CALL TO ORDER – VICE PRESIDENT SANNELLA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

In the case of an emergency, items may be added to the Agenda by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. An emergency is defined as a work stoppage; a crippling disaster; or other activity which severely imperils public health, safety, or both. Also, items which arise after the posting of the Agenda may be added by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

ADOPT AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2015

INTRODUCTION

Human Resources Technician Bridget Anderson will introduce new employee, Daniel Prieto, Applications Specialist I.

PRESENTATIONS

President Evans will present Chris Deering, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator I, with his Certificate for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Grade II from the State Water Resources Control Board.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Persons wishing to address a matter not on the Agenda may be heard at this time; however, no action will be taken until the matter is placed on a future agenda in accordance with Board policy.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar will be voted upon by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items, unless a Board member or member of the public requests that a particular item(s) be removed from the Consent Calendar, in which case it will be considered separately under Action Items.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. REGULAR BOARD MEETING - SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

Approved minutes become a permanent public record of the District.

Recommendation: Approve Minutes
1.2 WARRANT LIST THROUGH OCTOBER 7, 2015 – $4,531,251.71

Recommendation: Approve Warrant List

1.3 CUSTOMER SERVICE CALLS MONTHLY REPORT

Recommendation: For Information Only

1.4 APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT FOR CORNER AT 2 OAKS
APN# 220-190-11, 23, 24, 28, 37, 40, 41, 43, 47, 51, & 53

Recommendation: Approve construction agreement

*****END OF CONSENT CALENDAR*****

ACTION ITEMS

2.1 COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAM - COMMUNICATION PLAN

The Board selected Katz & Associates to develop an updated outreach and communication plan.

Recommendation: Update on Status

2.2 SOUTH LAKE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS

The lease was signed and approved by the Board on August 29, 2005.

Recommendation: Board discussion and consideration

2.3 SAN MARCOS ARTS COUNCIL – HORSE HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The San Marcos Arts Council is interested in working to partner with the District for a water themed art display at the Horse Heritage Festival on October 19.

Recommendation: Request Board direction

*****END OF ACTION ITEMS*****

REPORTS

3.1 GENERAL MANAGER

3.2 DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL

3.3 SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

3.4 ENCINA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY
- Capital Improvement Committee
- Policy and Finance Committee
3.5 DIRECTORS REPORTS ON MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS ATTENDED

*****END OF REPORTS*****

OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 COUNCIL OF WATER UTILITIES
October 20, 2015 – StoneRidge Country Club, Poway, CA

*****END OF OTHER BUSINESS*****

5.1 DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

*****END OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS*****

CLOSED SESSION

6.1 CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(a) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (ONE CASE)
Citizens Development Corporation, v. County of San Diego, et al.
United States District Court, for the Southern District of California
Case No. 12CV0334 IEG RBB

7.1 ADJOURNMENT

*****END OF AGENDA*****

If you have any disability which would require accommodation in order to enable you to participate in this meeting, please call the Executive Secretary at 760.744.0460 ext. 264 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Audio and video recordings of all Board meetings are available to the public at the District website www.vwd.org

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I, Diane Posvar, Executive Secretary of the Vallecitos Water District, hereby certify that I caused the posting of this Agenda in the outside display case at the District office, 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos, California by 4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 1, 2015.

Diane Posvar
Vice President Sannella called the Regular meeting to order at the hour of 4:00 p.m.

Director Elitharp led the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Director Elitharp
Director Hernandez
Director Martin
Director Sannella

Absent: Director Evans

Staff Present: General Manager Lamb
Assistant General Manager Scaglione
Legal Counsel Scott
Legal Counsel Dodson
Administrative Services Manager Emmanuel
District Engineer Gumpel
Finance Manager Fusco
Development Services Senior Engineer Scholl
Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins
Human Resources Technician Anderson
Executive Secretary Posvar
Administrative Secretary Johnson

Others Present: Jack Griffin, San Marcos City Manager
Neal Meyers, Meyers Fozi LLP

ADOPT AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2015

Vice President Sannella requested that item 2.3 be pulled from the agenda as representatives of the San Marcos Arts Council were unable to attend the meeting.

15-10-01 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Martin, seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried unanimously, with Director Evans absent, to adopt the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of October 7, 2015, as amended.

INTRODUCTION

Human Resources Technician Bridget Anderson introduced new employee, Daniel Prieto, Applications Specialist I.

PRESENTATION

Vice President Sannella presented Chris Deering, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator I, with his Certificate for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Grade II from the State Water Resources Control Board.
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mike Hunsaker, member of the public, addressed the Board regarding comments he made regarding the water usage factors based on zoning densities presented by the District’s engineering staff at a previous Board meeting. Some of them may be empty and some may be getting the density bonuses. Density bonuses do not appear in these calculations, and they should apply for anything that goes in the future.

He further stated that according to State law, you are allowed at least 25% density bonus, and that is a minimum. The range he’s seen varies from 25% to 100%. If there is going to be any equity in this fashion, the zoning characterization is no longer appropriate. How do you modify things to be equitable if you start having huge amounts of bonuses? There must be some accommodation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

15-10-02 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Martin, seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried unanimously, with Director Evans absent, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

1.1 Approval of Minutes
   A. Regular Board Meeting – September 16, 2015

1.2 Warrant List through October 7, 2015 - $4,531,251.71

1.3 Customer Service Calls Monthly Report

1.4 Approval of Construction Agreement for Corner at 2 Oaks, APN: 220-190-11, 23, 24, 28, 37, 40, 41, 43, 47, 51 & 53

ACTION ITEMS

COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAM – COMMUNICATION PLAN

Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins stated that on October 16, 2014, the Board selected Katz & Associates to develop an updated outreach program that furthers the Board’s strategic plan. Katz & Associates has completed the following:

- Customer Survey
- Materials Audit
- Key Message Platform
- Communication Plan (Draft V.3)
- Style Guide
- PowerPoint Template
- PowerPoint Master Presentation
• PowerPoint Modules
• Comment Card
• Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Fact Sheet
• Quick Facts Card
• Speaker’s Bureau Posters
• Draft Video Script

He further stated that there are some minor adjustments to the PowerPoint Master Presentation which he would like to make before presenting it to the Board at a future Board workshop meeting.

General discussion took place.

Mike Hunsaker, member of the public, addressed the Board stating he looks forward to the District’s landscaping workshop on October 10. He hopes that a video of the workshop will be recorded and posted on the web.

He praised District staff and digital meters. He cut back on his water like everyone is supposed to and virtually turned off his landscaping. In doing so, he had a distinct drop of 20% to 30%, but he anticipated that he should have gotten more of a decrease. He looked at the new digital meters which are very easy to read. He found that with everything turned off, there was a very noticeable amount of leakage. He turned off the water supply to the house completely and it continued. He called the District and within an hour staff was there looking at it. He was surprised at the quickness of service. It was determined that the leak was downstream of the meter; the meter was apparently reading fine. He stated that digital meters are very easy to use; you don’t need any special software or a computer. You can turn off and identify leaks easily. VWD is there to help; he would tell people that VWD is helping and is not the typical bureaucracy like the DMV or something like that. He thanked the Board.

This item was presented for information only.

SOUTH LAKE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS

Vice President Sannella stated this item was placed on the agenda at Director Hernandez’s request.

Director Hernandez provided his insight pertaining to South Lake over the past several years. He requested the Board consider approving a conditional extension of the lease agreement with the City of San Marcos based on the formation of a joint task force committee made up of members of the District’s Engineering Committee, District Engineer Gumpel and members from the City. The purpose of the task force would be to explore opportunities for South Lake, Discovery Lake and other properties that could contain additional lakes, similar to what’s being done at Santee Lakes. Furthermore, the task force could develop a conceptual master plan to include a feasibility study, preliminary costs, a timeline and phasing, and possible funding sources.
General Manager Lamb provided historical background on South Lake dating back to the time when South Lake was the primary water supply for the downtown area. In 1981 the surface water treatment rule came into effect requiring the District to build a treatment plant, resulting in the closure of South Lake, which has only been fed by rainwater since approximately late 1986. He stated that the District’s consultant, Black & Veatch, will be including information on different water resource options, including South Lake, in their study which will be completed in January 2016.

General discussion took place. During general discussion, it was asked if the City has any near or mid-term plans for South Lake from a recreational standpoint.

San Marcos City Manager Jack Griffin addressed the Board stating that the City is proposing a project, currently in the design phase, located entirely upstream of the lake on City-owned property which overlooks the lake. The project includes a parking facility, a restroom, an overlook, possibly educational signage that would emphasize the value of water as a resource, and would connect to a trail leading down to the lake. He further stated that it is a priority of the City to provide public access to the lake, and that the City would appreciate the District’s extension of the lease agreement which expires at the end of 2015. The City has set aside $750,000 for construction of this project. The Council is being briefed on moving this project forward a year from 2017/18 to 2016/17.

General discussion took place. During general discussion, Director Martin suggested General Manager Lamb and San Marcos City Manager Griffin continue to work together on this issue rather than forming a task force. General Manager Lamb stated that the information forthcoming from Black & Veatch will answer many questions such as preliminary costs and alternatives such as raising the dam.

General Manager Lamb will provide more detailed maps and information on the South Lake area including proposed subdivisions, open spaces, etc. at the next Board meeting.

15-10-03 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Martin, seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried unanimously, with Director Evans absent, to approve the extension of the agreement.

REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER

None.

DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL

None.
SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
None.

ENCINA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

The Policy and Finance Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.
The Capital Improvement Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORTS ON TRAVEL/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS ATTENDED

Director Hernandez reported on his attendance to the WateReuse Symposium and the California Special District Association (CSDA) Annual Conference.

Director Elitharp reported on his attendance to the CSDA Annual Conference. His written report was provided electronically and is on file.

Directors Martin and Sannella reported on their attendance to the District’s desalination workshop which was held on the evening of October 6.

OTHER BUSINESS
None.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Hernandez stated that he had requested the District’s ordinance pertaining to annexation be put on a future agenda. General Manager Lamb stated this topic will be on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(a)
CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (ONE CASE)

Citizens Development Corporation, v. County of San Diego, et al.
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15-10-04 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Hernandez, seconded by Director Elitharp, and carried unanimously, with Director Evans absent, to move into Closed Session pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(a).
REPORT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened to Open Session at the hour of 5:38 p.m. The Board, in Closed Session, received a status report on the litigation and directed counsel to take appropriate action.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Vice President Sannella adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at the hour of 5:39 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Vallecitos Water District Board of Directors has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. at the District office, 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos, California.

Mike Sannella, Vice President
Board of Directors
Vallecitos Water District

ATTEST:

Dennis O. Lamb, Secretary
Board of Directors
Vallecitos Water District