

DIVISION 1
Patrick O'Dowd
Director



DIVISION 2
Anthony Bianco
Director

CVWD's Coachella
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Auditorium

DIVISION 3
John Powell
President

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

51501 Tyler Street
Coachella

DIVISION 4
Peter G. Nelson
Director

January 23, 2018

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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, January 23, 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
Director Anthony Bianco
Director G. Patrick O'Dowd
Director Peter Nelson

Absent: None

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

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

- A. Item(s) to be removed or continued from the Agenda
Closed Session Item 12 B, was removed from the agenda.
- B. No emergency Item(s) to be 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

On a motion by Director Nelson, seconded by Director Estrada, the Board approved the Consent Calendar as presented.

Approved by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

- A. Approved Minutes of January 9, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Coachella Valley Water District Board of Directors
- B. Accepted and Filed the General Manager's Report of Activities during the month of December 2017
- C. Accepted and Filed the General Manager's Report of Authorizations, Executions, and Acceptances of Documents during the month of December 2017
- D. Accepted and Filed the Secretary's Record of Written Instruments Accepted and Recorded during the month of December 2017
- E. Approved and Authorized the General Manager to Execute the First Amendment to the Nonpotable Water Agreement for Silver Sands Homeowner's Association
- F. Authorized the payment of the 2018 WaterReuse Association's 2018 membership dues in the amount of \$8,025
- G. Approved and Authorized the General Manager to Execute Change Order No. 2 to VISTAM, Inc., in the amount of \$433,781 for the Replacement of Reduced Voltage Soft Starters for the Mid Valley Pump Station
- H. Approved Schedule for Levying Replenishment Assessment Charges (RACs) for Water Supply and Replenishment Assessment Programs, Fiscal Year 2018-2019
- I. Approved and Authorized the General Manager to Execute the First Amendment to Consulting Agreement with Northern Digital, Inc. for Assistance with PLC Programming at the Coachella Canal

6. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

No items pulled for discussion.

7. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. 100 Year Acknowledgements
 - i Presentation of Centennial Proclamation to CVWD from the Bureau of Reclamation

Kristen Johnson, Legislative Specialist, introduced the proclamation from the Bureau of Reclamation, recognizing CVWD's Centennial celebration.

8. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- A. Written Communications – on file
General Manager Barrett discussed the correspondence received by CVWD from Gerald and Teresa Carlson, regarding the proposed dog run – Outdoor Resorts Palm Springs.
- B. Strategic Planning Update FY 2018, Q3 (Oct - Dec '17).
Robert Cheng, Assistant General Manager, presented the Strategic Planning Update for FY 2018, Q3 (Oct-Dec 2017).

9. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Award and Authorize the General Manager to Execute Contract with Chris Kahn Consulting for Sacramento Lobbying Services for a period of Three Years.

Following a presentation by Kristen Johnson, Legislative Specialist, the Board discussed the consulting contract for Sacramento Lobbying Services.

On a motion by Director O'Dowd, seconded by Director Estrada, the Board approved awarding of a contract with Chris Kahn Consulting for Sacramento lobbying services for a one-year period, with an additional 2 two-year renewal options (for a total of 5-years).

Approved by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

- B. Approve and Authorize the General Manager to Award a Construction Contract to Canyon Springs Enterprises in the Amount of \$1,805,989 for the Whitewater Groundwater Replenishment Facility Intake Improvements, Specification No. 2017-70.

Following a presentation by Dan Charlton, Director of Facilities & Maintenance, the Board discussed a construction contract for the Whitewater Groundwater Replenishment Facility Intake Improvements.

On a motion by Director Nelson, seconded by Director O'Dowd, the

Board approved the following actions:

- Award a construction contract to Canyon Springs Enterprises in the amount of \$1,805,989 for the Whitewater Groundwater Replenishment Facility Intake Improvements (Project) Specification No. 2017-70
- Authorized the General Manager to execute Task Order No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Dahl Consultants in the amount of \$59,660 to provide engineering services during the construction as the Engineer of Record
- Approved the following expenditures, for a total project request of \$1,999,0000:
 - CVWD Project Management and Inspection \$ 45,351
 - Contingency \$ 80,000
 - Concrete and Soils Testing \$ 8,000

Approved by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

- C. Award and Authorize the General Manager to Execute Task Orders No. 13 and No. 14 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to Complete the Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan Water Year 2017 Annual Reports for the Indio and Mission Creek Subbasins, in the amount of \$118,891.

Following a presentation by Michael Nusser, Water Resources Associate, Environmental Services, the Board discussed Task Orders with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., for the Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan Water Year reports.

On a motion by Director Nelson, seconded by Director Bianco, the Board approved and authorized the General Manager to execute the following:

- Task Order No. 13 to professional services agreement with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. in the amount of \$63,260 to prepare the Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Water Year 2017 Annual Report for the Subbasin
- Task Order No. 14, to the professional services agreement with Stantec in the amount of \$55,631 to prepare the Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Water Year 2017 Annual Report for Mission Creek Subbasin

Approved by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

- D. Approve and Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with CDM Smith, Inc. in the amount of \$1,234,995 for the Sanitation System Master Plan and Program Environmental Impact Report.

Following a presentation by Armando Rodriguez, Engineer Manager, the Board discussed a professional services agreement for the Sanitation System Master Plan and Program Environmental Impact Report.

On a motion by Director Estrada, seconded by Director O'Dowd, the Board approved the following actions:

- Authorized the General Manager to execute a professional services agreement with CDM Smith, Inc., in the amount of \$1,234,995 for the Sanitation System Master Plan and Program Environmental Impact Report
- Authorized the General Manager to execute Task Order for project management support for the Sanitation Master Plan by Woodard & Curran as part of the on-call program management professional services agreement in the amount of \$79,240
- Approved additional expenditures for a total project cost of \$1,515,235:
 - CVWD Project Management \$60,000
 - Project Contingency \$ 150,000

Approved by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND REPORTS

A. Board Member General Comments

All members of the Board commended staff on the successful efforts of the storage in the aquifer in the Whitewater Groundwater Replenishment.

- B. Meetings and Conference Reports
- i January 9, 2018 Dr. Jerry Meral Water Bond Briefing (Director O'Dowd)
 - ii January 10, 2018 Colorado River Board Meeting (Director Nelson)
 - iii January 10, 2018 Agricultural Water Advisory Group (Directors Powell and Bianco)
 - iv January 10, 2018 Legislative Committee Meeting (Directors Bianco and Estrada)
 - v January 11, 2018 Southern California Energy + Water + Green Living 2018 Summit (Directors Nelson, O'Dowd and Estrada)
 - vi January 11, 2018 Coachella Valley Conservation Commission Meeting (Director Bianco) ****meeting was cancelled**
 - vii January 11, 2018 CVAG Energy and Environmental Resources Committee Meeting (Director Bianco) ****meeting was cancelled**
 - viii January 11, 2018 Desert Valleys Builders Association Meeting (Director Powell)
 - ix January 16, 2018 Grants Oversight Committee Meeting (Director Estrada) ****did not attend**
 - x January 16, 2018 Disadvantaged Communities Infrastructure Task Force Meeting (Directors Powell and Estrada)
 - xi January 18, 2018 Preventing Workplace Harassment, Discrimination, and Retaliation Training (Directors Nelson, O'Dowd and Estrada)
 - xii January 19, 2018 Association of California Water Agencies State Legislation Committee Meeting (Director O'Dowd)
 - xiii January 19, 2018 Southern California Water Coalition Quarterly Luncheon (Director Nelson)
 - xiv January 22, 2018 ACWA Region 9 Board Meeting (Director O'Dowd)

Additional meetings reported:

- January 8, 2018 Grower's Meeting (Directors Estrada and Powell)
- January 8, 2018 CVWD Centennial Celebration Committee (Powell)
- January 22, 2018 Palm Desert Oversight Board Meeting (Director Bianco)
- January 26, 2018 Interview regarding SB 623 (Director Estrada)

C. **Approval of per diem for meetings reported**

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

Approved by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

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

11. STAFF REPORTS

- A. General Manager Barrett announced staff would be holding a public workshop regarding the Irrigation and Drainage Rules and Regulations.
- B. Counsel Ferre had no report
- C. Departments
- Dan Charlton, Facilities & Maintenance Director introduced the new Fleet Manager, Stewart Taylor.

12. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA


- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code section 54956.9 (d) (1)
Name of case: Mission Springs Water District v. Desert Water Agency and Coachella Valley Water District, Case No. PSC 1600676
- B. 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 (item was pulled from the agenda)

13. RECONVENE

- A. Report out of Closed Session
Item 12B, was pulled from the agenda and was not discussed.
President Powell reconvened the meeting back to open session and announced there was no reportable action on item 12A.

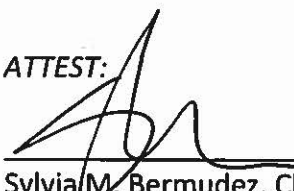
14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Directors, at this time, President Powell adjourned the meeting at 10:15 AM. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at the Palm Desert office.



John P. Powell, President
Coachella Valley Water District

ATTEST:



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