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Director

DIVISION 2
Anthony Bianco
Director

DIVISION 3
John Powell
President

DIVISION 4
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Director

DIVISION 5
Castulo Estrada
Vice President



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OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 9, 2017

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, May 9, 2017, at the office of the District in Palm Desert, California. President Powell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. TELECONFERENCE

President Powell stated the Board meeting was being conducted pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953, in that Director G. Patrick O'Dowd is in Monterey, CA 93940, participating via teleconference, and in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act. The teleconference location was identified on the agenda and properly posted.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Staff Present: Jim Barrett, General Manager
Jeff Ferre, Counsel
Sylvia Bermudez, Clerk of the Board

4. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

- A. No Item(s) to be removed or continued from the Agenda
- B. No Emergency Item(s) to be added to the Agenda

C. No Changes to the order of the Agenda

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment received.

6. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Director Nelson, seconded by Director Bianco, the Board approved the Consent Calendar; approved by roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

A. MINUTES - April 25, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Coachella Valley Water District Board of Directors

B. Furnish and Install Diesel Emissions Retrofit Devices

7. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

No Items were pulled from Consent Calendar.

8. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Employee Recognitions

Board President Powell and General Manager Barrett, recognized the following employees:

Longevity

- ❖ Patti Reyes, Planning & Special Programs Manager, 30 years
- ❖ Ofelia Navarro, Customer Service Representative III, 20 years

Retirements

- ❖ Jack Porrelli, Communications & Legislative Specialist, 15 years (will not be present)

B. Conservation Award Presentations

Board President Powell and General Manager Barrett, recognized the winners of the Conservation Awards:

- ❖ Most Beautiful Yard - Gilbert and Vera Sanchez
- ❖ Outstanding Commercial Water Saver - Indian Ridge Country Club HOA

9. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. Written Communications – None

B. Informational Reports to the Board

- i Strategic Planning Update FY 2017, Q3 (Jan - March '17), presentation by Robert Cheng, Assistant General Manager.

10. ACTION ITEMS

A. Adoption of Coachella Valley Water District's Fiscal Year 2018 Strategic Initiatives, presentation by Robert Cheng, Assistant General Manager.

After a presentation by Robert Cheng, Assistant General Manager, the board discussed the adoption of CVWD's FY 2018 Strategic Initiatives.

On a motion by Director Nelson, seconded by President Powell, the Board approved the Fiscal Year 2018 Strategic Initiatives as presented and added Initiative #22, Stormwater Planning, to Strategic Goal #6, to include continued planning efforts and to pursue needed real estate acquisitions; approved by roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

11. BOARD COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Board Member General Comments

- Director Nelson had no report.
- Director O'Dowd had no report.
- Director Bianco had no report.
- Director Estrada requested information on the number of applications received under the ID-1 Colorado River Water Guidelines; also reported on an email from Mr. Manuel Torres, relating to the use of canal water in the ID-1 area.
- President Powell reported on upcoming meeting with representatives from City of Indio and CVWD relating to water issues. Attended the April 26th Coachella City Council meeting and reported

B. Meetings and Conference Reports

- i April 5, 2017 Presentation to El Dorado Country Club Strategic Planning Group (Director Powell)
- ii April 26, 2017 State Joint Long Range Planning and Funding Committee Meeting (Director O'Dowd)
- iii April 26, 2017 Golf and Water Task Force Meeting (Directors O'Dowd)
- iv April 26, 2017 Joint Meeting between CVWD and City of Indian Wells (Director Powell)
- v April 27, 2017 Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors Meeting (Directors O'Dowd)
- vi April 28, 2017 The Living Desert Board of Trustees Organization Meeting (Director Bianco)
- vii May 1, 2017 Board Study Session (Directors Powell, O'Dowd, Bianco, Estrada)
- viii May 1, 2017 Environmental Assessment Committee Meeting (Director Estrada)
- ix May 1, 2017 Growers' Meeting (Directors Powell and Estrada)
- x May 2, 2017 Site visit to Cadiz (Director O'Dowd)

- xi May 2, 2017 Meeting between City of Palm Desert and CVWD (Directors Powell and Bianco)
- xii May 3, 2017 Public Finance Committee (Directors Powell and Nelson)
- xiii May 3, 2017 Interview with Jeff Crider (Director Nelson)
- xiv May 4, 2017 Interview with Jeff Crider (Director Bianco)
- xv May 5, 2017 Interview with Jeff Crider (Director Estrada)
- xvi May 5, 2017 Interview with Jeff Crider (Director O'Dowd)
- xvii May 8, 2017 Meeting with General Manager Barrett and staff (Director Bianco)

C. Approval of per diem for meetings reported.

On a motion by Director Nelson, seconded by Director Estrada, approved per diem for meetings reported; approved by roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Passed: 5-0e

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

12. STAFF REPORTS

A. General Manager, Jim Barrett reported he would be out Thursday and Friday; the May 15th Study Session would cover additional personnel requests, vehicles and CIP; and staff would present the additional personnel requests for Board action at the May 23rd meeting.

B. Counsel, Jeff Ferre reported on the court's ruling on the California Manufacturers and Technology Association and Solano County Taxpayers Association vs. State Water Resources Control Board. Adding that the court ruled that the MCL for Chrom 6 was not properly adopted and must be withdrawn. The State is required to adopt a new MCL and follow the legal requirements which include conducting an economic feasibility study.

C. Departments – None

13. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9 (2)(d)

Receipt of Claim – Brian Charles Whiteside

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

14. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

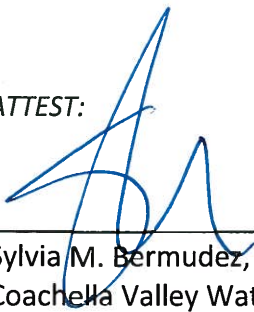
President Powell reconvened the meeting back to open session and reported that the Board, on a motion by Director Estrada, seconded by Director Nelson, to reject the claim of Brian Whiteside and to authorize staff to send the applicable notice. The motion passed 5-0.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Directors, at this time, President Powell adjourned the meeting at 10:37AM.



John P. Powell, President
Coachella Valley Water District

ATTEST:


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

