

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

**September 18, 2014
At the Offices of the District**

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Barbara A. Carrera, President
Theodore L. Ebenkamp
Edwin Hilden
Scarlett P. Kwong
Allen L. Wu (arrived at 4:16 p.m.)

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Michael Holmes, General Manager
Erik Hitchman, Assistant General Manager/Chief
Engineer
Brian Teuber, Director of Finance
Sandra Olson, Director of Administrative Services
Gabriela Sanchez, Executive Secretary
Jose Martinez, Administrative Services Manager
Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with President Carrera presiding.

There were no guests in attendance

Item 3: Public Comment –President Carrera

- ◆ There were no requests.

Item 4: Schedule Public Meeting for Proposition 218 Public Hearing

- ◆ The Board was asked to schedule a Public Hearing for consideration of a water rate adjustment for Wednesday, November 19, 5:00 p.m., at the South Coast Air Quality Management District facility, and to schedule an adjourned public meeting that would be held on Monday, November 24, 2014, if needed.

Motion No. 14-09-677: Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Ebenkamp, seconded by Director Hilden and carried (4-0), to schedule the public hearing for consideration of a water rate adjustment at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2014, at the South Coast Air Quality Management District facility, and to schedule an adjourned public meeting that would be held on Monday, November 24, 2014, at 5:00 p.m., if needed. (Item 4)

President Carrera indicated Motion No. 14-09-677 was approved by a (4-0) vote

Item 5: Review and Revise the Final Draft of the Proposition 218 Notice

- ◆ The Board was asked to review and revise the final draft of the Proposition 218 Notice, and approve as revised, the final version of that notice, to direct staff to make final changes, and to direct that the notices be printed and mailed to customers and property owners at least 45 days prior to the scheduled November 19, 2014 public hearing.
- ◆ Staff reviewed AB 3030 and shared the requirements entailed in the Proposition 218 process. The Board then conducted a page-by-page review of the notice and made suggestions for revision. (Director Wu arrived at 4:16 p.m. during Board review of the notice)
- ◆ As a community outreach effort, a Director request was made to schedule a town hall meeting on October 23, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. in the WVWD Board room, to allow customers to voice their opinions and ask questions they may have regarding the proposed rate adjustment.

Motion No. 14-09-678: Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Ebenkamp, seconded by Director Hilden and carried (4-1) by the roll call vote noted below, to approve the Proposition 218 Notice as revised, to direct staff to implement final changes and modifications, and to direct staff to have the notices printed and mailed to customers and property owners at least 45 days prior to the scheduled November 19, 2014 public hearing.

Ayes: Carrera, Ebenkamp, Hilden, Kwong

No: Wu

Absent: None

Motion Passed (4-1)

President Carrera indicated Motion No. 14-09-678 was approved by a (4-1) roll call vote, with Directors Carrera, Ebenkamp, Hilden, and Kwong voting “yes,” and Director Wu voting “no”

Item 6: Preliminary Approval of District Rate Study Including Drought Rate Surcharge Analysis and Rates

- ◆ The Board was asked to give preliminary approval of the District Rate Study, including the Drought Rate Surcharge Analysis and Rates, which supports the rates proposed in the District’s Proposition 218 notice.
- ◆ Staff indicated that the Comprehensive Water Rate Study report summarizes the key findings and results related to the development of the financial plans and associated water rates for the District.
- ◆ The Board reviewed the rate study and provided suggestions for revisions.

Motion No. 14-09-679: *Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Ebenkamp, seconded by Director Hilden and carried (4-1) by the roll call vote noted below, to give preliminary approval to the District Rate Study and Drought Rate Surcharge Analysis and Rates, as revised. (Item 6)*

Ayes: Carrera, Ebenkamp, Hilden, Kwong

No: Wu

Absent: None

Motion Passed (4-1)

President Carrera indicated Motion No. 14-09-679 was approved by a (4-1) roll call vote, with Directors Carrera, Ebenkamp, Hilden, and Kwong voting “yes,” and Director Wu voting “no”

- ◆ Mr. Holmes took a moment to advise the Board that as part of the District’s Proposition 218 outreach efforts, meetings will be offered as accepted with local municipalities and school districts to provide “staff to staff” and public meeting presentations throughout the month of October and early November.

Adjournment at 5:08 p.m.

Motion No. 14-09-680: *Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Ebenkamp, seconded by Director Wu and carried (5-0) to adjourn the meeting.*

President Carrera indicated Motion No. 14-09-680 was approved by a (5-0) vote