

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2007  
8:00 A.M.**

At 8:07 a.m. on August 27, 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:**

Secretary Leung called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL:**

Directors Present: Leung, Love, Paulson, Montano, Reichenberger

Directors Absent:

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Darin Kasamoto, General Manager; Linda Flowers-Armour, Administrative Assistant; Wayne Lemieux, Attorney; Chet Anderson, Assistant Director of Water, City of Azusa; Christine Montan, Director of Utilities; Chris Cimino, Water Superintendent, City of Sierra Madre; Victor Meza, Water Utility Manager, City of Monterey Park.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS**

Chris Montan, City of Alhambra, advised that the WQA visited the construction site of treatment plant and the Board and Staff are invited to come by the site anytime. They hope to be online May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

On motion of Director Love, seconded by Director Leung, and carried 4/0 with Director Paulson abstaining and after a name correction to the WQA report, the following items on the consent calendar were approved and further reading thereof waived:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 13, 2007

Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Check Nos. 9427 – 9431 dated August 16, 2007 in the amount of \$29,799.65

Disbursements of the General Fund Check Nos. 30981 -31001 dated August 27, 2007 in the amount of \$323,034.37

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Attorney Lemieux requested item number 1 be removed from the Agenda as no action was necessary by the Board.

## **Set 2007-2008 Property Tax Rate for SWP costs – Resolution No. 8-2007-648**

The General Manager recommended keeping the tax rate the same if the Board is considering any more financial requests for help from the cities. When loan/grant payments begin to return to the District maybe a reduction in rates could be considered.

Director Love reminded the Board \$8 million is holding in the Capital Budget if the Demonstration Project every goes forward.

On motion of Director Love, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried, Resolution No. 8-2007-648 entitled "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY NECESSARY TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND OTHER VOTER APPROVED INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 AND FIXING THE RATE OF TAX LEVIED (TAX CODE AREA 367.05 THROUGH 367.12) was adopted. Reference is hereby made to Resolution No. 8-2007-648 in the District's Resolution Book and by this reference the same is incorporated herein and made a part of as though fully set forth at length.

## **Consider Request from City of Monterey Park for Treatment Plant Funding at Well 5**

Victor Meza, City of Monterey Park, reported it is costing the City \$1.6 Million annually in O&M costs to change out the carbon. This situation has led to the City purchasing outside costly water. With a \$2 Million investment upfront to add an air stripper it would pay for itself in 3 years.

Chris Montan commented that originally the District had a percentage based on assessed valuation for granting financial support. What is the status of that now and what money is available before everyone submits requests. The City of Alhambra has had to purchase outside water as well due to well contamination and the 40 foot reduction in the Alhambra Pumping hole.

Attorney Lemieux suggested defining "emergency" versus other project needs and to remember the tax rate is set to pay for the future State Water Project costs which the District already subsidizes through hydro revenue and interest to reduce reserves.

The General Manager stated with State Water Project fluctuations it is impossible to make a 5 or 10 year projection of needs. He believes there is \$10 million available and based on assessed valuation be allocated as follows: 40% for Alhambra, 30% Monterey Park, 20% Azusa, and 10% Sierra Madre.

Director Leung would like to see a policy established for assistance and what qualifies as an "emergency" and use this money to help the cities to obtain matching funds through various grant programs.

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Love, and unanimously carried, approving funding based on percentage of assessed valuation.

## **Consider Participation in USGVMWD "Water Fest" 2007" on October 13<sup>th</sup>**

The General Manager advised the District has participated with Upper District for the last 2 years held at Arcadia County Park. The public relations firm felt this would be good exposure to the community at this time and perhaps the District will plan their own event in the future.

On motion of Director Leung, seconded by Director Montano, and unanimously carried, approving the same level of support as last year and the Directors will man the booth and well as talking with the consultant on how the District can promote this event.

### **Contribution to Statewide Education & Outreach for Delta Water Supply**

The General Manager presented the request from the State Water Contractors Board for voluntary contributions, at a suggested rate of \$1 per State Water Project table A (\$28,800). Some Contractors has already contributed the suggested amount including Metropolitan Water District pledged \$2 Million. The Association of California Water Agencies will be handling the education campaign to support the Governor's Plan for a conveyance canal.

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Montano, and unanimously carried, \$2,880 was approved for this educational outreach.

### **Consider Membership in the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership**

The General Manager advised several months back the Board approved Director Leung's participation in the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership but the District has not formally become a member.

Director Leung advised there are cities, utilities, and businesses in the valley who are members and presented the levels of financial membership and suggested the Leadership Level of \$5,000.

On motion of Director Love, seconded by Director Montano, and unanimously carried, the General Membership Level of \$2,500 was approved for membership.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Report of the Attorney**

There was nothing to report.

### **Report of the State Water Contractors**

The General Manager reported the Department of Water Resources does not meet in August.

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

The General Manager reported he and Director Reichenberger attended the Council of Government meeting with other water districts from the San Gabriel Valley. They hope to put together a water representative or future water committee.

## **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director Reichenberger advised he received information on the ACWA President/Vice President and committee appointments to be on the next Agenda.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The Closed Session for the Semi-Annual Review of the General Manager (Govt. Code 54947) will be rescheduled for the next meeting when there is a full Board,

## **Informational Items**

- Upper District August 14, 2007 notification of South El Monte High School Project on August 29<sup>th</sup>.
- ACWA Outreach August 21<sup>st</sup> "Events highlight problems with Delta System"

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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President

ATTEST:

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Secretary