

WEST VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

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Minutes

A Special Meeting regarding Resolution 1-2024 and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the West Valley County Water District (WVCWD) has been called for:

Tuesday, June 25th, 2024, 6:30 pm
25315 West Ideal Ave, Lancaster, CA
93536

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The Special Meeting regarding Resolution 1-2024 of the West Valley County Water District was called to order at 6:30 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. Vice-President, L. Ballentine and Director, T. Green were absent.

General Manager, Fernando Saenz; Regional Manager, Estevan Garibay and Field Technician G. Curry were present.

RESOLUTION 1-2024 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
President Hoerricks read out the proposed Resolution and asked for discussion from the Board and then from the public. There was one public comment asking that it be made available for all to read. The Resolution, when approved by the Board, will be posted on the web site. With no further comment, President Hoerricks requested the Board to vote on Resolution 1-2024. The resolution was approved with 3 Ayes and 0 Noes.

ADJOURNMENT OF STANDBY MEETING ADJOURNMENT.

Secretary Richmond motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Hooker. The motion was carried with 3 Ayes and 0 Noes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.

CALL TO ORDER, REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM.

ROLL CALL. Members present were President, K.J. Hoerricks; Secretary B. Richmond and Director K. Hooker. Vice-President, L. Ballentine and Director, T. Green were absent. General Manager, Fernando Saenz; Regional Manager, Estevan Garibay and Field Technician, G. Curry were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Secretary Richmond motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 24, 2024. The motion was seconded by Director Hooker. The motion was carried with 3 Ayes and 0 Noes.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT. General Manager Saenz presented the financial report of July 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024. There were no comments or further discussion. Secretary Richmond motioned to approve the Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Director Hooker. The financial report was approved with 3 Ayes and 0 Noes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. President Hoerricks reminded members of the audience that he is not standing for reelection and that there will be three Board positions vacant for election in November. If there are more than three standing for election there will be an election. If three or less than those interested in serving may be appointed.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT.

Field Operations Report: For the month of May we used 2.49 million gallons of water of 7.68-acre feet of water. The total for the year so far is 7.68-acre feet of water and we still have 72.36-acre feet of water left in our allocation.

The service line was replaced on 255th street due to several breaks on that line. There were two delinquent accounts that were locked off and both accounts were paid in full and service restored.

There are twelve accounts on payment plans totaling \$5,377. Mowing along the side of district roads is ongoing.

DWR Distribution Grant Application: The State has determined we are no longer in a drought and due to the large budget deficit will not be funding drought related grants at this time. We are looking for an appropriate path for the district to follow to get funding for the needed distribution projects and will keep the Board posted on this.

Generator Grant Status: the generator grant is in place. RCAC did a site inspection and we are now in the design and build stage. We are getting more information about the electrical requirements. We are looking at a year or more before we will have the generator in place.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS.

Secretary Richmond commented on the delinquent accounts, stating that most of the over \$12,000 unpaid accounts receivable occurred prior to SUSP management and deals made by former staff that are not per the Rules and Regulations of the District are no longer in place. He encouraged SUSP staff to follow the Rules and Regulations to the letter. If the customer doesn't understand, give them a copy.

OLD BUSINESS. None

NEW BUSINESS.

2022/20323 Audit Report

Secretary Richmond motioned to accept the 2022/2023 Audit Report. The motion was seconded by Director Hooker. The motion was carried with 3 Ayes and 0 Noes.

2024/2025 Proposed Operating Budget

Secretary Richmond motioned to approve the proposed 2024/2025 Budget. The motion was seconded by Director Hooker. Secretary Richmond had some questions about why some data was outlined in red. This data is showing a lower cost in insurance for example, possibly due to no claims. President Hoerricks asked if the budget covered retiring our debt to SUSP over the next year. This was affirmed by the General Manager. A vote was held, and the operating budget was approved with 3 Ayes and 0 Noes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was a question about the three upcoming open positions on the Board of Directors. What happens if no one wants to run for office? Answer is the County Board of Supervisors appoints members of the community to the District Board of Directors. If people are interested in running for office, they submit their application to LA County and their names are on the ballot in November. If there are three names or less the registrar notifies the Board and no election is necessary.

There was a question if there is a way to remove a Board Member who is continually absent. Answer is that there is a mechanism to accomplish removal if a member is not active and it has happened once that President Hoerricks is aware of. Being active is not just attending meetings, it can be signing checks or other Board activities.

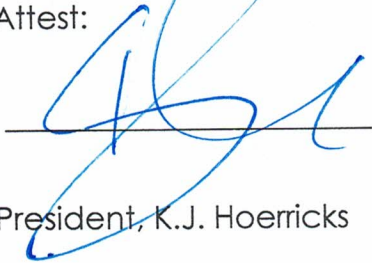
Public questioned if the rates will continue to go up. Answer is that the rate schedule has been approved for a 5 year period and is available on the website and at the office. The rates are what they are due to the limited water allocation for the district. The district is fined for use of water above that allocation and the highest rate.

Public question about how much water is being lost due to leaks and what is being done to handle that situation. Answer is 38% is due to leaks and other reasons. The problem of too much pressure is being addressed by trying to get a pressure regulator which will mitigate water loss due to line breaks.

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 7:33 PM.

Attest:



President, K.J. Hoerricks



Secretary, B. Richmond