

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

**October 16, 2019  
At the Offices of the District**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Theodore L. Ebenkamp  
Edwin Hilden  
Scarlett Kwong  
Theresa Lee  
Jerry Tang

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Erik Hitchman, General Manager/Chief Engineer  
Brian Teuber, Assistant General Manager  
Sherry Shaw, Director of Engineering  
Lily Lopez, Director of External Affairs  
Thomas Monk, Director of Operations  
Gabriela Sanchez, Executive Secretary  
Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

All Present

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. with President Hilden presiding.

Guests and others in attendance: None

**Item 3: Public Comment**

- ◆ There were no requests. (Item 3)

**Item 4: Consideration of Preliminary Approval of Proposed District Rates for Inclusion in 2019 Comprehensive Rate Study**

- ◆ Mr. Teuber presented a PowerPoint on the preliminary water rates proposed to be incorporated into the 2019 Comprehensive Rate Study if approved by the Board. It was stated that the rates are reflective of a revenue adjustment of 5%, as previously recommended by the Board. Following staff's explanation of the steps taken to help determine the components of the rate structure, the Board was asked to provide preliminary approval of the water rates, as presented, so they may be incorporated into the 2019 Rate Study and the Proposition 218 Public Notice. (Item 4)

***Motion No. 19-10-1427: Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Ebenkamp, seconded by Director Lee and unanimously carried (5-0), to provide preliminary approval of the proposed water rates, as presented, for inclusion in the 2019 Rate Study and the Proposition 218 Public Notice. (Item 4)***

**President Hilden indicated Motion No. 19-10-1427 was approved by a (5-0) vote**

**Item 5: Schedule a Public Hearing for Proposition 218 Public Hearing**

- ◆ The Board was asked to consider selecting three dates during the month of January 2020 to hold a public hearing where consideration of a water rate adjustment may be conducted in compliance with Proposition 218 at the Air Quality Management District's (AQMD) auditorium, if available. (Item 5)

***Motion No. 19-10-1428: Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Kwong, seconded by Director Ebenkamp and unanimously carried (5-0), to direct staff to contact the Air Quality Management District to verify the availability of the auditorium for, in order of priority, January 23, 2020, January 22, 2020, or January 27, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., for the District to hold a public hearing pertaining to the 2019 Comprehensive Rate Study and related water rate adjustments. (Item 5)***

**President Hilden indicated Motion No. 19-10-1428 was approved by a (5-0) vote**

**Item 6: Other**

- ◆ No other items were discussed.

**Item 7: Public Comment on Closed Session**

- ◆ There were no requests to comment on either open or closed session items. (Item 7)

**Item 8: Adjourn to Closed Session – 4:32 p.m.****Item 9: Closed Session – 4:32 p.m.**

- A. The Board met in closed session in accordance with Government Code [§54956.9(d)(4)] to discuss initiation of litigation matter with Legal Counsel – One Potential Case. (Item 9)

**Item 10: Reconvene in Open Session/Report of Action Taken in Closed Session – 4:41 p.m.**

- A. The Board met in closed session in accordance with Government Code [§54956.9(d)(4)] to discuss one initiation of litigation matter with Legal Counsel. The Board was briefed on the facts and circumstances of the matters and no reportable action under the Brown Act was taken. (Item 10)

**Adjournment at 4:41 p.m.**

**Motion No. 19-10-1429: *Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Ebenkamp, seconded by Director Lee and unanimously carried (5-0), to adjourn the meeting.***

**President Hilden indicated Motion No. 19-10-1429 was approved by a (5-0) vote**