

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

**January 19, 2017
At the Offices of the District**

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Theodore L. Ebenkamp
Edwin Hilden
Theresa Lee
Allen Wu

STAFF PRESENT:

Michael Holmes, General Manager
Erik Hitchman, Assistant General Manager/Chief Engineer
Brian Teuber, Director of Finance
Sandra Olson, Director of Administrative Services
Donna DiLaura, Executive Secretary
Andy Turner, Legal Counsel (by telephone)

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Scarlett Kwong

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. with President Allen Wu presiding.

Item 3: Public Comment – President Kwong

- ◆ There were no requests for public comment. (Item 3)

Item 4: Discussion Regarding Formation of the Spadra Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

- ◆ After a review of the Spadra Groundwater Basin, relative to District operations and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, the Board was asked to approve the General Manager signing the Memorandum of Agreement to Establish a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Spadra Groundwater Basin. (Item 4)

Motion No. 17-01-1034: Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Ebenkamp, seconded by Director Hilden, to approve the General Manager signing the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to Establish a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Spadra Groundwater Basin. Following additional discussion on related costs and possible revisions to the MOA, motion was amended by Director Ebenkamp, seconded by Director Hilden, and unanimously carried (4-0), to approve the General Manager signing the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to Establish a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Spadra Groundwater Basin, approval of a \$2,500.00 contribution for related costs, and authorization for the General Manager to approve any necessary minor revisions to the MOA. (Item 4)

President Wu indicated Motion No. 17-01-1034 was approved by a (4-0) vote

Item 5: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Drought Rate Surcharges Recommended to be Discontinued Effective through January 1, 2017

- ◆ After a discussion on the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) emergency regulations related to mandated statewide reduction in water use, and the District's response to the mandates, the Board was asked to consider discontinuing the Drought Rate Surcharges (Stage 1) effective January 1, 2017. In response to a question by the Board, Mr. Teuber confirmed that District customers have not yet been billed for the month of January; therefore, the change will be reflected in the January billing. Additionally, he noted that a notice will be included on the District's website and in the February bill announcing the discontinued surcharge. (Item 5)

Motion No. 17-01-1035: Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Wu, seconded by Director Lee and unanimously carried (4-0), to discontinue the Drought Rate Surcharges, effective January 1, 2017. (Item 5)

President Wu indicated Motion No. 17-01-1035 was approved by a (4-0) vote

Item 6: Update on SB 1535 – Changing Elections from Odd-Numbered Years to Even-Numbered Years

- ◆ As an informational item only, Mr. Holmes reported that he contacted the County Clerk to inquire as to the process of notifying residents in the District's service area about the change in election dates. He was advised that the County Clerk will mail postcards to each registered voter, notifying them of the change, and will then invoice the District for the associated costs. Mr. Holmes noted that no action is required to approve this, because the process is mandated by state law. (Item 6)

Adjournment at 4:45 p.m.

Motion No: 17-01-1036: Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Ebenkamp, seconded by Director Hilden and unanimously carried (4-0), to adjourn the meeting.

President Wu indicated Motion No. 17-01-1036 was approved by a (4-0) vote