

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007  
8:00 A.M.**

At 8:04 a.m. on December 17, 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 at Roll Call: Love, Montano, Paulson, Reichenberger

Directors Absent: Leung

**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; Martin Ray, Deputy Director of Utilities, City of Alhambra; Chris Cimino, Deputy Director of Public Works, City of Sierra Madre; John O'Malley, Lang, Hansen O'Malley & Miller; Jeff Helsley, Engineers, Stetson Engineers, Inc.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no public comments.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2007  
Treasurers Investment Report - November 30, 2007  
Financial Statements - November 2007  
Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Check Nos. 9471 - 9476 dated November 20, 2007 in the amount of \$31,104.19 and Check Nos. 9477 - 9481 dated December 6, 2007 in the amount of \$30,460.98.  
Disbursements of the General Fund Check No. 31181 - 31209 dated November 26, 2007 in the amount of \$390,686.89 and Check No. 31210 – 31253 dated December 17, 2007 in the amount of \$286,359.57 with Check No. 31247 to Joseph Reichenberger for zero amount was rescinded and voided.

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

### **Approve Per Diem Assembly Eng 11/7/07**

The General Manager advised three Directors attended an invitation for Assembly Eng's water briefing on November 7, 2007.

On motion of Director Montano, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried by those in attendance, approving per diem for this event.

### **Annual Review of Proposed Legislation and Status of Water Bond – John O'Malley**

The District Lobbyist, John O'Malley, reviewed the State legislative session and several unresolved versions of a Water Bond are still up in the air.

### **Consider Proposal for Government/Public Affairs Services for 2007 for Lang, Hansen O'Malley & Miller**

The General Manager presented the 2008 agreement with the State lobbyist, Lang, Hansen O'Malley & Miller with no changes from last year.

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Love, and unanimously carried by those in attendance, approving the 2008 agreement with Lang, Hansen O'Malley & Miller.

### **Consider Funding for Proposition 84 IRWMP**

The General Manager presented the Watermaster letter dated November 30, 2007 requesting the municipal water districts continue working together for State water project funding and to approve up to a maximum of \$20,000 from each District to cover the costs.

On motion of Director Montano, seconded by Director Love, and unanimously carried by those in attendance, approving up to a maximum of \$20,000 to cover the costs of working with the consultant in preparation of Proposition 84 request for funding.

### **Award Sierra Madre-MWD Connection Project**

The Engineer, Jeff Helsley, Stetson Engineers, Inc. presented the list of 8 bidders for the December 11, 2007 opening for the Sierra Madre pipeline connection to MWD. The Engineers estimate is \$600,000 and the lowest bidder was Mike Bubalo Construction Inc. in the amount of \$469,795. After a review of requirements and references, Stetson Engineers, Inc. recommends the Board award this contract to Mike Bubalo Construction Inc.

On motion of Director Love, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried by those in attendance, the contract is awarded to Mike Bubalo Construction Inc in the amount of \$469,795 conditioned on coordination with Metropolitan Water District and after all legal documentation is signed and submitted.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Report of the Watermaster**

Director Love reported on the latest actions taken at the Watermaster meeting of December 3, 2007. Watermaster approved an individual cyclic storage agreement with the City of Sierra

Madre for 4,000 acre feet. The Keywell elevation is 209 acre feet and dropping .9 feet a week. USG3 is on delivering water to the Canyon area.

### **Director Love was excused**

Director Love was excused from the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

### **Report on WQA**

Director Montano reported on the latest actions taken by the Water Quality Authority. The WQA reviewed the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Plan for public hearings for comments through January 8, 2008.

### **Report of the Attorney**

The Attorney wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

The General Manager reported DWR issued an initial 2008 delivery allocation of 25%. This does not yet take into account the 20 to 35% additional cut expected by the Delta Smelt order.

There is also some Contractor discussion due to the critical water shortage of a one time offer for other Contractors to purchase unused Table A water instead of through the Department traditional Turnback A & B pools and the District has received 3 requests to discuss this.

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

There was nothing additional to report.

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

The Assistant Manager reported the pipeline realignment within the Rosedale Project still has not been completed due to grading schedules. This week the temporary entrance into the District will be completed from the west side with a base coat until they install utilities. Staff will keep the Board advised before the next meeting as to driving directions but the east section of road will be closed to traffic. In addition, there will be a change of address for the District to 1402 North Vosburg Drive in Azusa estimated to be effective the end of January 2008.

### **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director Montano reported she attended the ACWA State of the State Water Project workshop at the conference and reviewed the 2008 Governors Comprehensive Plan for Water Bond and the projects and recommendations to complete the State Water Project.

Director Paulson asked if any formula had been reviewed or finalized for the Cities to apply for funding of their projects. The General Manager responded the original 40,30,20,10 based on assessed valuation is still applicable and believes there are sufficient funds if the Cities submit requests for review.

## Informational Items

- Around Alhambra "Alhambra athletic program rewarded for water conservation project assistance"
- Goals and Objectives update for 2007 by the General Manager
- IRS 2008 standard mileage rate to .505 cents per mile
- Tribune 12/12/07 article "*House OKs water bill; SGV project may benefit*"

## CLOSED SESSION

### Semi-Annual Review of General Manager (Govt. Code 54957)

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 9:34 a.m. to review the General Manager.

### Reconvene to Public Session

At 10:00 a.m. the Board reconvened to public session.

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Montano, and carried by a 3/0 vote of those in attendance, giving the General Manager a 3.5% cost of living increase to the annual salary of \$151,820 effective January 14, 2008 and review for a merit increase at a later date when the full Board is present.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, upon motion made, seconded, and carried, the meeting was duly adjourned at 10:10 a.m. with thoughts of Director Leung in the loss of his father. The next regular meeting of the Board will be on Monday, January 14, 2008, 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