



Minutes of the Special Meeting of
the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District

March 27, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.
Location: District Office

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

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

ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Erin LaCombe-Gilhuly, CV Strategies

ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT STAFF:

Tom Coleman, General Manager
Rose Perea, Director of Administrative Services
Dave Warren, Director of Operations
Sean Henry, Finance Officer

ADDITION(S) TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

COMMENTS:

None.

Tab 1 ACTION ITEMS

1.1

Update on Legislative Issues:

General Manager, Tom Coleman, presented a Power Point presentation: “2018 Legislation Update” and reviewed the proposed effects of a state tax on drinking water if SB 623 (Monning) and the Budget Trailer Bill – Public Goods Charge/Water Tax were to pass. The District lobbyist, Bob Reeb, participated in the meeting via conference call and provided supplemental information. He advised that ACWA is leading a large campaign against the Bill and suggested that the District’s public relations representative prepare an “education piece” for circulation.

With respect to AB1668 (Friedman, Hertzberg and Skinner) Water Management Planning and SB606 (Skinner, Hertzberg and Friedman) Water Management Planning Mr. Reeb provided “draft” proposed amendments for State Legislative Committee discussion to the surviving pieces of the Governor’s legislation “Water Conservation a Way of Life”. He advised that this would have significant cost exposure to urban water suppliers in connection with Commercial-Industrial-Institutional (CII) water service and provides disincentives for the use of recycled water.

Mr. Reeb also discussed AB2050 (Caballero) Small Water Authority Act of 2018 and advised that the State is putting pressure on larger agencies to absorb smaller agencies, particularly in the Central Valley. SB988 (Dodd) Water Shutoffs – amendments have been offered. This Bill provides a one-size-fits-all for termination of water service and requires that urban water suppliers have a written termination policy. ACWA is prepared to oppose unless substantial amendments are provided.

1.2

Review of Wireless Communications Facility Site Option and Lease Agreement

Director of Operations, Dave Warren, provided background information on the Lease Agreement and presented a “Google” visual of the proposed location of the site. No action was required by the Board.

1.3

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

- 2018 ACWA Spring Conference, May 8-11, 2018, Sacramento Convention Center, Sacramento, CA
Staff was asked to make reservations for Directors Lewis and Bellah.

1.4

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (One Case)

No discussion on this item.

Directors' and General Manager's Comments

General Manager confirmed with the Board which members would be attending the OPARC event on April 6, 2018 in Claremont, California and the retirement luncheon for Walnut Valley Water Agency's General Manager, Mike Holmes, on May 3, 2018. Staff was asked to confirm the reservations for those attending.

Future Agenda Items

None.

Late Business

None.

Next Regular Board Meeting

April 10, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Director Lima, seconded by Director Rios, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

SZU PEI LU-YANG
Board President

Attest: _____
TOM COLEMAN
Board Secretary