

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LA HABRA HEIGHTS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
March 11, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of La Habra Heights County Water District was held on March 11, 2014, at 4:12 p.m., at the office of the District, located at 1271 North Hacienda Road, La Habra Heights.

Roll call of Directors by Secretary/General Manager, Michael Gualtieri.

PRESENT: Directors Cooke, McClish, McVicar, Perumean and Wilson

ABSENT: None

Staff members and others present.

Staff: Michael Gualtieri, Secretary/General Manager. Others present: Steve O'Neill, legal counsel, Lemieux & O'Neill, Stephen Blagden, George Edwardz, Kathy Sauble and Rich McClish, residents.

District Counsel reported that the General Manager had been contacted, after the agenda had been posted, by Central Basin Municipal Water District and by a company called EcoGas, who was asking if the board was interested in purchasing water rights in the Central Basin. The General Manager was informed that an offer to purchase would need to be made before the next board meeting. District Counsel informed the board the item could be added to the agenda pursuant to the Brown Act if the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

On motion by Director McVicar, and seconded by Director Perumean, to add consideration of the offers to sell water rights in the Central Basin. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Directors Cooke, McClish, McVicar, Perumean and Wilson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Public Comments: Stephen Blagden commented on Tank 4, Rowland Water District and drought. George Edwardz commented on Rowland Water District. Kathy Sauble

expressed her appreciation to General Manager and Director McClish for reviewing her account.

Consent Calendar: Minutes of the regular meeting for February 11, 2014. After discussion a motion was made by Director McVicar and seconded by Director Perumean to approve minutes. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Directors Cooke, McClish, McVicar, Perumean and Wilson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

The Financial Statements for January 2014 were removed from the Consent Items. After discussion motion was made by Director McVicar and seconded by Director Wilson to approve the Financial Statements. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Directors Cooke, McClish, McVicar, Perumean and Wilson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Approval of warrants and authorization of signatures as per the warrant list. After discussion there was a motion made by Director McVicar and seconded by Director Perumean that the warrant numbers 38608 through 38651 be approved and signatures be authorized. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Directors Cooke, McClish, McVicar, Perumean and Wilson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

6.a. Discuss and Action – Change date of the June's Board Meeting. After discussion there was a motion made by Director McVicar and seconded by Director McClish to approve moving the regular June Board meeting to May 27, 2014, which is a regular scheduled board meeting day. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Directors Cooke, McClish, McVicar, Perumean and Wilson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

6.b. Discuss and Action – Regarding drought condition. After discussion the Board of Directors recommended changes to the rebate page and to add a tab for drought and rebates on home page of the District’s website. No action was taken.

6.c. Update on District activities. The General Manager informed that he is still working on quotes for new trucks and Rowland Water District is using their water from Central Basin and began full water production on March 3, 2014. In addition, Orange County LAFCO has not approved the transfer of Cal Domestic’s water services in Los Angeles County to the City of La Habra, and there was an 8” main line leak repair that occurred in the 700 block of Avocado Crest. This leak caused an erosion on the hillside and dirt to pile on two Lamat Road customers properties. ACWA/JPIA is handling claims. The General Manger is still working on cameras for the District sites and will schedule and Ad Hoc committee meeting when information becomes available. Lastly, the office has converted to the new financial software system.

6.d. Discuss and Action - Consideration of the offers to sell water rights in the Central Basin. After discussion a motion was made by Director Perumean, seconded by Director McVicar, the board authorized the General Manager to offer EcoGas a price of \$13,000 per acre foot for 50 acre feet of pumping rights in the Central Basin, and in the event that offer is declined, to offer Central Basin Municipal Water District up to \$13,000 per acre foot for 46 acre feet. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Directors Cooke, McClish, McVicar, Perumean and Wilson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

7. Report of Individual Directors.

Director McVicar requested to add Reservoir 4 to the agenda for discussion next month. She also discussed the ACWA rooms and her attendance to the SCUWA luncheon, which had discussions on earthquakes.

Director McClish discussed SCWUA and attended Orchard Dale Board meeting and Central Basin Caucus. She also expressed her interest in attending the AWWA conference.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Director McVicar and seconded by Director Cooke that the meeting be adjourned at 6:21 p.m. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Directors Cooke, McClish, McVicar, Perumean and Wilson


NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Dated: March 11, 2014



Brad Cooke, President



Michael Gualtieri, Secretary

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