

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
YUIMA MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
May 9, 2016**

The Special 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 and remote location 4331 E. Hohman Circle, Akron Ohio 44319 for Director Watkins phone in on Monday, the 9th day of May, 2016.

**Special Meeting  
05/09/16**

**1. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

President Knutson called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Call to Order  
2:02 pm**

Directors Present:

**Present: 5**

W.D. “Bill” Knutson, President  
Ron Watkins, Vice-President *(via remote teleconferencing)*  
Terry Yasutake, Secretary/Treasurer  
Laney Villalobos, Director  
Roland Simpson, Director

**Quorum  
Present**

Directors Absent:  
None

**Absent: 0**

Others Present:

**Others Present**

Lori A. Johnson, General Manager  
Jolyn Duff, Customer Service/Accounting Tech  
Gary Arant, General Manager VCMWD  
Warren Lyall, President Pauma Municipal Water District  
Ogden Watson  
Steve Merhar  
Douglas Anderson

President Knutson declared that a quorum of the Board was present and that one board member is participating via remote conferencing.

**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**

There were no public comments.

Public Comments:  
None

**I. ACTION/DISCUSSION**

1. Public Hearing to Consider Yuima Municipal Water district Electing to be a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for those portions of the San Luis Rey Valley Groundwater Basin underlying its jurisdictional boundaries.

Manager Johnson gave a brief overview of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) of 2014. She stated that SGMA establishes a new structure for managing groundwater in California and that implementation is achieved through formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and through preparation and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). SGMA authorizes a local agency overlying a groundwater basin to serve as the groundwater sustainability agency for that basin for those portions that the District overlies. She stated that the Pauma MWD and Mootamai MWD’s adopted resolutions earlier in the day to become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for those portions of the San Luis Rey Valley Groundwater Basin underlying their District’s boundaries. Valley Center MWD will be adopting a similar resolution in June for the areas within their District. Manager Johnson stated that Jim Bennett from the County of San Diego indicated that the Board of Supervisors would be looking at staff recommendations in June or July to file as the GSA over the entire groundwater basin in San Diego County where the County has regulatory oversight. The County filing as a GSA will create what DWR considers a conflict. This conflict will insure that all the agencies work together to ultimately form one Groundwater Sustainability Agency to cover the Pauma Valley Groundwater Basin. If that cannot be achieved through a cooperative effort then the County or the State will take on the task and bill the Pauma Valley area for the cost to form a GSA and prepare and

implement a Groundwater Sustainability Plan. Manager Johnson stated she envisions that the Municipal Water Companies, the County, as well as a representative from; (1) the mutual water companies, (2) the private pumpers; (3) and local Indian Bands will have a seat at the table in a capacity yet to be determined by the local agencies, that will best represent all stakeholder interests. Director Watkins noted that two things have to be done. First form a GSA, then prepare a Groundwater Sustainability Plan. There will be a cost for the attorney fees and a cost for consultant charges. Manager Johnson noted that there are Proposition 1 grant funds available that will assist in a portion of the cost.

President Knutson opened the public hearing at 2:28 p.m. Secretary Yasutake noted that there were no letters of comments, objections or support received.

Warren Lyall, President of the Pauma Municipal Water District stated that participation and cooperation are key. Gary Arant, General Manager for Valley Center Municipal Water District noted that his board will be setting the public hearing this month for June 6<sup>th</sup> to consider electing to be the GSA for the very small portions of their District within the Pauma Valley Basin. He stated that they fully intend to cooperate through the Joint Powers Authority however their involvement will be propionate to the size their District is within the entire area of the basin, which is very small. He stated this will be a very expensive process. Director Villalobos stated she did not like the idea of having to spend money on this but understood the District will pay one way or another. Having some say on how the plan is implemented at a local level is important.

There being no other comments from the public President Knutson closed the public hearing at 2:32 pm. Director Villalobos stated this sounds like it is going to cost a lot of money and doesn't like it.

1-A. Proposed Resolution Declaring the District's Intention to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act for those portions of the San Luis Rey Valley Groundwater Basin underlying the District's boundaries.

Upon a motion by Director Watkins, seconded by Director Villalobos, Resolution No. 1672-16 *Intention to Become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency* was adopted by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: Villalobos, Simpson, Yasutake, Watkins, Knutson

**Res. #1672-16  
Electing to  
Become a  
Groundwater  
Sustainability  
Agency (GSA)**

NOES: None  
ABSTAIN: None  
ABSENT: None

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

Manager Johnson stated that staff received the proposed rates and charges from the San Diego County Water Authority on Thursday indicating a \$90 per acre foot increase in the volumetric water rate. She stated that the proposed fixed rate schedules will be sent to the District by the end of the week which will not be in time for the Proposition 218 rate hearing notice that needs to be mailed on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Staff is working on spreading the increases in CWA's fixed charges that are associated with the increased purchases from the mutual water companies to that rate class.

Mr. Arant stated that state regulators issued proposed conservation rules that would lift the mandatory 25 percent statewide water cuts in place since last June. Also the variances in regional climate and credit for local water supplies will be taken into consideration. He stated MET is going to lift the 15% supply reduction.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the board, President Knutson declared the meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, May 23, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

  
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Terry Yasutake, Secretary

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

Other Business  
MET/CWA Rates

Adjourn @ 2:38  
pm