

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
YUIMA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
December 28, 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

**Regular Meeting  
12/28/15**

**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  
Terry Yasutake, Secretary/Treasurer  
Mike Fitzsimmons, Director  
Laney Villalobos, Director

**Quorum Present**

Directors Absent:

**Absent: 0**

Others Present:

**Others Present**

Lori A. Johnson, General Manager  
Todd Engstrand, Operations Manager  
Cristina Williamson, CalFire Chief  
Rick Johnson, CalFire Captain  
Jolyn Duff  
Mitch Davis  
Matt Munaco  
Douglas K. Anderson  
Daren House  
Roland Simpson  
Bobby Graziano  
Julie Kimball  
Tommy Hays

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Knutson led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**5. AWARDS PRESENTATION**

President Knutson stated that the Employee Recognition Committee recognizes and rewards one employee each calendar year for their outstanding contribution to the District based on nominations from their peers. President Knutson presented the 2015 Employee of the Year Award to Mitch Davis. Mitch's photo will be placed in the main office lobby for one year, he will receive a \$500 cash award, he will be acknowledged on the District's website and in the comments section of the next monthly water bill. His name will be inscribed on the Employee of the Year plaque in the lobby, and Mitch's picture will be on the District's web page. President Knutson presented Length of Service Awards to Mark Quinn for 25 years of service, Matt Munaco for 10 years of service and Todd Engstrand for 5 years of service.

President Knutson stated that he was pleased to report that the District received the ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority's President's Special Recognition Award for low ratio of "Paid Claims and Case Reserves" in the Liability, Property and Workers' Compensation Programs for 2011-2014. President Knutson stated that the low claims are a direct result of the District's commitment to staff training in the areas of safety, risk transfer and staff doing all the right things to keep the District claim free.

**I. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Director Watkins moved to approve the Consent Calendar, the motion was

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Public Comments: none**

**Awards Presentation: Employee of the Year; Mitch Davis Length of Service**

**ACWA/JPIA AWARDS**

**Consent Calendar Approved: Minutes 11/20/15;**

seconded by Director Fitzsimmons and the Consent Calendar, consisting of the *Regular Adjoined Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2015; Approval of the Accounts Paid and Payables, Treasures Report and Cash Statement for the month of November* was approved by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

## II. SPECIAL REPORTS

### 1. Joint Powers Fire Report

Captain Johnson referred to the Fire Report stating that vegetation fires are down because of the rain. They had 13 false alarms this past month due to canceled calls. The burn ban was lifted on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Burning is permitted between the hours of 8:15 am to 10 am. Captain Johnson stated CalFire is hoping that starting January 4<sup>th</sup> burn time will be extended from to 3 pm. He stated that the CalFire Rincon Station has filled sand bags for Pauma Valley residents in preparation of the projected rains. Ten filled sand bags are available to home owners.

Chief Williamson reported that on January 4<sup>th</sup> the Rincon Station will switch over to the AMADOR agreement with State funding expected to restart in March. CalFire will augment extra staffing by one during this period with no additional contract cost. Chief Williamson reported on SB 239 stating that Manager Johnson and her attended the LAFCO advisory meeting this month to determine how this will affect the contract approval process for future fire contracts. She stated it was clear that the EMS and Dispatch contracts would not be affected under this bill. The CalFire and County Agreements will require LAFCO review and approval as well as fees for LAFCO's services.

Chief Williamson provided information on how the SRA fees are being used in our area. She stated that the fees that all homeowners pay each year is \$150 per habitable structure with a \$35 credit if you are within a fire protection district such as Yuima's. Last year grants were generated that nonprofits can tap into for example: fuel brakes, chipping, evacuation routes, etc. CAL Fire has received two grants with one still

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Cal Fire Report

Burn Permits

Amador  
Agreement in  
January

SB 239  
LAFCO

SRA Fees

pending. Approved were the Lusardi Fuel Reduction Project (LFRP) and the Palomar Divide Fuel Reduction Project (PDFRP). The LFRP will clear the Lusardi truck trail to have quicker access through to Ramona. The clearing is to start in the spring. The PDFRP is for fire defense for Palomar and Pauma Valley. The proposed fire line clearing is 2 miles long and was adopted by the Palomar fire board. They are currently applying for another 2 mile extension. There were seventeen grants awarded in California. San Diego County received seven of them. Captain Johnson spoke about the pending Pauma Valley Fuel Reduction Project (PVFRP). Pauma Valley Fire Safe Council has applied for this grant which is in the preliminary stages of review. The proposed project would include a 150 foot wide fire break clearing area north of Highway 76 extending 12 miles from near the Yuima boundary to Aqua Tibia. Currently, the project proposes using goats to clear the area of the heavy vegetation.

### III. ACTION/DISCUSSION

1. Proposed Resolution Awarding Contract for Interior and Exterior Coating Perricone Tank (5.0 MG) (Advanced Marine Preservation, LLC)

Operations Manager Engstrand stated that the bid documents called out for the contractor to have 5 years experience in coating steel water tanks. AMP has been in business for 2 years but their employees from Blastco have 10 to 30 years experience. AMP's Company experience is primarily coating Naval ships and water tanks on those ships. After many hours of background checking and review references, Mr. Engstrand recommended to the Board awarding the Project to AMP as presented. Director Watkins moved to approve the contract subject to District legal counsel's approval. The motion was seconded by Director Fitzsimmons, and approved by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

2. Proposed Resolution Amending the Rules and Regulations Governing Water

Res. #1647-15  
Awarding  
Contract for  
Interior and  
Exterior  
Coating of  
Perricone Tank  
(Advanced  
Marine  
Preservation,  
LLC)

Service (Capacity Charges Section 14.7 San Diego County Water Authority)

Director Fitzsimmons moved that Resolution No. 1648-15, *Amending the Rules and Regulations Governing Water Service (Capacity Charges Section 14.7 San Diego County Water Authority)*, be approved. The motion was seconded by Director Watkins and carried unanimously, by the following roll call vote, to wit:

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

3. Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) 2015 Election

President Knutson stated that the LAFCO Special District Election ballots need to be considered. He stated the board packet includes each candidate's nomination and resume as well as the nominating committee's recommendations. Discussion was held and the board gave direction for Board President Knutson to cast the vote on behalf of the District.

4. Tommy Hays Request to Drill and Operate a Well in Improvement District A on APN 132-190-16 located at 32406 Rincado Road

Manager Johnson stated that the issue of private well drilling in the Improvement District A was reviewed by the Board in 2009. At that time, the Board reviewed the zone of influence study showing existing and potential future District well sites. Following that review in 2009, the Board declared a moratorium on any new well agreements in IDA and will look at each existing agreement upon renewal. She stated that there are other issues that the Board should take into consideration; 1) the rate calculation set in 1984 was set at using one half of the base rate which at that time reflected a recovery of the IDA fixed costs in the rate. The well agreement rate at one half the base rate has not been adjusted since 1984 and should be studied and adjusted upward to insure that the other rate classes in IDA are not subsidizing the well agreement rate; 2) the Board should consider legal review of the Rossmoyne agreement and the 1968 agreement relating to Water Rights that designated and appointed Yuima as sole and exclusive agent to develop, produce and divert all water appurtenant or belonging to

Res. #1648-15  
Amending the  
Rules and Regs  
Governing  
Water Service –  
CWA Capacity  
Charges Section  
14.7

LAFCO  
Election

Tommy Hays

for the benefit of Palomar's Service Area now known as IDA, to insure that by allowing well drilling in IDA the 1968 agreement will not be compromised; 3) address any well drilling and destruction to comply with State Water Resource Control Board and County DEH Standards for Domestic wells with the proper sanitary seal, to insure the groundwater aquifer is not compromised and the well is properly destroyed at the end of the agreement or use there of; additionally that the District might want to consider a \$10,000 deposit to insure the other IDA rate payers are not unduly burdened with the cost for the well destruction at the end of this type of well agreement.

Operations Manager Engstrand stated that the Hays property on Rincado Road is within the District's Well No.24 zone of influence. He stated that Well 24 is a very consistent well, and District would not want to effect that production by drilling another well in its proximity. President Knutson said that there is a policy in place, the District cannot afford to lose any local water production, and the District should continue to pursue local ground water production. Director Watkins suggested no action take place at this time. Property owner Hays stated he has riparian rights on his property located in IDA.

#### **IV. INFORMATION/REPORTS**

##### IV-1. Board Reports/Meetings

President Knutson stated that El Nino storm conditions are predicted in the near future. He stated that JPIA contemplated the forecasted storms could result in an increase in frequency and severity of claims for damage to member property and claims against the members. JPIA has gathered names of various professionals who will be on retainer to provide immediate services to our members during crisis events. That will insure our members are getting the fastest service available. No other updates to report.

JPIA Report

Director Watkins stated he attended the Carlsbad Desalinization Plan dedication held on December 21<sup>st</sup>. He noted that CWA will take all water from the plant for the next 30 years. The approximate cost for desal water is \$2,200/acft. This is projected to be 7-10% of San Diego's annual water supply. The current cost is approximately twice the cost of water purchased through MWD. There will likely be less supply of water from northern California in coming years, and the future could be desalination and water

CWA Report

recycling. The cost of MWD water to other sources is projected to be the same in the future.

Director Watkins also spoke about the CWA's 5 year financial plan and that staff should consider CWA's rate forecast as a basis for their rate study.

IV-2. Administrative Report

Manager Johnson called the board's attention to her written Administrative report. There were no questions.

**Administrative Report**

IV-3. Capital Improvement Program

Manager Johnson called the board's attention to the Capital Improvement Program. The chloramine projects are in progress.

**Capital Improvements**

IV-4. Operations Report

Director Fitzsimmons asked about the delay in starting construction of replacement Well 21A. Operations Manager Engstrand explained there were some delays in obtaining the well permit from the County due to concerns from the State Water Resources Control Board pertaining to the proximity of the proposed Well to the San Luis Rey River water line, and the potential of direct surface water influence. Three years prior, the District contracted a study by Layne Christensen that indicated the District's River Wells were not under the direct influence of surface water. The SWRCB is now reviewing that study further and will provide permit conditions to the County for Well 20A operation and approve the permit. Because of Fain's ability to complete wells in that area, Operations Manager Engstrand did not believe the schedule would be an issue as a result of the permit delays, but would discuss the delay with Joe Fain.

**Operations & Engineering Report**

IV-5. Counsel's Report.

Counsel Scott was not present.

**Counsel's Report**

IV-6. Finance Report

Manager Johnson reviewed the delinquent accounts listing and stated there are no concerns at this time.

Finance Reports  
Delinquent  
Accounts

Manager Johnson stated that the report on the Districts above ground facilities in IDA will be completed shortly.

IDA Above  
ground facilities  
requiring  
easements

Manager Johnson stated that the next Board work shop will include the cost of the Horizontal Wells and the payback, the Rossmoyne agreement and the \$1.34 million dollar lawsuit as requested by the Board. Manager Johnson stated she projects completion of the 2015 master plan update by June.

Board workshop

Manager Johnson, after being asked when the next San Luis Rey Watershed Authority Meeting would be held stated the date is January 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. The next meeting will focus heavily on the Groundwater Sustainability Act, and the formation of the Groundwater Agency for the San Luis Rey River Basin.

SLRWA next  
meeting  
Jan 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am

Manager Johnson reported on the Agricultural Conservation Rebates. She stated that \$300,000 in grant funds have been identified in the Proposition 1 grant which will pay 50% of the cost of conversation excluding the labor cost. She stated she would like to establish a pilot program with Yuima customers. The grant application is due in February. An invitation to an informational meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup> was sent to all Yuima agricultural customers to determine if there is enough interest in the program to move the grant application forward.

Agricultural  
Conservation  
Grant

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

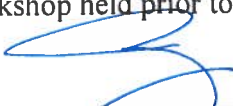
No other business at this time.

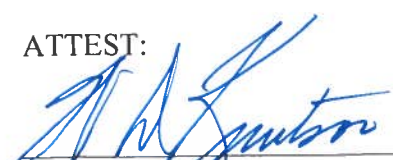
None

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board, President Knutson declared the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The next meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 2:00 p.m., workshop held prior to the meeting.

Adjourn @ 3:45  
p.m.

  
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Terry Yasutake, Secretary

ATTEST:  
  
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W.D. "Bill" Knutson, President