

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020, AT 5:00 PM AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE,
201 VALLECITOS DE ORO, SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA

Director Elitharp called the Special meeting to order at the hour of 5:00 p.m.

Principal Financial Analyst Arthur led the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Director Elitharp
Director Hernandez
Director Martin

Absent: Director Sannella
Director Evans

Staff Present: General Manager Pruim
Legal Counsel Kharuf
Finance Manager Owen
Principal Financial Analyst Arthur
Executive Secretary Posvar

ADOPT AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2020

20-01-01 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Martin, seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried unanimously, with Directors Sannella and Evans absent, to adopt the agenda for the Special Board Meeting of January 9, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

20-01-02 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Martin, and carried unanimously, with Directors Sannella and Evans absent, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

1.1 Approval of Minutes

- A. Closed Session Board Meeting – December 11, 2019
- B. Special Board Meeting – December 11, 2019
- C. Regular Board Meeting – December 18, 2019

1.2 Warrant List through January 9, 2020 - \$617,459.96

ACTION ITEM

2020 PUBLIC RATE HEARING NOTICE

General Manager Pruim stated the California Constitution requires a process that an agency must follow when considering an increase in water or wastewater rates. Due to cost increases, current water rates are not adequate to fund District operations as adopted in the FY 2019-2020 budget. Proposition 218 defines the process that must be followed to increase rates. Rates can only be set at a noticed public hearing and are subject to a majority protest voting of the agency's customers. Ratepayers must receive at least 45-days' notice prior to the public hearing.

General Manager Pruim further stated the purpose of this Special Meeting was to obtain the Board's approval of the public notice which will be mailed to customers to provide them with the required 45-day notice of the public hearing, scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2020. The Board would not be setting rates at this meeting.

Finance Manager Owen and Principal Financial Analyst Arthur provided a presentation on the Prop 218 Rate Hearing Notice as follows:

- Background
- Rate Setting
- Commodity
- Ready-to-Serve
- Average Single-Family Residence Bill
 - Current
 - Proposed
 - \$ Change
 - % Change
- Agency Comparison
- Schedule
- Recommendations

General discussion took place during and after the presentation.

Staff recommended the Board approve the Public Rate Hearing Notice for mailing and set the public hearing for February 27, 2020.

20-01-03 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Martin, seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried unanimously, with Directors Sannella and Evans absent, to approve the Public Rate Hearing Notice for mailing and set the public hearing for February 27, 2020.

REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager Pruum reported that District crews would be working tonight in San Marcos Boulevard on minor repaving work.

DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL

None.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

None.

ENCINA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

Director Hernandez stated the Capital Improvement Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

President Martin stated the Policy and Finance Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

DIRECTORS REPORTS ON TRAVEL/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS ATTENDED

Director Hernandez reported he accompanied General Manager Pruum to South Lake to view conditions there and found the area to be very clean.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Martin requested an attendance/tardiness record of the Board be included on future agendas under Other Business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Director Elitharp adjourned the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors at the hour of 5:19 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Vallecitos Water District Board of Directors has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. at the District office, 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos, California.

Craig Elitharp, Director
Board of Directors
Vallecitos Water District

ATTEST:

Glenn Pruum, Secretary
Board of Directors
Vallecitos Water District