986. The main to meter lines have been surveyed. There are only 15 customer service lines that were installed prior to 1 January 1986, and require the survey. The district is required to certify the number of lead lines in the system and then create a plan to replace those lines over a 10-year period. The initial survey is

required to be completed by Oct 16th of this year and we are on track to do that. There are follow up requirements along with public notification requirements that accompany this regulation. The compliance group is managing the regulatory compliance and reporting requirements

SB-552 Challenges – This regulation is aimed at small and midsize systems and requires a number of operational issues to be addressed. The main challenges for the district will be back generators and a redundant potable water source. One of the things that needs to be addressed is whether we look for a different source within district boundaries or put arsenic treatment on the existing back up well. Engineering and planning need to be done to get recommendations for the Board on an approach to this issue. The other requirements can be met for the most part. Reverse osmosis will be looked into as a potential solution.

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 results of the meter accuracy test, we found the meter was registering 6X fast. The customers' meter was replaced, and customers' last two bills were adjusted per District Rules and Regulations.

Customer shut offs: (2) Customer requested lock offs due to houses being for sale.

Customer lock offs: (3) Customers were locked off for nonpayment, all three paid or set up payment plans and had service re-activated.

Water main and service line leaks: (5) 1. Service line leak on 252Nd St W compression couplers were used to repair leak. 2. Service line leak on Eagle fall Ave Full Circle Clamp was used to repair leak. 3. Service line leak on 252nd St W Compression couplers, and a section of poly was used to repair the leak. 4. Service line Leak on Kargat Ave Full Circle Repair Clamp was used. 5. Service line leak on West Ave B 12 two compression couplers and a section of poly was used to repair the leak.

Road repair/ Mowing: Continued mowing around district roads.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS. Director Green asked if the mulch being dumped out here in the Valley has affected the ground water. Field Technician Curry reported that according to the water samples taken throughout the District, it has not. Secretary Richmond commented that he urges staff to continue working on accounts receivable.

He also commented that he is working on updating the District Rules and Regulations. Director Hooker commented on financials and the debt to SUSP. The budget has included retirement of \$50,00 of that debt this year while keeping current bills paid.

OLD BUSINESS. None

NEW BUSINESS. None

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Jesse Kerr expressed concern about the mulch being dumped within 528 feet of our well site and if it would affect the ground water. So far, it has not, but this is a concern. He also asked if we could lock the fire hydrants to prevent theft of water. He was informed that it is against a law to lock fire hydrants. Public is urged to get photos and report theft of water.

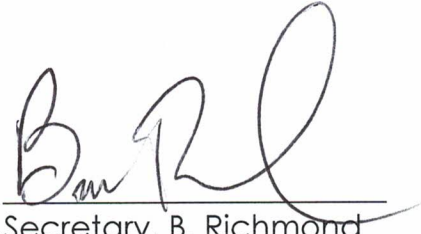
MEETING ADJOURNMENT.

Secretary Richmond adjourned the meeting at 7:36 PM.

Attest:



President, K.J. Hoerricks



Secretary, B. Richmond