

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
YUIMA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
March 23, 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 23rd day of March, 2015.

**Regular Meeting
3/23/15**

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, Maintenance & Engineering
Roland Simpson
Daren House
Chief Cristina Williamson, CalFire

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

Public Comments:

Daren House acknowledged the long hours worked by Finance Director Johnson. Roland Simpson reiterated the comments he made at the February meeting regarding the accuracy of the District’s characterization of various over-plantings by House on neighboring properties and requested a corrected report. Staff will provide Mr. Simpson with a copy of the corrected board memo dated December 12th, 2014. Daren House directed the board’s attention to additional minor erosion on the engineered fill slope below the new Zone 4 Tank. Director of Operations Engstrand stated that the erosion referred to is minor; that the placement of the fill slope saved the District’s rate-payers approximately \$250,000 compared to the cost of hauling the excess material off-site; that the expenditures required to repair the damage fall into the category of ordinary and expected maintenance until the fill is finally stabilized. Mr. House criticized the design and installation of the drain line at the Zone 4 Tank. Director of Operations Engstrand responded that approach taken to the installation of the drain line saved the rate-payers about \$200,000, and again in this case, substantial savings will remain even after the fill slope is stabilized and minor repairs to the line are completed. Mr. House also requested clarification from the Manager on the point of having all the listings date back fifteen (15) years. Manager Burzell explained that staff now has the tools and information available and is working to address all the overplantings and special connection throughout IDA.

I. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar Approved:

Director Stockton moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the *Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2015; Approval of Accounts Paid and Payable and reporting under Government Code §53065.5 for*

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February Paid/Payables

February Financial

February 2015; Acceptance of the Monthly Financial Reports for February 2015; Resolution No. 1599-15 Setting Forth a Schedule of Water Availability Charges Proposed to be Established for the District (2015-16) and Fixing the Time and Place of Hearing and Giving Notice of Hearing; Resolution No 1600-15; Authorizing Checking, Savings and Investment Accounts with Various Banking Institutions and Rescinding Resolution 1227; Resolution No. 1601-15 Authorizing Secretary/Treasurer to Enter into Contract for Deposit of Moneys and Rescinding Resolution No. 1088-07; Resolution No. 1602-15 Amending Disaster Preparedness Policy. The motion was seconded by Director Watkins and approved upon 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

Chief Williamson reported that Captain Johnson could not attend the meeting because he was teaching an advanced training course. All CalFire stations are currently open. The tactical air firefighting base will be opening for the fire season on April 28th. Tours of the facility will be set up for late April through May. There have been three meetings of the Fire Safe Council with four local residents participating; the next meeting will take place on Monday, March 30th at 4:00 pm at the Rincon Station. The Palomar Fire Safe Council recently received funds for construction of fire breaks, and Valley Center has received unofficial notice of grant funding as well.

Reports
Res.1599-15
Water
Availability
Charges and
Public Hearing
Res 1600-15
Checking
Account
Signature Update
Res. 1601-15
Contracts for
Deposit of
Moneys
Res. 1602-15
Disaster
Preparedness
Policy

Fire Report

III. ACTION/DISCUSSION

1. Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Fire Mitigation Multi-Year Facilities and Equipment Plan

President Knutson called the hearing to order at 2:47 pm. Finance Director Johnson reported that this Hearing had been duly noticed in a newspaper of general circulation as required by statute. Secretary Stockton reported that no written or oral comments have been submitted prior to the hearing. There being no members of the public present who wished to speak, President Knutson declared the hearing closed at 2:49 pm.

1-A. Proposed Resolution Adopting the Fire Mitigation Fee Multi-Year Facilities and Equipment Plan for the Yuima, Pauma and Mootamai Municipal Water Districts.

**Res. 1603-15
Fire Mitigation
Fee Multi-year
plan**

Upon a motion by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Fitzsimmons, Resolution No. 1603-15 Adopting the Fire Mitigation Fee Multi-Year Facilities and Equipment Plan for the Yuima, Pauma and Mootamai Municipal Water Districts was adopted by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

2. Proposed Resolution Making the Annual Required Finding of the San Diego County Fire Mitigation Fee Ordinance and Reestablishing a Fire Mitigation Fee Program for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

Res. 1604-15

**Fire Mitigation
Fee Ordinance
and Fee
Program**

After discussion and upon a motion by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Stockton, Resolution No. 1604-15 *Making the Annual Required Finding of the San Diego County Fire Mitigation Fee Ordinance and Reestablishing a Fire Mitigation Fee Program for Fiscal Year 2015-16*, was approved by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

3. Proposed Resolution Accepting Pipeline Easement and Right of Way – Hampton Road Pipeline (APN 133-050-33 Jorge Sanchez and Arturo Sanchez

Upon a motion by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Fitzsimmons, Resolution 1605-15 *Accepting Pipeline Easement and Right of Way – Hampton Road Pipeline (APN 133-050-33 Jorge Sanchez and Arturo Sanchez*_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 Accepting Off-Site Meter Agreement and Granting Right-of-Way for Private Water Line (Albert Cherry APN # 134-090-10)

Upon a motion by Director Fitzsimmons, seconded by Director Stockton, Resolution No. 1606-15 *Accepting Off-Site Meter Agreement and Granting Right-of-Way for Private Water Line (Albert Cherry APN # 134-090-10* was approved by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

5. Proposed Resolution Recognizing and Supporting California Native Plant Week.

Upon a motion by Director Stockton, seconded by Director Fitzsimmons, Resolution No. 1607-15 *Recognizing and Supporting California Native Plant Week* was approved by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

6. Proposed Ordinance Establishing a Special Connection Fee and Charge for New Service Connection and Expanded Water Use for Improvement District A and Repealing Ordinance 51-81.

Res. 1605-15

Acceptance of Pipeline Easement Hampton Rd (Sanchez and Sanchez)

Res. 1606-15

Off-Site Meter Agreement (Cherry)

Res. 1607-15

Recognizing California Native Plant Week

Upon a motion by Director Stockton, seconded by Director Watkins, Ordinance No. 118-15 *Establishing a Special Connection Fee and Charge for New Service Connection and Expanded Water Use for Improvement District A and Repealing Ordinance 51-81* was approved by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

It was noted that the increase in the special connection charge per acre from \$2,500 to \$8,400 will go into effect on July 1, 2015 and shall be adjusted annually in accordance with Section 2 of the ordinance.

7. Capacity Study – General District

After discussion of the findings of the capacity study prepared by District Engineer Engstrand, President Knutson directed staff to prepare a draft resolution imposing a moratorium on setting any new meters larger than 1-inch in the General and Improvement District other than for domestic use only; the proposed resolution to be considered at the April meeting.

8. Consider Request for new meters for Takahashi Yasutake, dba T Y Nursery, Inc. Requesting a 4” meter for APN 130-060-13 for 100.47 acres; Requesting an additional 3” meter for AN 130-060-16 for 126.65 acres; Requesting an additional 2” meter for APN 10-080-30 for 88.52 acres due to loss of local groundwater supplies.

After discussion of capacity limitations and a probable moratorium on the setting of new agricultural meters in the District, and in the absence of a motion for approval, President Knutson directed staff to prepare an analysis of the feasibility of establishing a new interruptible class of service connection, together with a draft resolution therefor to be presented to the board.

IV. INFORMATION/REPORTS

Ordinance No. 118-15

IDA Special Connection Fee Ordinance & Repeal of Ord. No. 51-81

Capacity Study.

Staff directed to prepare draft moratorium resolution for General District

T-Y meter applications. No motion. Staff directed to prepare analysis of interruptible class of service.

IV-1. Board Reports/Meetings

- President Knutson reported that the District will receive a refund of \$8,888.48 of its liability insurance premiums. At a recent meeting of the Workers Compensation insurance committee, it was determined that there will be no increase in rates this year (rates have been steady for five years). Accident rates are far below the industry standard, mainly as a result of the excellent training provided to member agencies by the JPIA training staff.
- Vice President Watkins reported on the Water Authority's recent actions relative to the ongoing drought, now in its fourth year. The forecast remains dismal, with Sierra snowpack at around 13% of average.
- Vice President Watkins reported as Chair of the Personnel Committee on the committee meeting held on Friday, March 20th at 3:00 pm. Staff reported that they are currently compiling comparisons in class wage data from other public agencies in San Diego County, and that the recently released CPI-U is 1.9% for the year just ended. Charlotte Troilo then presented a comparison of wages and benefits between public and private companies, raising some interesting issues for further investigation.

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

**Operations &
Engineering**

President Knutson asked about the iron bacteria formation in the District’s River Wells. Staff explained that iron bacteria forms naturally in some of the District wells from the iron in the water that collects along the casings and inside pipelines. The bacteria breaks down the iron. Operations staff uses chorine to oxidize the iron and neutralize the bacteria in the wells. Director Stockton inquired as to whether the culprit axing the meter at the end of Rincado Road had been caught. Staff stated that there was an eye witness who stated that it was Tommy Hays. Director Fitzsimmons commented that was nice to see the connection of the horizontal wells completed.

IV-5. Counsel’s Report.

Counsel Scott was not present.

Counsel’s Report

None

IV-6. Finance Report

Director of Finance Johnson reviewed the delinquent reports noting there were no concerns. She updated the board on the Station 6 and Hegardt Reservoir parcel encroachments noting that the District fencing projects are expected to start sometime in April when all the encroachments are removed.

Finance Reports

V. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

Closed Session

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, President Knutson declared the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m. to Monday, April 27, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Adjourn @ 4:57 p.m.

Next meeting:
Monday, April
27, 2015 @ 2:00 pm

George Stockton, Secretary

ATTEST:

Wilbert Duane Knutson, President