President 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 Evans  
Director Hernandez  
Director Martin  
Director Sannella  

Staff Present: General Manager Pruim  
Assistant General Manager Scaglione  
Legal Counsel Scott  
District Engineer Gumpel  
Finance Manager Fusco  
Operations & Maintenance Manager Pedrazzi  
Accounting Supervisor Owen  
Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins  
Executive Secretary Posvar

ADOPT AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2017

17-02-02 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Martin seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried unanimously, to adopt the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of February 1, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Hunsaker, member of the public, addressed the Board commending staff for the financial reports provided at the Board workshop today. He stated San Marcos, in particular, and VWD have been some of the highest growth areas in the County. The nexus question was brought up during this meeting as to how new capacity is allocated and charges are put in. He emphasized the finance report is far reaching and that the usage factors will need to be recalculated for the 218 process. He thanked the Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Evans requested the minutes of the January 18, 2017 Board meeting be amended to reflect that regarding the San Diego Business Journal Economic Trends 2017 Event, General Manager Pruim and Director Evans had pointed out that prior approval for per diem and expense reimbursement is required as normal procedure. She felt Director Martin had sufficient time to do so and after listening to a recording of
the meeting and having heard Director Hernandez state he had heard from Director Martin that night about the event, she wished to change her vote on that item to no.

Director Martin requested item 1.3 be pulled for further discussion.

17-02-03 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Evans, seconded by Director Martin, and carried unanimously, to approve items 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, and 1.5 of the Consent Calendar as amended with the changes to the minutes of the January 18, 2017 meeting.

1.1 Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Board Meeting – January 4, 2017 (Revised)
B. Regular Board Meeting – January 18, 2017

1.2 Warrant List through February 1, 2017 - $3,034,615.36

1.3 Adoption of Resolution Ordering the Annexation of Certain Properties Designated as the “Brookfield Rancho Coronado Annexation”, APN: 221-091-21, 222-080-09, 222-080-59, 222-170-28, 222-180-27 and 222-190-14, into the Sewer Improvement District

Director Martin stated he received a donation in the form of a check from Rancho Coronado of Brookfield for his election campaign last November. He asked Legal Counsel Scott if he needed to recuse himself from voting on this item, to which Legal Counsel Scott stated he did not.

17-02-04 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Martin, seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried unanimously, to approve item 1.3 of the Consent Calendar as presented.

1.4 Award of Professional Services Agreement for the Montiel Gravity Outfall Project

1.5 Quarterly Board Expenses

ACTION ITEMS

EXECUTIVE ORDER AND DROUGHT EMERGENCY UPDATE

Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins provided a presentation on events that took place during the recent drought, highlighting important dates and actions taken by Governor Brown, the State, the San Diego County Water Authority and this Board:

- California’s Drought Dates
- Emergency Regulations
The Executive Order
Responses to the Executive Order
Making Conservation a California Way of Life
  o Directives implemented within existing authorities
  o New water use targets based on strengthened standards
  o Shortage Planning
  o Water Use Targets
  o CII Performance (Commercial, Industrial and Institutional Measures)
  o Concerns
Vallecitos Water District Ordinance No. 198
  o Permanent Water Use Restrictions

Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins stated the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) plans to decide in February whether to extend the current emergency regulations. The emergency drought regulations for urban areas are set to expire at the end of February, and the SWRCB’s staff is indicating they want to continue with those temporary rules for now while simultaneously putting in place a long-term conservation plan ordered by Governor Brown.

Public Information/Conservation Supervisor Robbins stated the SWRCB will be releasing more information on February 8 after which he will provide an update.

General discussion took place during which General Manager Pruim stated that for San Diego County and from a water supply perspective, the SDCWA has declared an end to the drought. The topic of the District ending its current Drought Response Level 1 will be on the agenda for the February 15 Board meeting for the Board’s consideration.

Mike Hunsaker, member of the public, addressed the Board stating the great water project that was done by Governor Brown Senior was only 60% finished. The part that was not completed was the reservoirs that were to be built. Now we have a serious shortage of reservoirs for our region and the periodic, almost predictable, water going out to the sea. Proposition 1 was supposed to solve this problem. Over Governor Jerry Brown’s objections, included in the bond measure, almost a third of the funds were supposed to go toward reservoirs. It is going to be largely redirected toward cleaning up Northern California areas where there is a lot of marijuana and fertilizer contamination. The Governor has indicated he doesn’t want reservoirs. Many rate payers in Southern California are going to object to that. Mr. Hunsaker stated he doesn’t agree with the lack of tiering for agriculture. He intends to provide staff with information on what marijuana water use is according to the State. He also has washing machine figures that do not make sense with the fees that have been charged. He thanked the Board.

This item was presented for information only.
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCTING THE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 201

General Manager Pruim stated that on January 18 the Board considered an item addressing the Board meeting start time and representation at the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) and Encina Wastewater Authority (EWA). The motion made at that meeting was to have the Regular Board meetings and Board workshops start at 5:00 p.m. The workshop that was held at 2:00 p.m. today was not in violation of this as the revised ordinance has not yet been adopted; however, he wanted to clarify this with the Board. He also requested clarity on the language regarding the SDCWA and EWA representation.

General discussion took place during which it was requested that future Board workshops should not be scheduled on the same day as a Regular Board meeting. It was determined that the intent of the motion was to establish a 5:00 p.m. start time for Board workshops as well as Regular Board meetings.

Director Sannella stated he had requested the language regarding the SDCWA and EWA representation to mirror the language that is in the ordinance regarding the rotation of the Board President in that each Board member would have the opportunity to serve in those positions at least once during their term.

General discussion took place during which the benefit of continuity of the representatives was discussed and that the original language of Ordinance No. 201 already allows each Board member the opportunity to serve on the SDCWA and EWA Boards. Director Martin stated it was important to note that the SDCWA and EWA representative positions provide a $4,000 to $5,000 per year income for the appointed representative.

Mike Hunsaker, member of the public, addressed the Board commenting on their discussion of rotating representation on the San Diego County Water Authority and Encina Wastewater Authority Boards and the ability to gain knowledge and experience by serving.

General discussion took place.

17-02-05 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Sannella, and seconded by Director Martin, to change the proposed new language of the ordinance to state that each elected director will have the opportunity to hold a position on the EWA and SDCWA committees once during their term.

General discussion took place to clarify Director Sannella’s motion.
17-02-06  MOTION WAS MADE by Director Sannella, seconded by Director Martin, and carried 3-2, to change the proposed new language of the ordinance to state that each elected director who desires shall have an opportunity to hold a position on the Encina Wastewater Authority and San Diego County Water Authority Boards at least once during their four-year term.

RESOLUTION CONCURRING IN NOMINATION TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES/JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY (ACWA/JPIA)

General Manager Pruim stated Vista Irrigation District is requesting Vallecitos Water District submit a resolution to concur in the nomination of Paul E. Dorey to the Executive Committee of the ACWA/JPIA.

17-02-07  MOTION WAS MADE by Director Martin, seconded by Director Sannella, and carried unanimously, to adopt a resolution to concur in the nomination of Paul E. Dorey to the Executive Committee of the ACWA/JPIA.

Resolution No. 1510 - The roll call vote was as follows:

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

CALL FOR CANDIDATES – CASA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

General Manager Pruim stated the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) is requesting nominations from CASA members for four open seats on the Board of Directors. Nominations must be submitted by March 15, 2017. A five-member Nominating Committee will recommend a slate of qualified nominees to the Board of Directors for approval no later than June 1.

The Board took no action.

CALIFORNIA WATER POLICY CONFERENCE

General Manager Pruim stated the California Water Policy Conference will be held on April 6 & 7, 2017 in San Diego. The California Water Policy Conference, hosted by the Conference Planning Committee, is not on the list of organizations for which meetings are considered compensable under District Ordinance No. 201; therefore, prior approval for per diem and expense reimbursement is required.

Several of the Directors expressed interest in attending the conference.
17-02-08 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Martin, seconded by Director Sannella, and carried unanimously, to authorize per diem and expenses for attendance to the California Water Policy Conference.

REPORTS

GENERAL MANAGER

General Manager Pruim reported the following:

- The General Manager of Encina Wastewater Authority will provide presentations on their Water Reuse Study and Capital Improvement Program at the February 15 Board meeting.
- The drought response level item will also be on the February 15 agenda for the Board’s consideration.
- A Board workshop is being scheduled for February 13 at 5:00 p.m. to review water demands, future water projections and the Master Plan.
- The SDCWA has ended their drought declaration. Table A water allocation has increased from 45% to 60% which signifies the State is recognizing water conditions are improving.
- The SWRCB will meet on February 8 to consider the extension of the emergency regulations.
- A draft letter concerning pump zone charges has been prepared and will be distributed to the Board for comment. The finalized letter will be mailed to effected customers in the pump zones.
- Lead samples were taken in three local schools on January 25. The results are pending.
- The Department of Homeland Security performed a site assessment at the District offices on January 23. Recommendations are pending.
- The District’s grove property was discussed in Closed Session recently. A refined offer has been received from the same buyer which clarifies the terms of the offer; however, the purchase price has not changed. The consensus of the Board was not to further consider the offer.

DISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL

None.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Director Evans reported that the summary of the January 26 Board meeting was distributed to the Board and that the SDCWA has declared the drought over in San
Diego. She stated she has been appointed as a delegate to the JPIA which is a joint venture with the City of San Diego, SDCWA and the Conservation Waterwise Garden.

ENCINA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

None.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Director Martin reported on his attendance to the Finance/Investment Committee meeting on January 24 at which dates for Committee meetings and budget workshops were discussed.

Finance/Investment Committee meetings are scheduled on February 22 and March 29.

Director Sannella stated he is currently drafting a cost reduction and efficiency plan that he would like to discuss at the February 22 Finance/Investment Committee meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORTS ON TRAVEL/CONFERENCES/SEMINARS ATTENDED

Directors Martin and Hernandez reported on their attendance to the California Association of Sanitation Agencies conference on January 19-20.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Evans thanked General Manager Pruim for being proactive and providing information on the California Water Policy Conference.

Directors Sannella and Elitharp commented on the improvements made to the District’s website to give our customers easier access to Board meeting minutes and videos.

It was clarified that the next Board workshop is scheduled for February 13 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, President Elitharp adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors at the hour of 6:30 p.m.
A Regular Meeting of the Vallecitos Water District Board of Directors has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. at the District office, 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos, California.

Craig Elitharp, President
Board of Directors
Vallecitos Water District

ATTEST:

Glenn Pruim, Secretary
Board of Directors
Vallecitos Water District