

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE MONTE VISTA WATER DISTRICT**

April 27, 2022

The Board of Directors (Board) meeting of the Monte Vista Water District (District) was conducted consistent with the provisions in California Government Code section 54953(e), as amended by Assembly Bill 361 (2021), and pursuant to District Resolution.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Sandra Rose, President
G. Michael Milhiser, Vice President
Philip Erwin, Director
Tony Lopez, Director

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Manny Martinez, Board Auditor

STAFF PRESENT

Justin Scott-Coe, General Manager
Andrew Gagen, Legal Counsel
Kari Vozenilek, Legal Counsel
Stephanie Reimer, Assistant General Manager/Chief Financial Officer
Bill Schwartz, Director of Engineering, Operations, and Maintenance
Betty Conti, Human Resources and Risk Manager
Kelley Donaldson, Community Affairs Manager
Leah Nazaroff, Accounting Manager
Juan Ventura, Customer Service and Information Technology Manager
Brandi Goodman-DeCoud, Executive Assistant II

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Shivaji Deshmukh, General Manager, Inland Empire Utilities Agency

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

President Rose called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Vice President Milhiser led those assembled in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Goodman-DeCoud called roll call and noted that Board Auditor Martinez would be absent from today's meeting.

Ms. Kari Vozenilek reminded Directors that any votes taken during the portion of the meeting when Board members or the public are participating remotely must be taken by roll call vote.

ITEM 2: PRESENTATIONS

A. Bruce J. Lance, Jr. Water Scholarship Awards

President Rose welcomed the members of the public for attending the presentation of the Bruce J. Lance Jr., Water Scholarship Award to high school students Breanna Lopez and Maya Pena.

B. Drought and Imported Water Supply Shortage

Mr. Deshmukh provided a presentation which detailed recent action taken at the April 26, 2022, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board of Directors meeting regarding the drought and water use restrictions. He thanked District staff, President Rose, and the Cucamonga Valley Water District for contributing to public comment during the meeting.

Mr. Scott-Coe thanked Mr. Deshmukh and Inland Empire Utilities Agency staff for their efforts and partnership with the District.

ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENT/OPEN FORUM

President Rose provided brief instructions on appropriate conduct during the meeting and how members of the public can provide public comment.

An unidentified speaker expressed concern regarding sewage and the community in which he lives.

ITEM 4: AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

None.

ITEM 5: CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Vice President Milhiser, seconded by President Rose, and unanimously carried:

M22-04-07

MOVED: Approve the Consent Calendar, as by roll call vote:

A. Meeting minutes of April 13, 2022: Approve as presented.

B. Resolution 812-22: Opposing Initiative 21-0042A1: Approve Resolution 812-22 opposing Initiative 21-0042A1.

C. Well 33 Rehabilitation: Ratify the general manager's approval to pull and inspect the well pump at Plant 33.

President Rose aye

Vice President Milhiser aye

Director Erwin aye

Director Lopez aye

ITEM 6: DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution 813-22: Sewer Service Project California Environmental Quality Act Determination

Mr. Schwartz provided a brief presentation in support of staff's recommendation.

Nicholas Liguori, City of Chino, spoke in opposition of the project.

Monica Heredia, City of Montclair Public Works Director, spoke in opposition of the project.

Erick Castellanos, resident of the City of Chino, spoke in favor of the project. Mr. Castellanos also expressed concern regarding project costs and property taxes for residents, and expressed his belief that the service is much needed and worth studying.

Anthony Peich, resident of the City of Chino, spoke of his interest in how the proposed project would be paid for and expressed concern pertaining to property taxes.

Bob Bowcock, Integrated Resource Management, stated that the project is for adding sewer service that residents are currently being offered but not receiving, noted that his expectations of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) project by the District has been exceeded, and confirmed his support for the project.

Kevin Cramer, Cramer, Cramer, Cramer, LLC, spoke in support of the project.

Erik Pfahler, Borstein Enterprises, spoke in support of the project.

Vice President Milhiser stated that he hoped to work together with the Cities of Chino and Montclair to provide exceptional service to the local residents.

Mr. Scott-Coe thanked District staff, Legal Counsel, and Psomas Engineering staff for their work on the CEQA review for the project, and he expressed appreciation for the partner agencies' input into the process.

Upon motion by Vice President Milhiser, seconded by Director Lopez, and unanimously carried:

M22-04-08

MOVED: Adopt Resolution 813-22 adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH#2022010468) and attached Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for Activation of Latent Sewer Collection Service Authority Project, as by roll call vote:

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| President Rose | aye |
| Vice President Milhiser | aye |
| Director Erwin | aye |
| Director Lopez | aye |

ITEM 7: GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

In addition to his written report, Mr. Scott-Coe briefed the Board on issues and activities of the past two weeks. Topics covered include the statewide drought emergency and current restrictions; drought information outreach to District customers in their bills; recognition of the Maintenance Department for their work in fabricating and installing a sand separator and new well discharge piping at Well 19; announcement of an upcoming Lifestream blood drive on May 26, 2022, at the District office from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and acknowledgement of staff's Spring into Summer 2022 step challenge to encourage healthy activity and wellness.

ITEM 8: INFORMATION ITEMS

Information items were included in the agenda packet.

ITEM 9: BOARD COMMENTS (including reports on conferences/meetings attended at District expense)

Vice President Milhiser attended the opening of the Serrano Middle School's Art & Technology Center with Director Lopez.

Director Lopez attended the District's Employee Annual Awards event on April 20th, the Art & Technology Center opening, and expressed his enjoyment in recognizing the employee of the year and years of service awards. He also noted his attendance of the Public Information Committee meeting on April 26th judging the "Water is Life" student art poster contest entries with President Rose.

Director Erwin attended the District's Employee Annual Awards event and expressed his enjoyment of getting to know the employees.

President Rose thanked the public for providing their comments and encouraged attendance at future Board meetings.

Vice President Milhiser thanked Ms. Kari Vozenilek for her support in helping to prepare the Board and staff regarding tonight's sewer CEQA item.

ITEM 10: CLOSED SESSION

President Rose recessed the meeting to closed session at 7:59 p.m. to discuss:

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (GC §54956.9[d][1])

Case Number RCV 51010: CBMWD v. City of Chino et al.

President Rose reconvened the meeting into open session at 8:25 p.m. and stated that no reportable action was taken.

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Vice President Milhiser, seconded by Director Lopez, and unanimously carried:

MD22-04-09

MOVED: Approve to adjourn the meeting, as by roll call vote:

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| President Rose | aye |
| Vice President Milhiser | aye |
| Director Erwin | aye |
| Director Lopez | aye |

There being no further business, President Rose adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin M. Scott-Coe
General Manager/Secretary