

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

**September 22, 2016
At the Offices of the District**

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Theodore L. Ebenkamp
Edwin Hilden
Theresa Lee
Allen Wu

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Scarlett Kwong, President

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
Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel (by telephone)

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. with Vice President Wu presiding.

Guests and others in attendance: Mr. Tom Monk and Mr. Joseph Yersky, District employees.

Item 3: Public Comment – President Kwong

- ◆ There were no requests for public comment.

Item 4: Presentation of Plaque on the Occasion of Mr. Joseph A. Yersky's Retirement from the District

- ◆ The General Manager introduced Mr. Yersky, Cross-Connection Specialist, and read a biography of his career with the District. The Board then presented a plaque to Mr. Yersky, took a few photographs with him, and gave accolades for his thirty years of service to the District. Both the General Manager and Mr. Yersky's supervisor, Mr. Tom Monk, expressed their appreciation for a job well done!

Item 5: Discussion and Consideration to Adopt Resolution No. 09-16-632 in Opposition of Proposition 53

- ◆ The Board was asked to consider adoption of Resolution No. 09-16-632, in opposition of Proposition 53. The General Manager and Legal Counsel provided a brief review of the key aspects of Proposition 53. This measure, if approved, would amend the California Constitution to require statewide voter approval of state-related infrastructure projects financed through revenue bonds over \$2 billion.

Motion No. 16-09-981: *Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Hilden, seconded by Director Ebenkamp and unanimously carried (4-0), by the roll call vote noted below, to adopt Resolution No. 09-16-632 in opposition of Proposition 53. (Item 5)*

*Aye: Ebenkamp, Hilden, Lee, Wu
No: None
Absent: Kwong*

Vice President Wu indicated Motion No. 16-09-981, to adopt Resolution No. 09-16-932, was approved by a (4-0) vote

Item 6: Discussion, Consideration and Action on the Possible Adjustment or Revocation of the District's Drought Rate Surcharge, Effective October 1, 2016 (Adjusted Rates to be Within Previously Approved Rate Structure)

Following a presentation and lengthy discussion, relative to rates, water supply conditions, and continued water conservation messaging, further discussion and any action on the District's Drought Rate Surcharge was deferred to a future meeting. Staff was asked to provide additional information on statewide water supply, statewide drought status, surrounding water districts' drought status and surcharges.

Additionally, Director Lee asked if she should recuse herself from voting on this item due to the fact that she currently pays for the surcharge. Legal Counsel explained that, in this case, no conflict-of-interest exists because it is a rate issue that applies to all District customers. Therefore, the "public generally" exception under the Fair Political Practices Commission's regulations applies. The General Manager thanked Director Lee for her inquiry.

Adjournment at 4:43 p.m.

Motion No: 16-09-982: *Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Hilden, seconded by Director Ebenkamp and unanimously carried (4-0), to adjourn the meeting.*

Vice President Wu indicated Motion No. 16-09-982 was approved by a (4-0) vote