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Patrick O'Dowd
Director

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Anthony Bianco
Director

DIVISION 3
John Powell
President

DIVISION 4
Peter G. Nelson
Director

DIVISION 5
Castulo Estrada
Vice President



Steve Robbins
Administration Building
Board Chambers

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

October 10, 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, October 10, 2017, at the office of the District in Palm Desert, 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, Counsel
Sylvia Bermudez, Clerk of the Board

3. 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. Changes to the order of the Agenda; moved employee recognitions before the State of the District Address; moved item 10C before 10B.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment received

5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

On a motion by Director O'Dowd, seconded by Director Nelson, the Board approved the Consent Calendar (items 5A- 5D) as presented.

Approved by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

- A. Authorized the General Manager to execute Task Order No. 7 in the amount of \$57,802 with RMC Woodard & Curran for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Support.
- B. Approved and authorized the General Manager to execute the First Amendment to the Nonpotable Water Agreement for Palm Desert Greens Association.
- C. Approved and authorized the General Manager to execute the First Amendment to the Nonpotable Water Agreement for Portola Country Club Homeowners' Association.
- D. Approved the Minutes of September 26, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Coachella Valley Water District Board of Directors

6. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

No items pulled for discussion.

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- A. Written Communications – on file

8. STATE OF THE DISTRICT ADDRESS

President John Powell, Jr., gave his State of the District Address.

9. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. Employee Recognitions

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

- **Leonard Corral**, Sanitation/Collections Crew Chief, 35 Years
- **Jeffrey Sodia**, Domestic Water Maintenance Crew Chief, 30 Years

10. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approve Resolution in recognition of Water Professionals Appreciation Week.

After a presentation by Jim Barrett, General Manager, the Board

discussed the resolution recognizing Water Professionals Appreciation Week.

On a motion by Director Nelson, seconded by Director O'Dowd, the Board approved Resolution No. 2017-31, A Resolution of the Coachella Valley Water District Board of Directors Honoring the Employees and Retirees of the District in Recognition of Water Professionals Week.

Approved by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

- B. Authorize an increase in the Sites Project Authority's Phase 1 Reservoir Project Budget by \$50,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1.11 million.

Following a presentation by Robert Cheng, Assistant General Manager, the Board discussed the Sites Project Authority's Phase 1 Reservoir Project Budget.

On a motion by Director O'Dowd seconded by Director Bianco, the Board approved and authorized an increase in the Sites Project Authority's Phase 1 Reservoir Project Budget by \$50,000, for a total contract amount, not to exceed \$1.1 million.

Approved by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

- C. Approve Resolution of the Coachella Valley Water District Board of Directors in support of California Water Fix.

Following a presentation by Robert Cheng, Assistant General Manager, regarding the recommendation to support the California Water Fix, the Board discussed support of California Water Fix. Public comment on this matter was then provided by a member of the public, Mark Johnson.

On a motion by Director O'Dowd, seconded by Director Nelson, the Board approved Resolution No. 2017-32, A Resolution of the Coachella Valley Water District Board of Directors Supporting the California WaterFix.

Approved by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

- D. Authorize Sole Source Procurement of Equipment for the Water Reclamation Plant No. 10 (WRP 10) Plants B and C Improvements Project, Specification 2016-37.

Following a presentation by Armando Rodriguez, Engineer Manager, the Board discussed the sole source procurement of equipment for Water Reclamation Plant No. 10 (WRP 10) Plants B and C Improvements Project.

On a motion by Director Nelson, seconded by Director Estrada, the Board approved the sole source procurement of Equipment for the Water Reclamation Plant No. 10 (WRP 10) Plants B and C Improvements Project, Specification 2016-37.

Approved by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Passed: 5-0

11. BOARD COMMENTS AND REPORTS

- A. Board Member General Comments
- Director Nelson had no comment
 - Director O'Dowd had no comment
 - Director Bianco had no comment
 - Director Estrada – commended President Powell on his State of the District Address and thanked all CVWD staff for their hard work.
 - Director Powell – thanked CVWD staff for their participation in the State of the District Address and for all their hard work.
- B. Meetings and Conference Reports
- i September 27, 2017 Minute 323 Ceremony (Directors Powell and Nelson)
 - ii September 27, 2017 through September 29, 2017 Colorado River Symposium (Directors Powell and Nelson)
 - iii September 28, 2017 Salton Sea Authority Board of Directors Meeting (Directors O'Dowd and Estrada)
 - iv September 28, 2017 All Valley Mayors and Tribal Chairmen Luncheon (Directors Bianco and Estrada)
 - v September 28, 2017 Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Board Workshop (Director O'Dowd)
 - vi September 29, 2017 ACWA Board of Directors Meeting (Director

- O'Dowd)
- vii September 29, 2017 ACWA DAC Drinking Water Initiative Task Force Meeting (Director O'Dowd)
 - viii September 29, 2017 ACWA Executive Committee Meeting (Director O'Dowd)
 - ix October 2, 2017 Coachella Valley Water District/Mission Springs Water District Pre-Mediation Session with Judge Goldberg (Directors Powell and Estrada)
 - x October 2, 2017 Growers' Meeting (Directors Powell and Estrada)
 - xi October 2, 2017 Salton Sea: Key to Water Security in the West Conference Call (Director O'Dowd)
 - xii October 3, 2017 City of Rancho Mirage/CVWD Triannual Meeting (Directors Powell & O'Dowd)
 - xiii October 3, 2017 Meeting regarding Plantation's request for Estimated Class 1 Canal Billing (Directors Nelson and Estrada)
 - xiv October 4, 2017 Salton Sea Committee Meeting (Directors O'Dowd and Estrada)
 - xv October 4, 2017 City of Indian Wells/CVWD Triannual Meeting (Directors Powell and Bianco)
 - xvi October 5, 2017 City of Rancho Mirage Rotary Meeting (Director O'Dowd) **Meeting rescheduled**
 - xvii October 5, 2017 University of California Riverside Salton Sea: An Artistic Discussion (Director O'Dowd)
 - xviii October 6, 2017 ACWA Region 9 and 10 "Dam Exciting: Accomplishments at Prado - Up and Downstream" Event (Director O'Dowd)
 - xix October 6, 2017 Mission Springs Water District/Desert Water Agency/CVWD Mediation (Directors Powell & Estrada)
 - xx October 9, 2017 100-Year Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting (Director Powell) **Did not attend**

Additional Meetings Reported:

- September 29, 2017 Meeting with Controlled Thermal Resource, regarding geothermal project in Imperial County (Director Estrada)
- October 1, 2017 Meeting with Bob Ruark, regarding the project/parcel of land in far western part of the Coachella Valley (Director O'Dowd)

C. Approval of per diem for meetings reported

On a motion by Director Bianco seconded by Director Nelson, the Board approved per diem for 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 Oversight reports.

12. STAFF REPORTS

- A. General Manager, Jim Barrett, commented on how he appreciated President Powell's State of the District Address and the Board's support; also thanked all District employees for their hard work and commitment to the District.
- B. Counsel, Jeff Ferre, reported on proposed legislation which would change the hearing procedures for matters brought before the State Water Resources Control Board
- C. Departments
- Communication & Conservation – Heather Engel, Director of Communication & Conservation introduced Kristine Johnson, the new legislative analyst.

13. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

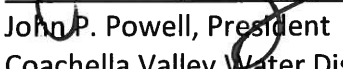
- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code section 54956.9 (d) (1)
Name of case: Mission Springs Water District v. Desert Water Agency and Coachella Valley Water District, Case No. PSC 1600676

14. RECONVENE

- A. Report out of Closed Session
President Powell convened the meeting back into Open Session and reported there were no reportable action for Item 13A.

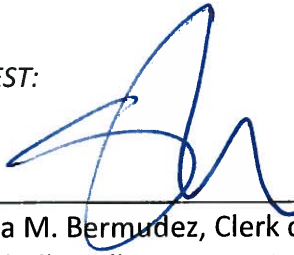
15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, President Powell adjourned the meeting at 10:36 AM; the next regular meeting of the Coachella Valley Board of Directors is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2017, in the Coachella location.



John P. Powell, President
Coachella Valley Water District

ATTEST:



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

