

DIVISION 1
Patrick O'Dowd
Director



DIVISION 2
Anthony Bianco
Director

CVWD's Coachella Office
Forbes Auditorium

DIVISION 3
John Powell
President

OFFICIAL MINUTES

51-501 Tyler Street
Coachella

DIVISION 4
Peter G. Nelson
Director

COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MARCH 28, 2017

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DIVISION 5
Castulo Estrada
Vice President

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Coachella Valley Water District was called to order by President John Powell at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at the office of the District in Coachella, California. President Powell led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. ROLL CALL

Present: President John P. Powell, Jr.
Vice President Cástulo R. Estrada
Director G. Patrick O'Dowd
Director Anthony Bianco
Director Peter Nelson

Absent: None

Staff Present: Jim Barrett, General Manager
Jeff Ferre, Counsel
Sylvia Bermudez, Clerk of the Board
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
No public comment received.
4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA
 - A. No items removed or continued from the Agenda
 - B. No emergency items added to the Agenda
 - C. No changes to the order of the Agenda
5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR
President Powell pulled item 5D, for discussion.

On a motion by Director Nelson, seconded by Director O'Dowd, the Board approved the Consent Calendar, excluding item 5D.

AYES: Powell, Estrada, O'Dowd, Bianco, Nelson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

- A. Authorize the purchase of 19 Toughbooks and other necessary equipment, in the approximate amount of \$85,729.91.
- B. Authorize an extension of the current service contract for jet cleaning and vacuuming of the Districts gravity sewer lines.
- C. Resolution Objecting to the Public Sale of Assessor Parcel No. 646-070-003-0, and Offering to Purchase Riverside County Tax Defaulted Land – La Quinta Evacuation Channel
- D. (Pulled) General Manager's Report of Activities during the month of February 2017
- E. General Manager's Report of Authorizations, Executions, and Acceptances during the month of February 2017
- F. Secretary's Record of Written Instruments Accepted and Recorded during the month of February 2017
- G. MINUTES – March 14, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Coachella Valley Board of Directors

6. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Discussion of Consent Calendar item 5D; General Manager's Report of Activities during the month of February 2017.

After discussion from the Board, on a motion of by President Powell, seconded by Director O'Dowd, the Board approved the General Manager's Report of Activities during the month of February 2017 and requested staff include an explanation to tables relating to Perris Dam Remediation.

AYES: Powell, Estrada, O'Dowd, Bianco, Nelson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

7. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. Employee Recognitions –President Powell and General Manager Barrett recognized the following employees:
 - i Longevity - Vernon "Bob" Polk, Environmental Compliance Inspector, 25 Years of Service
 - ii Retirement - Kim Halsey, Wastewater Reclamation Supervisor, 34 Years

8. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Ordinance 1422.5 amending the fine amounts for repeat water waste prohibition citations.

Following a presentation by Katie Evans, Conservation Manager, President Powell opened the Public Hearing to receive public input; no public input was received.

After discussion by the Board, on a motion by Director Nelson seconded by Director O’Dowd the Board approved Ordinance No. 1422.5, with the following revisions:

- amended title to, “An Ordinance Imposing Revised Restrictions on Water Use to Comply with Statewide Drought Regulations;
- removed paragraph "d" from Section 5. of the Ordinance under Mandatory Restrictions in regard to when variances would be considered.

AYES: Powell, Estrada, O’Dowd, Nelson

NOES: Bianco

ABSENT: None

Motion Passed: 4-1-0

9. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- A. Written Communications – on file.

10. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Authorize the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with GEI Consultants, Inc. for the design of the Palm Desert Groundwater Replenishment Project, presentation by Carrie Oliphant, Assistant Director of Engineering.

After discussion by the Board, on a motion by Director O’Dowd, seconded by Director Estrada, the Board unanimously approved the following:

- authorized the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with GEI Consultants, Inc., in the amount of \$658,865 for the design of the Palm Desert Groundwater Replenishment Project
- approved the following expenditures, for a total amount of \$1,021,532:
 - Engineering \$ 70,000
 - Environmental Services, Task Order to an Environmental on-call contract \$200,000
 - Contingency \$ 92,867

AYES: Powell, Estrada, O’Dowd, Bianco, Nelson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

- B. Award Construction Contract for Indian Springs Golf Club NPW Connection Project, Specification No. 2016-33 to Jones Bros. Constructions and authorize the General Manager to execute said contract, presentation by Armando Rodriguez, Engineer Manager.

After discussion by the Board, on a motion by Director Estrada seconded by Director Powell, the Board unanimously approved the following actions:

- Awarding of a construction contract to Jones Bros. Construction, in the amount of \$569,776, for the Indian Springs Golf Club NPW Connection Project, No. 2016-33
- Authorized the General Manager to execute Task Order No. 23 with Krieger and Stewart in the amount of \$66,900
- Authorized the General Manager to execute Task Order No. 6, with RMA Geoscience in the amount of \$20,000
- Approve expenditures as follows, for a total cost of \$969,570:
 - CVWD Project Management and Engineering \$30,000
 - CVWD Inspection \$85,000
 - CVWD Trades \$95,000
 - Contingency \$102,894

AYES: Powell, Estrada, O’Dowd, Bianco, Nelson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

- C. Approve Addendum No. 1 to the Initial Study & Mitigated Negative for the Highway 86 Domestic Water Transmission Main Phase 2 and Pump Station Project and authorize CVWD staff to submit a Notice of Determination to the County Clerk within five (5) days of project approval, presentation by Steve Bigley, Director of Environmental Services.

After discussion by the Board, on a motion by Director Estrada, seconded by Director Nelson, the Board unanimously approved:

- Addendum No. 1, to the to the Initial Study & Mitigated Negative for the Highway 86 Domestic Water Transmission Main Phase 2 and Pump Station Project;
- Authorized CVWD staff to submit a Notice of Determination to the County Clerk within five (5) days of project approval.

AYES: Powell, Estrada, O’Dowd, Bianco, Nelson

NOES: None

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: O’Dowd

Motion Passed: 4-0-1

11. BOARD COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Board Member General Comments

No reports from the Board.

B. Meetings and Conference Reports

- i February 2, 2017 ACWA Team Building Workshop (Director O'Dowd)
- ii March 8, 2017 - California Farm Water Coalition Conference Call (Director Nelson)
- iii March 14, 2017 Meeting with Matt Parsons & Eldorado Barranca Property Owners Association (Director Powell)
- iv March 15, 2017 Colorado River Board Meeting (Director Nelson)
- v March 16, 2017 Association of California Water Agencies Region 9 Board Meeting via teleconference (Director O'Dowd)
- vi March 20, 2017 Imperial Dam Advisory Board Meeting (Director Bianco)
- vii March 20, 2017 to March 22, 2017 National Water Resources Association Federal Water Issues Conference & Meeting with Joaquin Esteban (Director O'Dowd)
- viii March 21, 2017 Disadvantaged Communities Infrastructure Committee Meeting (Directors Powell and Estrada)
- ix March 22, 2017 Golf and Water Task Force Meeting (Director Bianco)
- x March 22, 2017 Meeting between CVWD and the City of La Quinta regarding water rates (Directors Powell and Nelson)
- xi March 23, 2017 to March 24, 2017 WELL 2017 Annual Conference (Director Estrada)
- xii March 24, 2017 Association of California Water Agencies State Legislative Committee Meeting (Director O'Dowd)
- xiii March 27, 2017 Board Study Session

Additional meetings reported:

- March 20, 2017 Interview with Jeff Crider, regarding CVWD's Centennial celebration.

C. Approval of per diem for meetings reported.

On a motion by Director O'Dowd, seconded by Director Bianco, the board unanimously approved payment of per diems for meetings reported.

AYES: Powell, Estrada, O'Dowd, Bianco, Nelson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

D. Reports Oversight Boards of the Successor Agencies of the Redevelopment Agencies.

No meetings reported.

12. STAFF REPORTS

- A. General Manager – Jim Barrett discussed the calendar for the upcoming Study Sessions and reported the topic for the Study Sessions would be changed in light of the discussions held during the March 27th Study Session.
- B. Counsel – Jeff Ferre reported on the Solano County Taxpayers case which challenges the analysis that was done by the State prior to setting the new Chrom 6 standard and the next steps in that case.
- C. Departments – None

13. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA


- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9 (a)
Beal, et al. v. City of Indian Wells, et al., Case No. RIC1515398
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-- EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9 (a)Coachella Valley Water District vs. Imperial Irrigation District, County of Riverside Superior Court, Case No. INC 1208959
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-- EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9 (a) Name of Case: Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians v. Coachella Valley Water District, et al., Case No. EDCV 13-883 JGB
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
One potential case

14. RECONVENE

- A. Report out of Closed Session
President Powell reconvened the meeting into open session; reported the Board had no reportable actions for Items 13A through 13D.

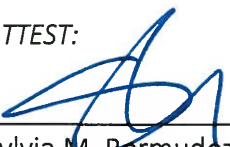
15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, President Powell adjourned the meeting at 11:47 AM.



 John P. Powell, President
 Coachella Valley Water District

ATTEST:



 Sylvia M. Bermudez, Clerk of the Board
 Coachella Valley Water District

