

# VALLEY CENTER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, February 20, 2018  
Time: 2:00 P.M.  
Place: Board Room  
29300 Valley Center Road  
Valley Center, CA 92082

The Valley Center Municipal Water District Board of Directors' meeting was called to order by President Polito at 2:00 P.M.

## **ROLL CALL**

Board members present were: Directors Polito, Haskell, Broomell and Ferro. Staff members present were: General Manager Arant, General Counsel De Sousa Mills, District Engineer Grabbe, Finance Director Pugh, IT Director Pilve, Director of Operations/Facilities Hoyle, Project Managers Williams and Carrillo, Meter Services Supervisor LoPresti, Safety and Regulatory Compliance Supervisor Olson and Administrative Assistant Williams. Spectators present were Dave Ross – Roadrunner Newspaper, Gordon Cloes and Daniel Holtz – Div. 5 residents, and former Director Merle Aleshire.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. **Upon motion by Haskell, seconded by Ferro and unanimously carried, the following consent calendar items were approved:**

- Minutes of the Board meeting held February 5, 2018
- Audit demand check numbers 150616 through 150825 for January 4 through February 8, 2018 and wire disbursements for January 2018

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

2. **Resolution Presented to Dr. Merle J. Aleshire recognizing and honoring his 20 years of dedicated service as Director of Division 5.**

Resolution No. 2018-01, adopted on January 16, 2018, was read by General Manager Arant and presented to Dr. Merle J. Aleshire to recognize and honor his twenty years of service as Division 5 Director.

Dr. Aleshire thanked the Board and staff.

## **ACTION AGENDA**

3. **Appointment of Director to Fill Vacancy in Division 5.**

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Following publication of the Board Seat Vacancy in Division 5, letters of interest were received from two candidates: Gordon Cloes and Daniel Holtz. Each candidate was provided time to present their qualifications, explain their interest in serving on the Board, and answer questions from the Board of Directors without the other candidate present. The Board then deliberated in open session without either candidate present. Once a decision was reached, the candidates returned for the announcement.

**Upon motion by Haskell, seconded by Broomell and unanimously carried, the following Resolution, entitled:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-03**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF VALLEY CENTER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
APPOINTING DANIEL HOLTZ TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE DISTRICT, REPRESENTING DIVISION 5**

**was adopted by the following vote, to wit:**

**AYES: Directors Polito, Haskell, Broomell and Ferro**

**NOES: None**

**ABSENT: Div. 5 Director Seat Vacant**

**Daniel Holtz was sworn in and seated at the dais.**

**4. Ordinance No. 2018-02 Amending the District's Backflow Prevention Device Policy, Administrative Code Section 160.12:**

Following the District's 2017 Sanitary Survey inspection from the State Water Resources Control Board, the Sanitary Survey report requires the District to amend its cross-connection program to meet Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) reported Meter Services Supervisor LoPresti. Title 17 requires an RP device for meter protection on properties that have an auxiliary water source, such as a private well.

An amended copy of the proposed change to the District's Administrative Code, Section 160.12, was provided at the Board meeting. This change does not apply to existing DC device protection. However, the District must begin installing RP devices when a new or replacement device is required at sites with an auxiliary water source.

Staff recommended adoption of Ordinance No. 2018-02, amending Administrative Code Section 160.12, to be effective 30 days after adoption.

**Upon motion by Broomell, seconded by Haskell and unanimously carried, the following Ordinance, entitled:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02**

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF VALLEY CENTER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO REFLECT THE  
MINIMUM BACKFLOW PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS**

**was adopted by the following vote, to wit:**

**AYES: Directors Polito, Haskell, Broomell, Ferro and Holtz**

**NOES: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**5. Resolution No. 2018-04 Amending the FY 2017-18 Annual Budget to Authorize Additional Funding for the Rimrock Low Pressure Sewer System Improvements Project:**

The Rimrock Low Pressure Sewer Improvement Project involves replacement of brass gate valves and corp stops used throughout the development for inline valves and existing sewer services, reported Project Manager Carrillo. The Rimrock system was first installed in 1986 and built in phases. The corrosive nature of the wastewater has caused the valves and other brass components to deteriorate and fail.

Staff budgeted for replacement with epoxy coated, cast-iron plug valves. However, after re-evaluating the project with the Wastewater Dept., additional concerns were raised and improvements needed to provide an efficient way of cleaning and flushing the system with minimal interruptions to customers. An additional 40 flushing connections, 48 new inline valves, and 20 air vac modifications were added which significantly increases the amount of paving repairs and traffic control required for the project.

The revised design plans were completed with a construction cost estimate of \$146,000 over the original budget. With additional staff assistance from the Wastewater Dept. during construction added, in addition to increased project management and inspection costs along with a 15% contingency, staff estimated the amended project total at \$750,000. If approved, staff would like to advertise for bids immediately with completion expected by the end of 2018.

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution No. 2018-04 amending the FY 2017-18 budget to authorize \$220,000 in additional funding for the Rimrock Low Pressure Sewer System Improvement Project, bringing the total project budget to \$750,000.

**Upon motion by Ferro, seconded by Haskell and unanimously carried, the following Resolution, entitled:**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-04**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF VALLEY CENTER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
AMENDING THE FY 2017/18 BUDGET TO AUTHORIZE  
ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE RIMROCK LOW PRESSURE  
SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

was adopted by the following vote, to wit:

**AYES: Directors Polito, Haskell, Broomell, Ferro and Holtz**

**NOES: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**GENERAL MANAGER'S AGENDA**

**6. Strategic Plan Performance Results for 2017:**

The following Strategic Plan Performance Results for 2017 were highlighted by General Manager Arant:

- Customer Satisfaction – 100% “meets or exceeds” customer expectations.
- Unknown Water Loss – Goal Met, 3.4% of total water sold, lowest amount recorded since 1981; preventative measures ongoing.
- Discretionary Reserves – Goal met with 8.7 months of O&M expense.
- Total Commodity Cost – Goal met with M&I at 10.8% and TSAWR at 14.8%
- Pump Efficiency – Goal is 95% of design efficiency; actual was 106.0%
- Project Actual vs. Estimated Cost – Goal met with 5.1% under Engineer's Estimate for the projects completed in 2017.
- Water Service Reliability – Goal Exceeded with 99.998% reliability
- Compliant with all State and Federal Regulations: Goal Met
- Lost Time Accidents – Goal met with no lost time accidents reported for 2017.
- Return on Investments – Goal Exceeded with average yield of 1.348%

7. The District Status Report for December 2017 was presented for review.

**GENERAL COUNSEL AGENDA**

8. General Counsel de Sousa Mills reported that the Governor's bill to “Make Water Conservation a California Way of Life” has been included in a budget trailer bill. This means it does not have to go through a policy committee process and can be approved with the budget.

Senator Dodd introduced SB 998 which is intended to curb water agencies pursuing predatory water shut-offs for disadvantaged customers. This would preclude the

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termination of service unless the customer requests the County Health Dept. come and make a determination that shutting off service would pose a grave threat to the health or safety of the resident. This could have huge Prop 218 implications and will be followed closely.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' AGENDA**

**9. AB 1234 Report – Attendance at Meetings by Board Members:**

Director Ferro submitted a report on his attendance at the California Irrigation Institute Annual Conference in Sacramento on January 29 and 20, 2018.

**10. Appointment of the ACWA-JPIA Board Representative and Alternate Representative:**

At the regular Board Meeting of February 5, 2018, staff informed the Board that either a Board Member or staff member could be the District's ACWA-JPIA Board of Directors Representative. Following the meeting, staff did determine that the information provided was incorrect. The District Representative to the ACWA-JPIA Board must be a member of the District's Board of Directors.

Following email notification of this situation to the Board, Director Haskell contacted staff to state that he was willing to be named the District's ACWA-JPIA Board of Directors Representative. If Director Haskell is unable to attend any meeting, the District's Alternate Representative, Jim Pugh, could participate in the meetings and vote on behalf of the District.

**Upon motion by Ferro, seconded by Broomell and unanimously carried, Randy Haskell was appointed as the ACWA-JPIA Board of Directors Representative and Jim Pugh as the Alternate Representative.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**11. Upon motion by Broomell, seconded by Ferro and unanimously carried, the regular meeting of the Board of Directors was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.**

**ATTEST:**

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**President**

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**Secretary**

**Approved at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors on March 19, 2018**