



Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District
October 14, 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:

Joseph P. Byrne, Legal Counsel, Best Best & Krieger
Dan Horan, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Joe Ruzicka, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Kirk Howie, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Ashley Hudgens, CV Strategies
Harry Peterson, Resident
David Malkin, Residents

ROWLAND WATER DISTRICT STAFF

Ken Deck, General Manager
Tom Coleman, Assistant General Manager
Rose Perea, Director of Administrative Services

ADDITION(S) TO THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

Tab 1 - CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Lima, 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 September 9, 2014

1.2

Approval of the Minutes of Special Board Meeting Held on September 23, 2014

1.3

Demands on General Fund Account for August 2014

1.4

Demands on General Fund Account for September 2014

1.5

Investment Report for August 2014

1.6

Investment Report for September 2014

1.7

Water Purchases for August 2014

Next Special Board Meeting
Next Regular Board Meeting

October 21, 2014, 5:00 p.m.
November 4, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Tab 2 - ACTION ITEMS

2.1

Approve Directors' Meeting Reimbursements for September 2014

Upon motion by Director Lima, seconded by Director Lewis, the Directors' Meeting Reimbursement Report was approved as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

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

2.2

Introduction and Presentation of New Legal Counsel to Represent the Rowland Water District

General Manager, Ken Deck, introduced Mr. Joseph P. Byrne, Best Best & Krieger (BB&K), Attorneys at Law, as the legal counsel selected by staff following consideration of the Requests for Proposal submitted by various law firms. He noted that Mr. Byrne will be the “partner-in-charge” for all legal work assigned by the District. Mr. Byrne provided information on his background and advised that his practice at BB&K is exclusively a water-related practice. The highly-qualified and diverse team of attorneys available to the District will be able to address the legal needs of the District. The Board welcomed Mr. Byrne on board and looks forward to a very effective working relationship.

2.3

Approve Tom Coleman, Rosemarie Perea, Sean Henry, Anthony J. Lima and Robert W. Lewis as Authorized Signatories on Behalf of the Rowland Water District

After discussion and upon motion by Director Bellah, seconded by Director Lima, the Board unanimously approved the above-named signatories to sign on behalf of the Rowland Water District.

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

2.4

Authorize Staff to Enter Into “Term Sheet for Proposed Water Treatment and Delivery Agreement Puente Valley Operable Unit Intermediate Zone Project”

Mr. Deck described the current working relationship between the Rowland Water District, Puente Basin Water Agency (Rowland Water District and Walnut Valley Water District), Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation and La Puente Valley County Water District. He noted that the “Term Sheet” provides an outline and guidelines for the parties involved as the project moves forward. Staff requested that the Board authorize Rowland to independently move forward with this project whether Walnut Valley Water District agrees to proceed or not.

After discussion and upon motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Lima, the Board unanimously authorized staff to enter into the “Term Sheet for Proposed Water Treatment and Delivery Agreement Puente Valley Operable Unit Intermediate Zone Project” whether Walnut Valley Water District is a party to the Agreement or not.

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

2.5

Public Relations

Mrs. Perea reported that the school year has started and the schools are all very eager to take advantage of the classroom presentations that Brittanie brings to the schools. To date, there are four schools (which include 17 classrooms) signed up for presentations during the next two months. The Project Wet Teacher Workshop is set for October 28, 2014 and the District has ten (10) teachers from schools within the service area who have signed up to attend. Brittanie has received several calls on the \$750 Edu Grant available to teachers and she is assisting those teachers with the completion of the application which is due November 15, 2014.

- **Communications Update.** Ashley Hudgens, CV Strategies, reported that the Press Release on the debt refinance had been distributed to the attention of ACWA as well as other local association publications and that the Buckboard Days Parade outreach materials have been completed.

- **Education Update**
Director Lewis referred the Board to the Public Affairs and Education Update and to the 220 students that will be reached through November 5, 2014.

2.6

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

- **ACWA Fall Conference, December 2-5, 2014, San Diego, CA**
Staff was asked to register Directors Lewis, Bellah, Lima, and Lu-Yang to attend.

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 advised that she had attended the September 17, 2014 Board meeting and reported that Mt. San Antonio College made a presentation of their Water Conservation Project and on the overall conservation efforts throughout the campus. Director Lima reported that the Chino Basin Watermaster also made a presentation at the meeting and that Three Valleys advised that they are moving forward with the design of well number three..

5.2

Puente Basin Water Agency

Director Lima reported on the September 9, 2014, meeting and noted that the status of the various projects was reported. Director Lewis reported that an update on the Federal and IRWM Grants was provided. Mr. Deck reported that he, Mr. Coleman and Mrs. Perea had met with staff from the Pomona Fairplex to discuss the possibility of entering into mutually beneficial projects between the Agency and the Pomona Fairplex.

5.3

Joint Powers Insurance Authority

Nothing to report.

5.4

Association of California Water Agencies

Director Lewis reported that the Executive Committee had voted unanimously to support the new Water Bond which will be included on the November ballot.

5.5

Project Ad-Hoc Committee

President Lu-Yang reported that on-going projects were discussed as well as the finalists for consideration as legal counsel to represent the District.

5.6

Regional Chamber of Commerce

Director Lewis reported on his attendance at the Government Affairs Committee meeting held on October 13, 2014 and that the major topic of discussion was Proposition P which will be included in the November ballot. The Government Affairs Committee recommended support of the Proposition.

5.7

PWR Joint Water Line Commission

Nothing to report. The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2014, 3:30 p.m. at Walnut Valley Water District.

5.8

Sheriff's Community Advisory Council

President Lu-Yang reported on the meeting held on September 24, 2014. She advised that the community is putting forth considerable effort to address the issue of homelessness. She reported that the crime rate is lower and that the Sheriff's Department now has more patrol cars on the road due to the fact that Walnut is now a training facility for the Sheriff's Department in the Rowland Heights area.

5.9

Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council

Nothing to report.

Tab 6 OTHER REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMENTS

6.1

Personnel Report

Nothing to report.

6.2

Engineer's Report

Mr. Deck reported that in connection with the pipeline being installed along Harbor Boulevard, the City of La Habra has asked that the paving be completed prior to Halloween and that the contractor has noted that this will not be a problem.

Tab 7 ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

Directors' and General Manager's Comments

- Director Rios asked whether the Kiosk was operational and was advised that it is. She advised that one of her constituents had communicated to her that she was provided with exceptional customer service by Josh Clark, Customer Service Representative I.
- President Lu-Yang advised that the For-Us Foundation will hold a fundraiser on November 22, 2014 at Rowland High School and that the annual Casino Night fundraiser will be held in March 2015.

Future Agenda Items

None.

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 6:57 p.m.

SZU PEI LU-YANG
Board President

Attest: _____
KEN DECK
Board Secretary