

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
YUIMA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
January 26, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yuima Municipal Water District was held at the office of the District, 34928 Valley Center Road, Pauma Valley, California on Monday, the 26th day of January, 2015.

**Regular Meeting
1/26/15**

1. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

President Knutson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Call to Order
2:00 pm**

Directors Present:

Present: 5

W.D. “Bill” Knutson, President
Ron Watkins, Vice-President
George Stockton, Secretary/Treasurer
Mike Fitzsimmons, Director
Laney Villalobos, Director

Directors Absent:

Absent: 0

None

Others Present:

Others Present

Linden A. Burzell, General Manager
Lori A. Johnson, Director of Finance
Todd Engstrand, Director of Operations & Engineering
Chief Cristina Williamson, CalFire
Captain Rick Johnson, CalFire
Roland Simpson
Daren House
Bobby Graziano, Director, REMWC

President Knutson declared that a quorum of the Board was present.

Quorum Present

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Knutson led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge of Allegiance

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

**Approval of
Agenda**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Roland Simpson asked a number of questions concerning the General Manager’s compensation and benefits, specifically regarding board-authorized additional time off, sick leave and vacation. Daren House commented on supposed changes to the ways in which slippage is reported and discussed.

**Public
Comments:**

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

After discussion, Director Stockton moved that the Board re-elect all currently serving officers to their respective positions for an additional two year term. Director Villalobos questioned if the Board had a position on rotation as other corporations and Districts do. It was explained that due to the size of the District and involvement of Directors outside it was best to maintain current positions for familiarity. The motion was seconded by Director Watkins and passed by the following roll call vote, to wit:

- AYES: Fitzsimmons, Watkins, Villalobos, Stockton, Knutson
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: None

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Watkins moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the *Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Adjourned of December 16, 2014; Approval of Accounts Paid and Payable and reporting under Government Code §53065.5 for December 2014; Acceptance of the Monthly Financial Reports for December 2014;* and Resolution 1588-15 *Authorizing Checking, Savings and Investment Accounts*

**Consent Calendar
Approved**

**Regular Adj.
Meeting Minutes –
12/16/14**

**December
Paid/Payables**

**December
Financial Reports**

with Various Banking Institutions and Rescinding Resolution 1227-09. The motion was seconded by Director Stockton. In discussion, Director Watkins noted that he can see from the paid listing an increase from 52% 5 years ago to approximately 57% currently in the ratio of benefits to salaries, even with the shifting of some of the pension cost to the employees. He suggested the personnel committee take a look at this. The motion was then approved by the following roll-call vote, to wit:

AYES: Fitzsimmons, Watkins, Stockton, Villalobos, Knutson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

II. SPECIAL REPORTS

1. Joint Powers Fire Report

Captain Johnson reported that there has been an increase in traffic collisions recently, including a 2-car collision that morning. An abandoned car was torched on December 23rd causing a ¼ acre fire. An organizational meeting for a local Fire Safe Council was held on January 23rd. The area surrounding the fire station building is being paved with reclaimed asphalt from the Highway 76 re-paving project. Director Fitzsimmons commented on the increase in the number of hazardous materials spills recently. Chief Williamson stated that 15 CalFire stations remain open, including the Rincon Unit 70. There is a 109 acre controlled burn in Cuyamaca State Park scheduled for this month. Two grants with benefits to the local community that would be funded with SRA fee-generated funds are currently moving through the approval process. Chief Williamson invited the board to take a tour of the local fire-fighting air base and air tankers sometime in April. Director Watkins commented on the positive fiscal effects on the District of the continuation of State funding under the Amador agreement.

III. ACTION/DISCUSSION

1. Certificate of Compliance by Yuima MWD as Successor in Interest to Palomar Mutual Water Company for Calendar Year 2014 (Strub).

Upon a motion by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Stockton, the

Res. 1588-15
Bank signatory
authorizations

Fire Report

Strub
Certificate of
Compliance

Board authorized the President and Secretary to execute the Certificate of Compliance as submitted and file it with the Court.

2. Update on IDA Special Connection Ordinance Wording Revisions

In discussion, staff indicated that a re-draft of the ordinance is not ready for Board review. Director Watkins suggested that staff make every effort to simplify the ordinance. No further action was taken

IDA Special Connection Ordinance wording Revisions – no action

3. Proposed Resolution Authorizing an Increase in the Commercial Security and Business Loan Agreement with California Bank & Trust for ACH Transactions and Rescinding Resolution No. 1529-13.

Res. 1589-15 Raising ACH limit

Upon a motion by Director Fitzsimmons, seconded by Director Watkins, Resolution 1589-15 *Authorizing an Increase in the Commercial Security and Business Loan Agreement with California Bank & Trust for ACH Transactions and Rescinding Resolution No. 1529-13* was approved by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: Fitzsimmons, Watkins, Villalobos, Stockton, Knutson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

4. Proposed Resolution Nominating W.D. ‘Bill’ Knutson as Yuima’s ACWA/JPIA Board Member to the Executive Committee

Res. 1590-15 Nominating W.D. ‘Bill’ Knutson for ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee

Upon a motion by Director Fitzsimmons, seconded by Director Villalobos, Resolution No. 1590-15 *Nominating W.D. ‘Bill’ Knutson as Yuima’s ACWA/JPIA Board Member to the Executive Committee* was passed by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: Fitzsimmons, Watkins, Villalobos, Stockton, Knutson
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

5. President’s Appointments to Committees

Presidential Committee Appointments

President Knutson announced the following appointments to the various

committees of the Board:

- **Local Water Ad Hoc Committee:** Fitzsimmons, Villalobos (per diems authorized)
- **Personnel Committee:** Watkins, Villalobos (per diems authorized)
- **Finance Committee:** entire Board (per diems authorized)
- **ACWA/JPIA Representative:** Knutson; alternate: Stockton
- **San Luis Rey Watershed Council:** Burzell, alternate: Villalobos (per diem for board member authorized)
- **North County Water Group:** Watkins and entire board (per diems authorized)
- **Fire Ad Hoc Committee:** Fitzsimmons, Watkins (per diems authorized)
- **Council of Water Utilities:** entire board (per diems authorized)
- **Upper San Luis Rey Watershed Authority:** Burzell; alternate: Watkins (per diem for board member authorized)
- **2015 General Manager Performance Review Committee;** Knutson, Stockton
- **2015 Employee Recognition Committee:** Watkins, Stockton, Burzell

IV. INFORMATION/REPORTS

IV-1. Board Reports/Meetings

- President Knutson reported that the ACWA/JPIA Property Committee approved a reduction of 10% in property insurance rates. Aeon is doing a great job in explaining the limited risk associated with water industry property insurance to re-insurers; reinsurance costs have been reduced by about \$800,000 this year.
- Vice President Watkins reported that there is much speculation as to whether or not Met will propose allocations in the coming months. Last year Met used about 50% of the water it had in storage to avoid cutbacks. It is expected that if the State Water Project allocation is in the 35 to 45% range, there will be no Met cutback. However, if the allocation is about 20%, a 10% cutback to SDCWA is expected, which would result in a 5% cutback to most Water Authority member agencies and a 10% cutback to Yuima (with about a 5% cutback to Yuima's customers because of the availability of local groundwater). He also reported of support on the Water Authority Board for raising the fixed cost component of rates because of the IID transfer and Carlsbad desal.

Board Reports

President
Knutson

VP Watkins

IV-2. Administrative Report

Manager Burzell called the board’s attention to his written Administrative report. There were no questions.

Administrative Report

IV-3. Capital Improvement Program

Manager Burzell called the board’s attention to the Capital Improvement Program reports. There were no questions.

Capital Improvements

IV-4. Operations Report

Director of Operations Engstrand reported to the Board that Fain Drilling mobilized today to the Well No. 12 Emergency Rehabilitation Project site.

Operations & Engineering Report

IV-5. Counsel’s Report.

Counsel Scott was not present.

Counsel’s Report

None

IV-6. Finance Report

Director of Finance Johnson reviewed the 6 month budget report noting that water sales are at 52% of budget and expenses are at 52.2% of budget for the six months ending December 31, 2014. Water sales are 5.3% higher than this time last year. She noted that pumping cost is 17% higher than a year ago.

Finance Reports

V. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

Closed Session

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board and upon a motion by President Knutson, seconded by Director Watkins and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m. to Monday, February 23, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

**Adjourn @ 3:43
p.m.**

**Next meeting:
February 23,
2014 @ 2:00 pm**

____ Signature on file at District office. _____
George Stockton, Secretary

ATTEST:

____ Signature on file at District office. ____
W.D. "Bill" Knutson, President