



**DIVISION 1**  
*Patrick O'Dowd*  
*Director*

**DIVISION 2**  
*Anthony Bianco*  
*Director*

**DIVISION 3**  
*John Powell*  
*President*

**DIVISION 4**  
*Peter G. Nelson*  
*Director*

**DIVISION 5**  
*Castulo Estrada*  
*Vice President*

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

*CVWD's*  
*Coachella Office*  
*Forbes Auditorium*

51-501 Tyler Street  
Coachella

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July 24, 2018

**1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President John Powell called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Coachella Valley Water District to order at 8:00 AM, Tuesday, July 24, 2018 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 arrived at 8:25 AM  
Director G. Patrick O'Dowd  
Director Peter Nelson

*Absent:* Director Anthony Bianco

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

**3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

- A. No items were removed or continued from the Agenda
- B. No emergency Items were added to the Agenda
- C. No changes to the order of the Agenda

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment received.

**5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following items were pulled for discussion: 5J, 5K, 5L pulled by Director Nelson; and President Powell pulled item 5N.

On a motion by Director Nelson, second by Director O'Dowd, the Board approved the remainder of the Consent Calendar.

**Approved by the following vote:**

**AYES:** O'Dowd, Powell, Nelson

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Bianco, Estrada

**Motion Passed: 3-0**

- A. Approved the July 10, 2018 Coachella Valley Water District Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.
- B. Accepted and filed the General Manager's Report of Activities during the month of June 2018.
- C. Accepted and filed the General Manager's Report of Authorizations, Executions, and Acceptances of Documents during the month of June 2018.
- D. Accepted and filed the Secretary's Report of Written Instruments Accepted and Recorded during the month of June 2018.
- E. Authorized the General Manager to execute a contract services agreement with Prudential Overall Supply (Prudential) to provide Uniform Rental and Laundry Services (Project) in the amount of \$112,500 annually, or \$337,500 over the initial three-year contract period.
- F. Authorized the General Manager to execute an On-Call Contract for Medium Voltage Electrical Maintenance, Repair, and Emergency Response Services to Baker Electric (BAKER). The contract services shall not-to-exceed \$200,000 annually or \$400,000 over the initial two-year contract period.
- G. Approved and authorized the General Manager to execute Task Order No. 18-5 to the Professional Services Agreement with Northwest Hydraulic Consultants to Perform Existing Condition Sediment Transport Analysis for the Whitewater River/Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel from Vista Chino to the Salton Sea.
- H. Approved and authorized the General Manager to execute Task Order No. 18-9 to the Professional Services Agreement with Northwest Hydraulic Consultants to Perform Additional Engineering Design Services for the East Side Dike Improvement Project.
- I. Approved and authorized the General Manager to execute the First Amendment to the Nonpotable Water Agreement for Toscana Country Club.
- J. **PULLED** - Authorize the transfer of the assessor's parcels numbers that have delinquent and unpaid domestic water charges, sewer service charges and irrigation water charges to the Fiscal Year 2018-19 tax rolls and authorize staff to file the necessary documents with the counties as listed below on or before August 10, 2018, and approve the appropriate resolutions.
- K. **PULLED** - Adopt Resolution authorizing the transfer of Delinquent Irrigation Water Availability Charges to the Riverside County Tax Roll Fiscal Year 2018-19
- L. **PULLED** - Adopt Resolutions transferring Sewer Service Charges to Riverside County and Imperial County Tax Rolls for Fiscal Year 2018-19 and authorize staff to file the documents with respective Counties, on or before August 10, 2018.

- M. Approved and authorized the General Manager to execute an Added Facilities Agreement with Southern California Edison.
- N. **PULLED** - Approve and authorize the General Manager to execute Task Order No. 3 to Dahl Consultants in the amount of \$200,792 to provide land acquisition services, plans, specifications, and engineering for the Phase 1 portion of the Oasis Area Irrigation System Expansion Project.
- O. Approved and authorized the General Manager to execute Task Order No. 5 with Dahl Consultants to Perform a Feasibility Study for Storage of Colorado River Water.
- P. Approved and authorized the General Manager to execute Task Order No. 5 (TO5) to the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Albert A. Webb Associates (Webb) for additional engineering services for the North Indio Regional Flood Control Channel Project (Project) in the amount of \$283,911.
- Q. Approved Payment of National Water Resources Association - National Irrigation and Conservation Caucus membership dues for 2018 in the amount of \$300.
- R. Approved payment of \$10,563 for Coachella Valley Water District's (CVWD) share of the Colorado River Authority of California's (CRA) Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019 Budget.
- S. Approved and authorized payment of \$349,375 for Coachella Valley Water District's (CVWD) share of the Six Agency Committee's Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019 Budget for the Colorado River Board of California.
- T. Approved payment of Coachella Valley Water District's share of Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) fees for Fiscal Year 2018-19, in the amount of \$56,906.41.
- U. Authorized the General Manager to execute Task Order No. 14 (TO14) to the 2018 On-Call Biennial Engineering Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Krieger & Stewart, Inc. (K&S) in the amount of \$24,500 to provide bid support and additional engineering design services for the Irrigation Lateral 123.45-6.0 Replacement Project (Project No. IR1601) and additional expenditures for a total request of \$32,500.

## 6. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5 J. Authorize the transfer of the assessor's parcels numbers that have delinquent and unpaid domestic water charges, sewer service charges and irrigation water charges to the Fiscal Year 2018-19 tax rolls and authorize staff to file the necessary documents with the counties as listed below on or before August 10, 2018, and approve the appropriate resolutions.

Following a presentation by Eric Salazar, Assistant Billing Supervisor, the Board discussed the transfer of assessor's parcels numbers that have delinquent and unpaid domestic water charges, sewer service charges and irrigation water charges to the Fiscal Year 2018-19 tax rolls, the notices provided to customers regarding such delinquencies prior to collection, and the feasibility of providing advance copies of the listed accounts. These topics were addressed in regard to items 5(J), (K) and (L).

On a motion by Director Nelson, second by Director O'Dowd, the Board approved the assessor's parcels numbers that have delinquent and unpaid domestic water charges,

sewer service charges and irrigation water charges to the Fiscal Year 2018-19 tax rolls and approved the following resolutions:

- Resolution No. 2018-23, a Resolution of the Board of Directors of Coachella Valley Water District regarding the delinquent and unpaid domestic water/sewer service charges for Imperial County
- Resolution No. 2018-24, a Resolution of the Board of Directors of Coachella Valley Water District regarding the delinquent and unpaid domestic water/sewer service charges for Riverside County
- Resolution No. 2018-25, a Resolution of the Board of Directors of Coachella Valley Water District regarding delinquent and unpaid irrigation water charges for Riverside County

**Approved by the following vote:**

**AYES:** O'Dowd, Powell, Nelson

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Bianco, Estrada

**Motion Passed: 3-0**

5 K. Adopt Resolution authorizing the transfer of Delinquent Irrigation Water Availability Charges to the Riverside County Tax Roll Fiscal Year 2018-19.

Following a presentation by Eric Salazar, Assistant Billing Supervisor, the Board discussed a resolution authorizing the transfer of Delinquent Irrigation Water Availability Charges to the Riverside County Tax Roll Fiscal Year 2018-19.

On a motion by Director Nelson, second by Director O'Dowd, the Board approved Resolution No. 2018-26, a Resolution authorizing the transfer of Delinquent Irrigation Water Availability Charges to the Riverside County Tax Roll Fiscal Year 2018-19.

**Approved by the following vote:**

**AYES:** O'Dowd, Powell, Nelson

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Bianco, Estrada

**Motion Passed: 3-0**

5 L. Adopt Resolutions transferring Sewer Service Charges to Riverside County and Imperial County Tax Rolls for Fiscal Year 2018-19 and authorize staff to file the documents with respective Counties, on or before August 10, 2018.

Following a presentation by Eric Salazar, Assistant Billing Supervisor, the Board discussed resolutions transferring Sewer Service Charges to Riverside County and Imperial County Tax Rolls for Fiscal Year 2018-19.

On a motion by Director Nelson, second by Director O'Dowd, the Board approved and authorized staff to file the documents with respective Counties, on or before August 10, 2018 and approve the following resolutions:

- Resolution No. 2018-27, a Resolution of the Board of Directors of Coachella Valley Water District requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Imperial to levy the District's sewer service charge

- Resolution No. 2018-28, a Resolution of the Board of Directors of Coachella Valley Water District requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside to levy the District's sewer service charge

**Approved by the following vote:**

**AYES:** O'Dowd, Powell, Nelson

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Bianco, Estrada

**Motion Passed: 3-0**

- 5 N. Approve and authorize the General Manager to execute Task Order No. 3 to Dahl Consultants in the amount of \$200,792 to provide land acquisition services, plans, specifications, and engineering for the Phase 1 portion of the Oasis Area Irrigation System Expansion Project.

Prior to discussion of this item, Counsel Ferre stated that since this matter is related to property in the Oasis project, the previous recusal and re-qualification of a Director, which was completed at a previous Board meeting, should be followed for this item. Based on that prior action, Directors Nelson and Bianco are recused for such matters and President Powell is the re-qualified Director who can participate in order to have a quorum for potential Board action. It was noted that Director Bianco was absent and Director Nelson then recused himself and left the Board room for this item.

Following a presentation by David Wilson, Engineering Manager, the Board discussed Task Order No. 3 to Dahl Consultants in the amount of \$200,792 to provide land acquisition services, plans, specifications, and engineering for the Phase 1 portion of the Oasis Area Irrigation System Expansion Project.

On a motion by Director O'Dowd, second by Director Estrada, the Board approved and authorized the General Manager to execute Task Order No. 3 to Dahl Consultants in the amount of \$200,792 to provide land acquisition services, plans, specifications, and engineering for the Phase 1 portion of the Oasis Area Irrigation System Expansion Project.

**Approved by the following vote:**

**AYES:** O'Dowd, Powell, Estrada

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Bianco

**RECUSED:** Nelson

**Motion Passed: 3-0**

## 7. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Conduct a Public Hearing to consider the Domestic Water Service and Sewage and Waste Service Availability Assessment for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Eric Salazar, Assistant Billing Supervisor, provided a presentation on the proposed Domestic Water Service; and Sewage and Waste Service Availability Assessments for FY 2018-19. President Powell opened the public hearing to receive public input concerning the proposed resolutions for Imperial and Riverside Counties fixing rates of taxation for the Domestic Water Service; and Sewage and Waste Service Availability Assessment for FY 2018-19.

Prior to the receipt of public comment, President Powell, Clerk of the Board Bermudez, and General Counsel Ferre, provided information regarding the notice and hearing procedures, which have been followed in accordance with the law. There was no public input received or written comments submitted.

President Powell closed the public hearing. Following a discussion of the matter, a motion was made by Director Nelson, second by Director O'Dowd, to adopt Resolution No. 2018-29, a resolution adopting the Domestic Water Service; and Sewage and Waste Service Availability Assessment rates for FY 2018-19 and authorized transfer of assessments to Fiscal Year 2018-19 county tax rolls for Riverside and Imperial Counties.

**Approved by the following vote:**

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Bianco

**Motion Passed: 4-0**

## 8. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- A. Written Communications – None

## 9. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Award of Contract to Pacific Hydrotech Corporation in the amount of \$11,055,600 for the Construction of Water Reclamation Plant Nos. 4, 7, and 10 Chemical System Safety Upgrade Project, Specification No. 2016-63.

Following a presentation by Donnell Wilcox, Senior Sanitation Engineer-Domestic Water/Sanitation, the Board discussed a contract with Pacific Hydrotech Corporation for the construction of Water Reclamation Plant Nos. 4, 7 and 10 chemical system safety upgrade project, Specification No. 2016-63.

On a motion by Director Nelson, second by Director O'Dowd, the Board approved the following actions:

- Awarded a contract to Pacific Hydrotech Corporation in the amount of \$11,055,600 for the Construction of Water Reclamation Plant Nos. 4, 7, and 10 Chemical System Safety Upgrade Project, Specification No. 2016-63, and authorized the General Manager to execute said contract.

**Approved by the following vote:**

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Bianco

**Motion Passed: 4-0**

- B. Award Design-Build Contract for the Palm Desert Auto Shop Building Project in the total amount of \$1,900,000.

Following a presentation by Dan Ruiz, Engineering Manager, the Board discussed the design build contract for the Palm Desert Auto Shop Building project.

On a motion by Director O'Dowd, second by Director Nelson, the Board approved the following actions:

- Awarding of contract to Metro Builders & Engineers Group, Ltd., (Metro Builders) in the amount of \$1,597,710 to design and construct the new Palm Desert Auto Shop Building project
- Authorized the General Manager to execute said contract, and
- Approved the following additional expenditures, for a total request of \$1,900,000:
  - CVWD Project Management - \$30,000
  - Task Order with Vanir Construction for Design and Construction Support Services - \$90,000
  - CVWD Construction Support - \$50,000
  - City of Palm Desert Planning, Development, and Building Permit Fees (est.) - \$50,000
  - Soils Testing and Special Inspections (RMA GeoScience) - \$25,000
  - CVWD Contingency – \$57,290

**Approved by the following vote:**

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Bianco

**Motion Passed: 4-0**

## 10. BOARD COMMENTS AND REPORTS

### A. Board Member General Comments

- No comments from Directors Nelson and O'Dowd
- Director Estrada commented on items 5J, 5K, and 5L relating to the delinquent and unpaid domestic water charger, sewer service charges and irrigation water charges to the FY 2018-19 tax rolls.
- Director Powell commented on the article in The Desert Sun relating to water conservation and groundwater levels in the Coachella Valley.

### B. Meetings and Conference Reports

- i July 11, 2018 Colorado River Board Meeting (Director Nelson)
- ii July 12, 2018 Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 9 Event Conference Call (Director O'Dowd)
- iii July 12, 2018 Desert Valley Builders Association 2018 Public Officials Luncheon with Mayor Kim Muzik of Indian Wells (Director O'Dowd)
- iv July 12, 2018 Desert Valleys Builders Association Board Meeting (Director Powell) \*\*\* *did not attend*
- v July 17, 2018 Disadvantaged Communities Infrastructure Task Force Meeting (Directors Powell and Estrada)
- vi July 17, 2018 SCWC Quarterly Luncheon Panelist Prep-Call (Director O'Dowd)

- vii July 18, 2018 ACWA Selection Committee - Candidate Interviews for Executive Director (Director O'Dowd)
- viii July 18, 2018 Meeting with Desert Recreation District (Directors Powell and Estrada) **\*\* did not attend**
- ix July 18, 2018 Meeting with Robert Bernheimer and Associates regarding South Adams Crossing and Cost Sharing Agreements for Espana and Domani (Directors Bianco and Nelson)
- x July 20, 2018 Southern California Water Coalition Quarterly Luncheon (Directors Nelson and O'Dowd)

**Additional Meetings added:**

- July 11, 2018 Meeting with KCBR (Director Powell)
- July 16, 2018 Housing Review Committee presented on East Valley Water Supply Assessments and consolidation of water systems (Director Estrada)
- July 17, 2018 Salton Sea public forum at senior center in Palm Springs (Director Estrada)
- July 19, 2018 BB&K Webinar on public pensions (Director Nelson)

- C. Approval of per diem for meetings reported.

On a motion by Director Nelson, second by Director O'Dowd, the Board approved per diem for meetings reported.

**Approved by the following vote:**

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

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT:** Bianco

**Motion Passed: 4-0**

- D. Reports Oversight Boards of the Successor Agencies of the Redevelopment Agencies  
No meetings reported.

**11. STAFF REPORTS**

- A. General Manager, Jim Barrett reported he has asked the Clerk of the Board to schedule a study session to discuss the Irrigation & Drainage Water Service Rules and Regulations sometime in September or October; also, he provided follow up information on an earlier question regarding SGMA Basin prioritization and determinations by DWR.
- B. Counsel, Jeff Ferre had no report.
- C. Departments – None

**12. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1)  
Name of case: City of La Quinta vs. Chin Family Properties, Riverside County  
Case Number PSC 1803284

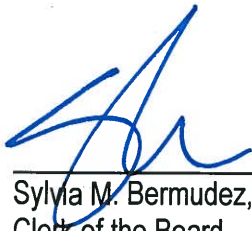
**13. RECONVENE**



- A. Report out of Closed Session  
President Powell reconvened the meeting into Open Session and announced there was no reportable action for item 12A.

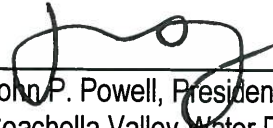
**14. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, President Powell adjourned the meeting at 9:25 AM. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, 2018 in Palm Desert, California.



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



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John P. Powell, President  
Coachella Valley Water District