

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2007  
8:00 A.M.**

At 8:07 a.m. on August 13, 2007, the Board of Directors met in the Board Room of the District office at 549 East Sierra Madre Avenue, Azusa, California.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Reichenberger called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL:**

Directors Present: Leung, Love, Montano, Reichenberger

Directors Absent: Paulson

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Darin Kasamoto, General Manager; David Johnson, Assistant Manager; Linda Flowers-Armour, Administrative Assistant; Wayne Lemieux, Attorney; Chet Anderson, Assistant Director of Water, City of Azusa; Victor Meza, Water Utility Manager. City of Monterey Park; Jess Helsley, Engineer, Stetson Engineers, Inc...

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS**

Victor Meza reported with well #5 done the city is having contamination problems and it costs \$60,000 each time they do a carbon change out on the treatment plant. They have addressed a letter to the Board of Directors to consider a grant/loan to the City of Monterey Park. The City has spent \$4 Million in the last 4 years on replacement water because of the low production from the treatment plant. In addition, he met with PR representative Bob Morales last week.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

On motion of Director Love, seconded by Director, and unanimously carried, the following items on the consent calendar were approved and further reading thereof waived:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 23, 2007

Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Check Nos. 9419-9426 dated August 2, 2007 in the amount of \$30,402.84

Disbursements of the General Fund Check No. 30934 – 30980 dated August 13, 2007 in the amount of \$428,048.28. Note Check No 30918 to DWR was replaced by Check No. 30936 and Check No. 30933 to SCE approval was rescinded. In addition, Check No's.30961 to Lincoln Life and 30970 to Joe Reichenberger zero amount were pulled from today's warrants and rescinded from approval and voided.

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

### **Approve additional engineering costs to Stetson Engineers for Sierra Madre Emergency Connection**

The General Manager presented Stetson Engineer's additional scope of work dated August 1, 2007 in the amount of \$188,152.66. Jeff Helsley, Engineer, explained the additional requests from Metropolitan Water District for plans in a different format, a mag meter, and dividing the project into 2 phases so construction can start on the Sierra Madre portion while Met is reviewing the connection design.

On motion of Director Love, seconded by Director Montano, and unanimously carried, approving the additional scope of work not to exceed \$188,152.66.

### **Approve Increase to 2007-2008 Capital Budget**

The General Manager reported due to the additional engineering work and the preliminary design fee paid to Metropolitan Water District the Capital Budget for 2007-2008 needs to be increased from \$400,000 to \$766,000.

After some discussion, the Board agreed to table this matter to a future time when construction costs of the Sierra Madre Connection are more available and one final adjustment can be made to the Capital Budget for 2007-2008.

### **Approve SWC Independent Audit Association proposal for 2007-2008 Services**

The General Manager presented the annual audit agreement and the pro-rata share of the State Water Contractors costs to audit the Department of Water Resources.

On motion of Director Montano, seconded by Director Love, and unanimously carried, to approve up to the maximum amount of \$10,266 for Ernst and Young audit for 2007-2008.

### **Consider Contribution to Statewide Education and Outreach Program for Delta Water Supply and Water Quality Problems**

The General Manager reported the State Water Contractors took action at their July 23, 2007 meeting to support voluntary contributions, at a suggested contribution of \$1 per Table A entitlement for Statewide Public Education and Outreach Program and the Contractors will be invoicing immediately.

On motion of Director Leung, seconded by Director Love, and unanimously carried, to defer this matter to the next meeting and requesting information of what contractors have paid and what amounts.

### **Approve President attendance at 8/14/07 San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Meeting**

The General Manager advised there is a meeting at Three Valleys MWD tomorrow of the San Gabriel Council of Governments and they have requested the Board President attend and will be discussing a water representation on the Council of Governments. This would help bridge the water information gap to the local cities.

On motion of Director Leung, seconded by Director Montano, and unanimously carried, Director Reichenberger was authorized to attend the meeting with per diem and expenses.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Report of the Watermaster**

Director Love reported on the latest actions taken by Watermaster at the August 1, 2007, meeting. A public hearing was held for those cities with more than 10,000 connections per health department requirements. The City of Alhambra and Azusa were both in attendance. It answers the public's questions and concerns. There were no public comments noted.

The City of Glendora wants to purchase 1,000 acre feet from service water rather than replacement because the rate is cheaper. Morris Dam is also releasing 15 cfs. The Keywell elevation is down to 218 feet and dropping 3 feet a month.

### **Report on WQA**

Director Montano reported the Water Quality Authority reviewed how the AQMD requirements affect the operable units. Fran Weber, the State Water Control Board, visited and toured the operative units. There is an extended San Gabriel Valley Leadership slate of Board members to be elected to work with the local IRWMP.

### **Report of the Attorney**

There was nothing to report.

### **Report of the General Manager**

The General Manager reported Chris Cimino, City of Sierra Madre, recently advised the City has begun to take water from the City of Arcadia. It was suggested the City request a Cyclic Storage Account through Watermaster because they are a party to the Judgment and would be entitled to store and purchase water in the Main San Gabriel Basin. Director Love will also express this importance to the City representatives.

The City of Alhambra recently advised due to water quality concerns they have increased their use of the Alhambra Exchange connection in which this District replaces up to 36%.

The District has completed its water delivery for 2007.

### **Report of the Assistant Manager**

There was nothing to report.

## **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director Leung reported he recently met with the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership and feels this District has been left out. He will forward a packet to the District for the Agenda on membership rates. In addition, he felt the access to the District this morning was less than desirable due to construction. They are required to provide "safe" access.

Director Montano reported on recent AWWA National Conference in Toronto, Canada.

Director Love reported he attended the San Gabriel Valley Water Association Annual BBQ at the Monrovia Nursery.

### **Informational Items**

- ACWA Regions 8 & 9 presenting the second "California's Water "series on September 20, 2007 in the Riverside area.
- ACWA 8/6/07 Board approved a multi-level, statewide public education effort and seeks member support in raising awareness of problems facing California's Water System
- Tribune article 7/24/07 "Water usage worries officials"; "Conservation alerts"; 8/1/07 "2-inch fish threatens region's water supply"

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, upon motion made, seconded, and carried, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:10 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be on Monday, August 27, 2007, at 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District.

S/ Joseph C. Reichenberger  
President

ATTEST:

S/ John S. Leung  
Secretary