



Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District
April 8, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.
Location: District Office

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

President Szu Pei Lu-Yang
Vice President John Bellah
Director Anthony J. Lima
Director Teresa P. Rios
Director Robert W. Lewis

ABSENT:

None.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Janet Morningstar, Legal Counsel
Joe Ruzicka, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Erin La Combe Gilhuly, CV Strategies
David and Teri Malkin, Residents

ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT STAFF

Ken Deck, General Manager
Ted Carrera, Assistant General Manager
Tom Coleman, Assistant General Manager
Rose Perea, Director of Administrative Services
Sean Henry, Finance Officer

ADDITION(S) TO THE AGENDA

Upon motion by Director Lewis seconded by Director Lima, and unanimously carried, the Board made a finding that the availability of certain water rights in the Main San Gabriel Basin for sale, came to the attention of staff after the posting of the agenda and that, in order to consider the purchase of those water rights, the Board would need to discuss the purchase, and instruct the District's negotiator, Ken Deck regarding price and terms, prior to the next scheduled Board meeting. The motion added the consideration of purchase of the water rights to the agenda as a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8. The item "Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8" was added to the Agenda at Tab 8.

Ayes: Directors Lu-Yang, Bellah, Lima, Lewis and Rios
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Resident, Teri Malkin, highly commended District service personnel on their knowledge and the courteous interaction she experienced with them when they were repairing a fire hydrant. Mr. Malkin presented information on the new hotel which is proposed to be built on the old Rowland Ranch property. The proposed project will consist of a six-story Sheraton Hotel with 280 short-term stay rooms and 220 long-term stay rooms. He provided draft plans for review.

Tab 1 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Director Lima, seconded by Director Lewis, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved.

Ayes: Directors Lu-Yang, Bellah, Lima, Lewis and Rios
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

The approval of the Consent Calendar included:

1.1

Approval of the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Held on March 11, 2014

1.2

Approval of the Minutes of Special Board Meeting Held on March 25, 2014

1.3

Demands on General Fund Account for March 2014

1.4

Investment Report for March 2014

1.5

Water Purchases for February 2014

Special Board Meeting – Budget Workshop	April 22, 2014, 5:00 p.m.
Special Board Meeting – President’s Dinner	April 29, 2014, 5:00 p.m.
Next Regular Board Meeting	May 13, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Tab 2 - ACTION ITEMS

2.1

Approve Directors’ Meeting Reimbursements for March 2014

Upon motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Lima, the Directors’ Meeting Reimbursement Report was unanimously approved.

Ayes: Directors Lu-Yang, Bellah, Lima, Lewis and Rios
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

2.2

Public Relations (Rose Perea)

- The District's entry from Nogales High School won second place in the "Water Conservation Contest" (Video and Digital Art), which targets Middle School and High School Students. The second place award is \$400.00. A presentation of the check will be made at the May 13, 2014 regular Board meeting. Mr. Ellison, the teacher at Nogales, has been contacted to confirm that they will be able to attend.

- **Communications Outreach (CV Strategies)**
Erin La Combe Gilhuly, CV Strategies, reported that the press release on "New Source Water", groundwater potable supply, was distributed on March 25, 2014. She also distributed "Drought" information cards to all Directors to be added to the previously provided information cards. Additional press releases on Bellflower-Somerset support and shared services and the lobby improvements are in the process of being finalized.

- **Education Update**
Director Lima referred to the Public Affairs and Education Update which is included in the Board packet and urged the Board to review it. He noted that it contained valuable information and feedback on the public outreach and school programs the District is participating in and also new information contained on the District's website.

2.3

Discussion of Upcoming Conferences, Workshops, or Events (Including Items that May Have Arisen after the Posting of the Agenda)

- ACWA Spring Conference, Monterey, CA, May 6-9, 2014
Staff confirmed the attendance of Directors Lu-Yang, Bellah and Lewis at the conference.

- CSDA Special Districts Legislative Days, Sacramento, CA May 20-21, 2014
Staff was asked to register Director Lewis for the conference.

Tab 3 LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

3.1

Updates on Legislative Issues

Nothing to report.

Tab 4 REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to report.

Tab 5 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1

Three Valleys Municipal Water District

President Lu-Yang reported on her attendance at the April 2, 2014 Board meeting and reported that a presentation was made on the Cadiz Project. Director Lima reported on the presentation made by the engineer for the Six Basins Watermaster and noted that they are developing a model of the Basin. The May 7, 2014 meeting has been cancelled, due to the date conflicting with the ACWA Spring Conference.

5.2

Joint Powers Insurance Authority

Nothing to report.

5.3

Association of California Water Agencies

Nothing to report.

5.4

Puente Basin Water Agency

Director Lima reported that the next meeting will be held on April 10, 2014. Mr. Deck reported that construction of the Harbor Boulevard 24” pipeline will commence on April 14, 2014 and it is estimated that it will take approximately 270 working days to complete.

5.5

Project Ad-Hoc Committee

Nothing to report.

5.6

Regional Chamber of Commerce

Nothing to report.

5.7

PWR Joint Water Line Commission

Nothing to report. Next meeting will be held in June, 2014.

5.8

Sheriff's Community Advisory Council

Nothing to report.

5.9

Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council

Nothing to report.

Tab 6 OTHER REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMENTS

6.1

Personnel Report

General Manager, Ken Deck, reported that Joshua Clark, Customer Service Representative I, has a new baby born last week. General Services Worker, Jonathan Vasquez, is doing an excellent job at this newly created position.

6.2

Engineer's Report

Mr. Carrera reported that following the recent 5.1 earthquake with its epicenter in the City of La Habra, approximately one (1) mile to the South of the District Headquarters, District personnel mobilized and inspected all reservoir and booster station sites. There were no breaks and no visible damage directly attributable to the earthquake. Although cell sites were down, texting was very effective in communicating between members of staff.

Tab 7 ATTORNEY’S REPORT (Ms. Morningstar)

Legal counsel, Janet Morningstar, reported that she is a member of the Water Emergency Response for Orange County (WEROC). Although the 5.1 Earthquake in La Habra met the criteria for activating the Emergency Operations Centers; there was no significant damage or need to activate the team.

Tab 8 CLOSED SESSION

President Lu-Yang adjourned the meeting to closed session at 6:52 p.m. Legal counsel, Janet Morningstar, announced that the closed session was being held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 in order to confer with the District’s negotiator in connection with the purchase of water rights.

Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: Purchase of Water Rights in the Main San Gabriel Basin
District Negotiator: Ken Deck, General Manager
Negotiating Parties: Aqua Capital and Cal Domestic Water Company
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

Upon returning to open session, legal counsel reported that the Board directed the District Negotiator, Ken Deck, with respect to the price and terms on which he is authorized to negotiate for the purchase of water rights in the Main San Gabriel Basin.

The closed session was adjourned and the Board resumed the meeting in open session at 7:08 p.m.

Directors’ and General Manager’s Comments

None.

Future Agenda Items

- Kiwanis Club “Ribfest 2014” Sponsorship

Late Business

None.

A motion was made by Director Lima, seconded by Director Rios, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

SZU PEI LU-YANG
Board President

Attest: _____
KEN DECK
Board Secretary