

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020, AT 5:00 PM AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE,  
201 VALLECITOS DE ORO, SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA

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

Director Martin led the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Director Elitharp  
Director Hernandez  
Director Martin

Absent: Director Sannella  
Director Evans

Staff Present: General Manager Pruim  
Legal Counsel Gilpin  
District Engineer Gumpel  
Finance Manager Owen  
Operations & Maintenance Manager Pedrazzi  
Capital Facilities Senior Engineer Morgan  
Development Services Senior Engineer Scholl  
Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins  
Executive Secretary Posvar

ADOPT AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2020

Director Elitharp stated a suggestion was made to move Item 2.4, Review of District Ordinances, Policies and Contracts, to the February 5, 2020 Regular Board meeting.

20-01-04 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Martin, and carried unanimously, with Directors Sannella and Evans absent, to adopt the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of January 15, 2020 as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Zoe Wettstein, member of the public, addressed the Board stating that 900 sprinkler heads were repaired at Sunrise Point where she lives in November of 2018. Since then, the extra water pressure has caused her to replace two pressure regulators and her house vibrates and rumbles intermittently. She has consulted with a dozen plumbers and has replaced a toilet and water heater circulator to no avail. She believes the problem lies within the sewer, possibly a blockage. She asked for the District's help to determine the problem.

General Manager Pruim stated he would contact Ms. Wettstein to further discuss this matter.

Mike Hunsaker, member of the public and speaking on behalf of the Twin Oaks Valley Property Owners Association, addressed the Board stating he advocated for a citizen last month who is being charged detachment fees. The rationale for the fees did not make sense to him and he believes the citizen shouldn't have to pay for what he's not getting, can't use, and wasn't built. He thanked the Board.

Richard Lupa, member of the public, addressed the Board stating he owns one legal lot which has two parcel numbers. His existing home receives sewer service from Vallecitos for one of the parcels and water service for both parcels from Vista Irrigation District (VID). He has applied for a permit to build a granny flat. In order to have sewer and water service for the granny flat, he has been told he must de-annex from VID and annex into Vallecitos for water, and then annex sewer into Vallecitos for the second parcel. This process must go through LAFCO as well. The cost of this process is estimated at \$65,000. He asked the Board to grant him a waiver from the standard annexation requirements and allow him to annex only sewer to the second parcel for the granny flat.

Director Elitharp stated the Board was not able to act on Mr. Lupa's request as it was not on the agenda. General Manager Pruim stated this item will be placed on the agenda for the February 5, 2020 Regular Board meeting.

### PRESENTATION

Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins presented a new "Work We Do" video focusing on confined spaces training at the District's Meadowlark Reclamation Facility in partnership with local fire agencies.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

20-01-05 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Martin, seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried unanimously, with Directors Sannella and Evans absent, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

1.1 Warrant List through January 15, 2020 - \$3,233,404.88

1.2 Financial Reports

- A. Water Meter Count – December 31, 2019
- B. Water Production/Sales Report – 2019/2020
- C. Quarterly Financial Report – December 31, 2019
- D. Per Capita Water Consumption – December 31, 2019
- E. Water Revenue and Expense Report – December 31, 2019
- F. Sewer Revenue and Expense Report – December 31, 2019
- G. Reserve Funds Activity – December 31, 2019
- H. Investment Report – December 31, 2019
- I. Legal Fees Summary – December 31, 2019

- 1.3 Adoption of Resolution Recognizing the Annexation into the Vallecitos Water District of Certain Property Designated as the "Orchard Hills Annexation," APNs 218-220-10 & 17 and Ordering Annexation into Sewer Improvement Districts 5 & 6 (Warmington Residential California, Inc.)

### ACTION ITEMS

#### CONTRACT AWARD FOR DISTRIBUTION WATER MAIN FLUSHING SERVICES

Operations & Maintenance Manager Pedrazzi stated that SB 555 requires all urban retail water suppliers to conduct and submit validated water loss audit reports to the Department of Water Resources annually. The goal of that legislation was to force agencies to account for every drop of water and reduce water loss, and potentially fine agencies that do not meet their goals. Flushing of water lines is also required to maintain acceptable water quality.

Operations & Maintenance Manager Pedrazzi further stated staff researched ways to reduce water loss while still maintaining water quality and meeting regulatory requirements. One method is to use a truck mounted filtration system to clean the water as it is being flushed from the mains and then pump it back into the water main instead of wasting it. As part of a pilot program, approximately 20 miles of water mains in the Lake San Marcos area will be flushed and cleaned using this technology, saving over one million gallons of water. Reliable Water Solutions, LLC is currently the only company approved by the State Water Resources Control Board – Division of Drinking Water to perform these services.

Staff recommended the Board authorize the General Manager to execute a contract services agreement with Reliable Water Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$73,000 subject to the provisions of the contract.

General discussion took place.

- 20-01-06 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Martin, and carried unanimously, with Directors Sannella and Evans absent, to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract services agreement with Reliable Water Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$73,000 subject to the provisions of the contract.

#### CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD OF SEWER LINING AND REHABILITATION 2019

Capital Facilities Senior Engineer Morgan stated operational maintenance and structural deficiencies were identified in segments of 8" clay and ductile iron pipe in 59 different locations throughout the District, requiring rehabilitation to restore pipeline integrity. Rehabilitation will be accomplished using a Cured-in-Place Pipe liner which employs trenchless technology to make fully structural repairs from inside the host pipe, increasing the efficiency and life of the pipe while reducing replacement, paving and traffic control costs.

Capital Facilities Senior Engineer Morgan further stated this project is a culmination of two capital improvements projects that were budgeted throughout fiscal years 2019/20, 2020/21, and 2021/22. Staff proposes to combine the 2019 Sewer Lining and Rehabilitation, North West Lake San Marcos Sewer Replacement, and Lining projects under one contract to take advantage of shared mobilization costs for similar work and to capture lower overall construction pricing through economy of scale. Staff and counsel evaluated bids from three contractors and determined Insituform Technologies, LLC was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

Staff recommended the Board approve increasing the 2019 Sewer Lining and Rehabilitation fiscal budget \$150,000 to accommodate the current fiscal year budget deficiency and award the construction contract to Insituform Technologies, LLC in the amount of \$631,472 which includes both projects.

20-01-07 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Martin, seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried unanimously, with Directors Sannella and Evans absent, to approve increasing the 2019 Sewer Lining and Rehabilitation fiscal budget \$150,000 and award the construction contract to Insituform Technologies, LLC in the amount of \$631,472.

ADOPT ORDINANCE TO COMPLY WITH SENATE BILL 998 REGARDING DISCONTINUATION OF WATER SERVICE FOR NON-PAYMENT

Finance Manager Owen stated SB 998, signed in 2018 by then Governor Brown, establishes additional regulations related to discontinuance of water service for non-payment. The District must comply with the new requirements by February 1, 2020. Staff has revised District Ordinance No. 186 which contains current water service shutoff requirements to ensure compliance with the new requirements. He briefly summarized the new requirements and necessary changes to existing procedures.

Staff recommended the Board adopt the proposed Ordinance No. 214 which is in compliance with SB 998.

20-01-08 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Martin, seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried unanimously, with Directors Sannella and Evans absent, to adopt Ordinance No. 214.

Ordinance No. 214 - The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Elitharp, Hernandez, Martin  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT: Sannella, Evans

REVIEW OF DISTRICT ORDINANCES, POLICIES AND CONTRACTS

This item was moved to the February 5, 2020 Regular Board of Directors meeting.

REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager Pruum reported the Public Rate Hearing Notice was mailed to customers on Monday, January 13, 2020. The public hearing will be held on February 27 at 5:00 p.m.

DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL

Legal Counsel Gilpin stated Otay Water District recently filed action against Rainbow Municipal Water District over the annexation under the California Environmental Quality Act.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

General Manager Pruum stated the next Board meeting is scheduled on January 23.

ENCINA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

Director Hernandez stated the Capital Improvement Committee has not met this year.

Director Martin stated the Policy and Finance Committee will meet on February 26.

STANDING COMMITTEES

None.

DIRECTORS REPORTS ON TRAVEL/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS ATTENDED

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Director Elitharp adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at the hour of 5:52 p.m.

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

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Craig Elitharp, Director  
Board of Directors  
Vallecitos Water District

ATTEST:

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Glenn Pruijm, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Vallecitos Water District