

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
WALNUT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

**January 23, 2014
At the Offices of the District**

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Barbara A. Carrera, President
Theodore L. Ebenkamp
Scarlett P. Kwong
Allen L. Wu

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Edwin Hilden

STAFF PRESENT:

Michael Holmes, General Manager
Erik Hitchman, Assistant General Manager/Chief Engineer
Brian Teuber, Director of Finance
Gabriela Sanchez, Executive Secretary
Carmen Fleming, Executive Assistant
Timothy Gosney, Legal Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 4:16 p.m. with President Carrera presiding.

Guest and others in attendance: Ms. Heather C. Beatty of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California joined the meeting via a teleconference.

Item 3: Public Comment –President Carrera

- ◆ There were no requests.

Item 4: San Diego County Water Authority v. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Information Only)

- ◆ Ms. Heather C. Beatty of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California joined the meeting via teleconference and briefed the Board on the current status of the first phase of the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) v. MWD of Southern California litigation. She indicated that a second phase of the trial may be scheduled pending any appeals of the decisions.

Item 5: Review of SB 751, “An Act to Amend Section 54953 of the Government Code relating to Local Government” (Review and Training Provided by District Legal Counsel)

- ◆ By way of background, SB 751 was amended to include an amendment to the Brown Act. Legal Counsel briefed the Board on this legislative update, indicating the Board of Directors must publicly report any action taken and report the vote or abstention of each Board member who is present for the action. Additionally, Mr. Gosney recommended that after a motion is approved by the Board, the chair of the meeting should report a brief summary of the approved action. As this was an informational item only, no Board action was required.

Item 6: Authorize the General Manager to Select a Consultant and Execute a Public Outreach Contract with a Qualified Firm

- ◆ The Board was asked to authorize the General Manager to select a qualified consultant to assist the District in developing the outreach campaign related to the adoption and implementation of a rate structure and to execute a contract with the consultant in a not-to-exceed amount of \$75,000 (based on the proposals received). Staff’s recommendation also included a request to authorize the appropriation of \$75,000 from the General Fund.
- ◆ Staff noted that the selected public outreach consultant will run concurrently with the rate study process, as is the desire of the Board. Discussion was held regarding the pre-educational component of the rate study process and the importance of diversified and multicultural public outreach efforts.

Motion No. 14-01-588: *Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Ebenkamp, seconded by Director Wu and unanimously carried (4-0), to authorize the appropriation of \$75,000 from the General Fund, and to authorize the General Manager to select and execute a contract in an amount not-to-exceed \$75,000 with a qualified consultant to engage in public outreach.*

President Carrera indicated Motion No. 14-01-588 was approved by a 4-0 vote

Adjournment at 5:12 p.m

Motion No. 14-01-589: *Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Ebenkamp, seconded by Director Wu and unanimously carried (4-0), to adjourn the meeting.*

President Carrera indicated Motion No. 14-01-589 was approved by a 4-0 vote