



Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the Board of Directors of the Rowland Water District
September 9, 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:

Dan Horan, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Joe Ruzicka, Three Valleys Municipal Water District
Erin La Combe Gilhuly, CV Strategies
Harry Peterson, Resident
David Malkin, Residents
Stephen Blagden, Resident

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

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Resident, Steven Blagden, provided comments on the La Habra Interconnection.

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 August 12, 2014

1.2

Approval of the Minutes of Special Board Meeting Held on August 19, 2014, as amended

1.3

Water Purchases for July 2014

Next Special Board Meeting	September 23, 2014, 5:00 p.m.
Next Regular Board Meeting	October 14, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Tab 2 - ACTION ITEMS

2.1

Approve Directors' Meeting Reimbursements for August 2014

Upon motion by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Lima, 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

PUBLIC HEARING: Open Public Hearing to address comments in connection with the adoption of Resolution No. 9-2014 Declaring a Level Two Water Supply Shortage and Instituting Level Two Conservation Requirements

President Lu-Yang opened the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m.

General Manager, Ken Deck, explained the recent mandates imposed by the State Water Resources Control Board and that the Public Hearing on the proposed adoption of a Level 2 Water Supply Shortage was published in the local newspaper on September 2, 2014. A Notice of Adoption of the Level 2 Water Supply Shortage will be published prior to September 15, 2014, and a direct mailing setting forth the mandatory restrictions will be sent to all District customers.

Resident, Stephen Blagden, requested clarification on the fines to be imposed. Mr. Deck advised that the District is urging its customers to continue to conserve and that he anticipates their cooperation in complying with the mandate and does not anticipate having to impose fines.

President Lu-Yang closed the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m.

2.3

Adopt Resolution No. 9-2014 Declaring a Level Two Water Supply Shortage and Instituting Level Two Conservation Requirements

After discussion and upon motion by Director Lima, seconded by Director Rios, the Board approved Resolution No. 9-2014. The motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

AYES:	Directors Lima, Lu-Yang, Lewis, Bellah and Rios
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.

2.4

Consider Sponsorship of the Youth Science Center at Wedgeworth Elementary in the amount of \$2,500.00

After discussion, upon motion made by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Bellah, the Board unanimously approved the sponsorship of the Youth Science Center at Wedgeworth Elementary in the amount of \$2,500.00.

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

2.5

Nomination of a Committee by Board President, Szu Pei Lu-Yang, for the Purpose of Interviewing Prospective Legal Counsel to Represent the Rowland Water District

It was the consensus of the Board that a committee was not necessary. It was staff's recommendation that the "Requests for Proposal" be reviewed by staff and that they provide the Board with their recommendation at the October 14, 2014 Board meeting. The Board requested that the firm chosen have a representatives present at the October 14, 2014 meeting.

2.6

Public Relations

Mrs. Perea reported that the Project Wet Teachers' workshop is schedule in October and that she is hopeful that we have participation from teachers in our District.

- **Communications Update.** Erin La Combe Gilhuly, CV Strategies, reported that the Press Release on the mandated conservation measures will be distributed on September 10, 2014 and that the telephone "on-hold" message will provide information on the restrictions and advise that a direct mailer will be sent to each District customer.
- **Education Update**
Director Lewis commented that the graphs on the website visits and page views as well as the graphs showing new vs. returning visitors are very informative.

2.7

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

- **LAFCO 101: Understanding the Basics, October 15, 2014, 9:30 a.m. – Noon, Doubletree by Hilton, Ontario Airport**
Staff was asked to register Directors Lewis, Bellah and Rios to attend.
- **2014 Rowland Heights Chinese Association Anniversary Banquet and Fundraising Sponsorship, September 27, 2014, 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm, Royal Vista Golf Course**
No registrations requested.

Tab 3 LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

3.1

Updates on Legislative Issues

For information purposes only.

Tab 4 REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter to Republic of the Philippines Mabalacat City Water District
- Letter to Republic of the Philippines San Pablo City Water District

Provided for information purposes only.

Tab 5 COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1

Three Valleys Municipal Water District

Director Lima reported on his attendance at the September 3, 2014 Board workshop and that Tony Zampielo, Main San Gabriel Basin Watermaster CEO, provided information on the decreasing water levels. President Lu-Yang reported that a representative from the office of Congresswoman Grace Napolitano made a presentation at the workshop entitled “*Servicing the Community*” and solicited sponsorships for 16-18 year old “at-risk” youth

5.2

Puente Basin Water Agency

The next meeting will be held on September 11, 2014, 7:00 a.m., at Walnut Valley Water District.

5.3

Joint Powers Insurance Authority

Nothing to report.

5.4

Association of California Water Agencies

Nothing to report.

5.5

Project Ad-Hoc Committee

Nothing to report.

5.6

Regional Chamber of Commerce

Director Lewis reported on his attendance at the Government Affairs Committee meeting held on September 8, 2014 and that the Committee was in support of Proposition 1 on the Ballot as well as the abbreviated version of the Water Bond.

5.7

PWR Joint Water Line Commission

Nothing to report. The next meeting is scheduled in October 2014.

5.8

Sheriff's Community Advisory Council

Nothing to report. The next meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2014.

5.9

Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council

Director Rios reported on the meeting held on September 8, 2014. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department advised that the crime rate in Rowland Heights is down five percent (5%) and that a representative from Supervisor Don Knabe's Office reported that the Pathfinder Community Center is sixty percent (60%) complete. A meeting at Jellick Elementary will be held on September 16, 2014 to provide an update and information on the Fullerton Road Grade Separation. A member from the San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness was present and solicited volunteers to count the number of homeless in Rowland Heights. It is their objective to help the homeless in the Rowland Heights area. President Lu Yang advised that proposed changes to the Diamond Plaza were presented.

Tab 6 OTHER REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS AND COMMENTS

6.1

Personnel Report

Nothing to report.

6.2

Engineer's Report

Nothing to report.

Tab 7 ATTORNEY'S REPORT (Ms. Morningstar)

Nothing to report.

Directors' and General Manager's Comments

- Director Lewis reported that Senator Huff's "Water Forum" will be held on October 17, 2014 at Embassy Suites in Brea.
- General Manager, Ken Deck, advised that the Bond Refunding went well. The annual savings anticipated were approximately \$172,000 and the actual savings were closer to \$190,000; interest rate went from 6% to 3.5% and savings for the term of the bond will be approximately \$2.8 million.
- Mr. Deck has been nominated to the Puente Basin Watermaster Board to represent the City of Industry.

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 6:56 p.m.

SZU PEI LU-YANG
Board President

Attest: _____
KEN DECK
Board Secretary