

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-01
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MINUTES

CALAVERAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 9, 2019

Directors Present: Russ Thomas, President
Bertha Underhill, Vice President
Scott Ratterman, Director
Cindy Secada, Director
Jeff Davidson, Director

Staff Present: Jeffrey Meyer, Interim General Manager
Rebecca Hitchcock, Clerk to the Board
Matt Weber, General Counsel
Peter Martin, Manager of Water Resources
Damon Wyckoff, Director of Operations
Jesse Hampton, Plant Operations Manager
Joel Metzger, Manager of External Affairs, Conservation, and Grants
Robbie Creamer, Engineering Analyst

Others Present: Vickey Mills
Mia O'Connell, O'Connell & Dempsey (via teleconference)
Carl Stoughton

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. ROLL CALL

President Thomas called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. All Board members were present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Carl Stoughton addressed the Board regarding the sewer systems in West Point. He said that the life of the lines are up and he thinks it is an opportunity for CCWD to try to expand the lines to the CCWD sewer system in those areas.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Directors Ratterman / Underhill - Approved Consent Agenda Items:
3a and 3b as presented

- 3a Approval of Minutes for the Board Meetings of October 24, November 9, and November 14, 2018
- 3b Review Board of Directors Monthly Time Sheets for December, 2018

AYES: Directors Ratterman, Underhill, Secada, Davidson, and Thomas
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

4. NEW BUSINESS

- 4a Discussion / Action regarding Appointment to Board Committees and Election of Members to Joint Power Authorities
(Russ Thomas, Board President)

DISCUSSION: President Thomas announced his selection of the following committee and association assignments for 2019:

Engineering Committee:	Davidson / Thomas (alt. Secada)
Finance Committee:	Underhill / Secada (alt. Thomas)
Legal Affairs Committee:	Davidson / Thomas (alt. Ratterman)
Executive Committee: (ad hoc)	Thomas / Underhill
Mountain Counties Water Resources Association:	All Board Members
Mokelumne River Association:	All Board Members
Calaveras Parks and Recreation Commission:	Thomas (alt. Ratterman)
Calaveras LAFCO:	Ratterman / Thomas
Highway 4 Corridor Working Group:	Thomas / Underhill
Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management JPA Watershed Advisory Committee:	Peter Martin (alt. Joel Metzger)
Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority-Technical Advisory Committee:	Peter Martin

The Board of Directors made the following nominations to the Joint Powers Authority Memberships:

MOTION: Directors Davidson / Secada – Nominate Director Ratterman as Representative and the General Manager as Alternate to the Association of California Water Agencies / Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA-JPIA)

DISCUSSION: There were no other nominations and there was no discussion on the matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

AYES: Directors Davidson, Secada, Ratterman, Underhill, and Thomas

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Directors Secada / Davidson – Nominate Directors Ratterman and Underhill as Representatives and Director Secada as Alternate to the Calaveras-Amador Mokelumne River Authority (CAMRA)

DISCUSSION: There were no other nominations and there was no discussion on the matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

AYES: Directors Secada, Davidson, Ratterman, Underhill, and Thomas

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Directors Underhill / Secada – Nominate Peter Martin as Representative and the General Manager as Alternate to the Calaveras Public Power Authority (CPPA)

DISCUSSION: There were no other nominations and there was no discussion on the matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

AYES: Directors Underhill, Secada, Davidson, Ratterman, and Thomas

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Directors Ratterman / Secada – Nominate Russ Thomas as Representative to the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority

DISCUSSION: There were no other nominations and there was no discussion on the matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

AYES: Directors Ratterman, Secada, Davidson, Underhill, and Thomas

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: Directors Davidson / Underhill – Nominate Director Secada as Representative and Director Thomas as Alternate to the Tuolumne-Stanislous Integrated Regional Water Management Joint Powers Authority (T-Stan JPA)

DISCUSSION: There were no other nominations and there was no discussion on the matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

AYES: Directors Davidson, Underhill, Ratterman, Secada, and Thomas
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

MOTION: Directors Ratterman / Secada – Nominate Director Davidson as Representative and Director Ratterman as Alternate to the Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (UMRWA)

DISCUSSION: There were no other nominations and there was no discussion on the matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

AYES: Directors Secada, Davidson, Ratterman, Underhill, and Thomas
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

4b Discussion / Action regarding Refinancing of a Portion of the District's Outstanding CalPERS Unfunded Liability and Appointing Financial Consultants
(Jeffrey Meyer, Interim General Manager) **RES 2019-01**

MOTION: Directors Ratterman / Underhill – approved Refinancing of a Portion of the District's Outstanding CalPERS Unfunded Liability and Appointing Financial Consultants

DISCUSSION: Mr. Meyer reviewed the need to refinance a portion of the District's outstanding unfunded accrued liability (UAL). He introduced Cameron Weist from Weist Law Firm to review the current situation. The District's current CalPERS UAL is \$9.8 million for the Miscellaneous (2.7% at 55) Plan. The Board is being asked to consider refinancing a portion of the existing UAL debt and the effect of which will be to enhance budget predictability and realize cost savings with a lower interest rate. There was additional discussion between the Board and Mr. Wiest on this item.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

AYES: Directors Ratterman, Underhill, Secada, Davidson, and Thomas
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

4c Discussion / Direction regarding Federal Legislative Strategy
(Jeffrey Meyer, Interim General Manager)

DISCUSSION: Ms. Mia O'Connell, CCWD's legislative advocate in Washington, D.C., gave a brief history of her firm representing CCWD. She also discussed past accomplishments such as securing key language in the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act of 2016. In addition, she has worked closely with Reclamation leadership regarding storage at New Melones Reservoir. Discussion continued on the proposed 2019 Federal Legislative strategy for

CCWD. The strategy includes continued efforts with Reclamation regarding Section 4006 New Melones Study; a collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project; Hazardous Tree Removal; Cosgrove Creek Flood Protection; and the Corps of Engineers' Section 219 Project. There was also discussion on when some Directors should visit Washington, D.C. to lobby for CCWD's Federal interests. There was additional discussion between the Board and Ms. O'Connell.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Carl Stoughton suggested that CCWD incorporate the County into these discussions. He also believes CCWD should send someone to attend the County Board of Supervisors meetings.

RECESS was called at 2:31 p.m. **SESSION RESUMED** at 2:42 p.m.

- 4d Report on the December 2018 Operations Department
(Damon Wyckoff, Director of Operations)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Wyckoff presented the December 2018 monthly Operations report. He advised this report would be given monthly to keep the Board up to speed on District Operations. He reviewed items of interest and answered questions from the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

- 4e Appointment of District General Manager
(Russ Thomas, Board President)

RES 2019-02

MOTION: **Directors Underhill / Secada – approved the appointment of the District General Manager.**

DISCUSSION: President Thomas explained that the Board had been conducting interviews and negotiations since Dave Eggerton left in October. They have made an offer to Michael Minkler who has accepted this position. Director Underhill said she was very excited and feels the Board has made the right decision. Director Ratterman said it was a tough decision and had several great candidates. Director Davidson thanked Mr. Meyer for his leadership and thanked John Coleman for his interest in the position. Director Davidson will be supportive of Michael Minkler moving forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

AYES: Directors Underhill, Secada, Ratterman, Davidson, and Thomas
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was nothing to report.

6. **GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Meyer reported on the following activities: 1) The State Water Resource Control Board has issued a draft of options for implementation on a statewide low-income assistance program. Staff is reviewing and comments are due on February 1; 2) the Customer Assistance Program currently has approximately 150 total applications; 3) in response to the Oroville Dam emergency, the State passed SB 92, which has new requirements on Dam owners and operators to create and provide

an Emergency Action Plan and Inundation Maps to DSOD and CalOES in December 2018. The District submitted the documentation and it is under review by the state; and 4) due to SB88 compliance, CCWD now has gauging monitors in place at Big Trees Creek and in West Point on the Bear Creek Diversion. They will require annual re-calibration, which will be an added cost to the District; 5) there is a Finance Committee Meeting Tuesday January 15th at 11:00 a.m.; and 6) the next Board meeting will have the West Point Master Plan update.

7. BOARD REPORTS / INFORMATION / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Underhill received an email regarding the formation of the Central Sierra Voluntary Organization in Active Disaster, which will help local residents that are affected by disasters. She would like to have CCWD put Joel Metzger on the distribution list for that new organization. She also mentioned she had a meeting with Christa VonLatta in regards to the lease for White Pines Park.

Director Ratterman had nothing to report.

Director Secada gave a reminder that she will miss the January 23 meeting because she will be attending a Western Water Summit in San Diego.

Director Davidson had nothing to report

Director Thomas reported that he attended the Board of Supervisors meeting and that Jack Garamendi is Chairman of the Board and Merita Callaway is Vice Chair.

8. NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

- Wednesday, January 23, 2019, 1:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting
- Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 1:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting

The Open Session ended at 3:24 p.m.

The meeting adjourned into Closed Session at approximately 3:25 p.m. Those present were Board Members: Russ Thomas, Bertha Underhill, Scott Ratterman, Jeff Davidson, and Cindy Secada; staff members Jeffrey Meyer, Interim General Manager, Robert Creamer, Engineering Analyst, (for item 9a); and Matt Weber, General Counsel.

9. CLOSED SESSION

- 9a Conference with Real Property Negotiators
Government Code §54956.8
Property: APN 044-032-012, San Andreas
District negotiators: Jeffrey Meyer and Robbie Creamer
Under negotiations: price and other terms
- 9b Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Government Code § 54956.9(a) La Contenta Investors, LTD vs. CCWD
(Calaveras County Superior Court #11CV37713)

10. REPORTABLE ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

Approved Feb 27, 2019

The Board reconvened into Open Session at approximately 4:11 p.m. There was no reportable action.

11. ADJOURNMENT

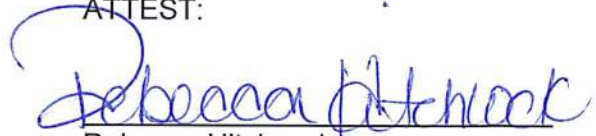
With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:12 p.m.

By:



Jeffrey Meyer
Interim General Manager

ATTEST:



Rebecca Hitchcock
Clerk to the Board