

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LA PUENTE VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the La Puente Valley County Water District was held on Monday, October 9, 2017, at 5:30 at the District office, 112 N. First St., La Puente, California.

# Meeting called to order:

President Hastings called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

President Hastings led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Directors present:**

David Hastings, President; William Rojas, Vice President; Charles Aguirre, Director; John Escalera, Director and Henry Hernandez, Director

#### Staff present:

Greg Galindo, General Manager; Gina Herrera, Customer Service & Accounting Supervisor; Roy Frausto, Compliance Officer/Project Engineer and Roland Trinh, District Counsel.

#### **Others Present:**

Cindy Byerrum from Platinum Consultants.

#### Public Comment:

No public comment.

#### Adoption of Agenda:

President Hastings asked for the approval of the agenda. Motion by Director Aguirre, seconded by Director Escalera, that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hastings, Rojas, Aguirre, Escalera and Hernandez. Nays: None.

#### Consent Calendar:

President Hastings asked for the approval of the Consent Calendar.

- **A.** Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on September 25, 2017.
- B. Approval of District Expenses for the Month of September 2017.

- **C.** Approval of City of Industry Waterworks System Expenses for the Month of September 2017.
- **D.** Receive and File the District's Water Sales Report for September 2017.
- E. Receive and File the City of Industry Waterworks System's Water Sales Report for September 2017.
- **F.** Receive and File the Water Production Report for September 2017.
- **G.** Receive and File the Summary of Director's Expenses for the Third Quarter of 2017.

Motion by President Hastings, seconded by Vice President Rojas, to approve the consent calendar as presented.

Motion approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Hastings, Rojas, Aguirre, Escalera and Hernandez. Nays: None.

# Action/Discussion Items:

- **A.** Consideration of Resolution 247 Appointing the General Manager as Board Secretary.
- Mr. Galindo stated that with this action he would be responsible for the legal requirements of the Board Secretary position. He added that he will continue to work with Mrs. Ruehlman to carry out all the requirements of the position.

Motion by Vice President Rojas, seconded by Director Escalera, to adopt Resolution 247 as presented.

Motion approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Hastings, Rojas, Aguirre, Escalera and Hernandez. Nays: None.

- **B.** Consideration of Proposal from Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. to Perform a Comprehensive Water Rate and Fee Study.
- Mr. Galindo summarized his staff report on the RFP and proposal evaluation process. He stated that staff along with its financial consultant, Mrs. Byerrum, evaluated the proposals and recommended the firm of Raftelis Financial Consulting, Inc. to complete a Comprehensive Water Rate and Fee Study for the District.
- Mrs. Byerrum provided comments on her positive experiences with the firms that submitted proposals and the qualifications of Raftelis.

After further discussion, motion by Director Escalera, seconded by Vice President Rojas to authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Raftelis Financial Consulting, Inc. to complete a Comprehensive Water Rate and Fee Study as provided in their proposal dated September 26, 2017, for an amount of \$51,950; and appropriate an additional \$6,000 as contingency for additional work.

Motion approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Hastings, Rojas, Aguirre, Escalera and Hernandez. Nays: None.

- **C.** Consideration of Approval of Plans and Specifications for Phase 1 of the District's Recycled Water System.
- Mr. Frausto summarized his staff report. He provided an overview of the scope of the Recycled Water System Phase 1 construction project.
- Mr. Galindo provided some additional information on the fiscal impact and schedule of the project; and the availability of recycled water from the Sanitation District.

After further discussion, motion by Vice President Rojas, seconded by Director Escalera to approve the Plans and Specifications for the Recycled Water Project Phase 1.

Motion approved by the following vote: Ayes: Hastings, Rojas, Aguirre, Escalera and Hernandez. Nays: None.

- **D.** Consideration of the Fourth Tolling Agreement with the BKK Working Group Regarding Potential Environmental Claims related to the BKK Corporation Landfill Facility.
- Mr. Trinh provided a summary of the District's involvement with the BKK Landfill. He shared the purpose of the Fourth Tolling Agreement and the potential impact to the District.

After further discussion, motion by Vice President Rojas, seconded by President Hastings to approve the Fourth Tolling Agreement with the BKK Working Group.

Motion approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Hastings, Rojas, Aguirre, Escalera and Hernandez. Nays: None

# General Manager's Report:

- Mr. Galindo requested that the PVOU IZ Ad Hoc Committee meet on Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup> to review the latest versions of the PVOU IZ definitive agreements. The Ad Hoc Committee members, President Hastings and Director Escalera agreed to meet as requested.
- Mr. Galindo informed the Board that Mrs. Herrera will be handling all travel and outside meeting arrangements for the Board and that the members of the Board may contact her to coordinate.

# Information Items:

- **A.** Upcoming Events.
- Mr. Galindo presented an update on the upcoming events and who will be attending.
- Directors informed staff which events they would like to attend.
- **B.** Correspondence to the Board of Directors
- No correspondence.

#### Attorney comments:

Mr. Trinh had no comments.

#### Board member comments:

**A.** Report on events attended.

- President Hastings reported that since the last Board meeting he attended the California Special District's Association Annual Conference in Monterey and the Water Smart Innovations Conference in Las Vegas.
- Vice President Rojas reported that since his last attended Board meeting he attended the Southern California Water Utility Associations Vendors Fair in Irwindale, the California Special District's Association Annual Conference in Monterey and the Water Smart Innovations Conference in Las Vegas.
- President Escalera reported that since the last Board meeting he attended the Water Smart Innovations Conference in Las Vegas.
- Director Hernandez reported that since his last attended Board meeting he attended the California Special District's Association Annual Conference in Monterey and the Water Smart Innovations Conference in Las Vegas.

- **B.** Other comments.
- Vice President Rojas asked to close this meeting in memory of Lois Maben's brother, Mr. Donald Edward Maben.

# Future agenda items:

No future items.

# Adjournment:

There is no further business or comment, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m. in memory of Mr. Donald Edward Maben.

David Hastings, President

Greg B. Galindo, Secretary