

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008  
8:00 A.M.**

At 8:11 a.m. on January 14, 2008, 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, Paulson, Reichenberger

Directors Absent: Leung, Montano (arrived later in meeting)

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Darin Kasamoto, General Manager; David Johnson, Assistant Manager; Linda Flowers-Armour, Administrative Assistant; Wayne Lemieux, Attorney; Chris Montan, Director of Utilities and Martin Ray, Deputy Director of Utilities, City of Alhambra; Chris Cimino, Deputy Director of Public Works, City of Sierra Madre; Dave DePinto and Melinda Freeth, DePinto Morales.

**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, the following items on the consent calendar were approved and further reading thereof waived:

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 17, 2007

Treasurers Investment Report - December 31, 2007

Financial Statements - December 2007

Disbursements of the Revolving Fund Check Nos. 9482 - 9487 dated December 20, 2007 in the amount of \$30,918.68 and Check Nos. 9488 – 9493 dated January 3, 2008 in the amount of \$31,077.19

Disbursements of the General Fund Check No. 31254 – 31310 dated January 14, 2008 in the amount of \$1,677,623.46 with Check No. 31309 to DWR voided.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

## **Committee Appointments for 2008**

The General Manager presented the current District Committees for discussion.

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Love, and unanimously carried, the 2007 District Committees were approved for 2008 without change.

## **Approve 2008 Per-Diem Conferences**

The General Manager presented the annual conferences for approval of attendance.

On motion of Director Montano, seconded by Director Love, and unanimously carried, the following conferences in 2008 were approved for attendance with per-diem and reasonable expenses.

ACWA	Spring	May 6-8, 2008	Monterey, CA
	Fall	December 2-5, 2008	Long Beach, CA
Legislative Symposium		March 26, 2008	Sacramento, CA
AWWA Spring CA-NV Section		April 21-24, 2008	Hollywood, CA
	National	June 8-12, 2008	Atlanta, GA
	Fall CA-NV Section	October 20-23, 2008	Reno, NV
ASCE Pipeline Conference		July 22-27, 2008	Atlanta, GA
POWER	Water Policy Conf	To be Announced November, 2008	Los Angeles, CA
CSDA	Annual Conference	September 22-25, 2008	Monterey, CA

In addition, all travel expenses incurred by the General Manager, or his authorized staff representative, to attend any Department of Water Resources (SWR) or State Water Contractors (SWC) meetings is considered part of his job description and is authorized by the Board of Directors.

## **Consider District and City Representation on Washington, DC delegation to secure funding for local projects planned for January 28-30, 2008**

Director Love advised the Foothill Water Coalition has chosen a small delegation to go to Washington DC to thank the legislators for the work they did in this last year to obtain local funding. There is a second trip planned in March for Directors and City Councilmembers to meet and discuss future plans and funding.

On motion of Director Love, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried, Director Love was authorized to attend this delegation trip if desired by the coalition and last year's attendee Joe Mosca, Sierra Madre City Councilman was approved with expenses paid by this District.

## **Discussion of new District Logo**

Dave DePinto and Melinda Freeth from DePinto Morales Communications Inc. presented revisions of the current logo and two new logo designs for discussion.

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Montano, and unanimously carried, the new abstract logo was chosen.

## **Approve catering cost for Central Basin MWD Caucus Meeting and approve Director Attendance at Meetings**

The General Manager reported he has been attending the Central Basin Caucus the first Wednesday of the month and it is a lunch meeting with about 72 in attendance. The District has been asked to pay the catering costs of approximately \$1,200 twice a year.

On motion of Director Paulson, seconded by Director Love, and unanimously carried, authorizing the District to participate in the catering costs for the Central Basin MWD Caucus luncheon meetings up to twice a year, and approve Director attendance with per-diem and reasonable expenses.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Report of the Watermaster**

Director Love reported on the latest actions taken at the Watermaster meeting of January 2, 2008. Groundwater levels have stabilized after the recent storms but is still down 25 feet from last year. The Judge approved the slate of Watermaster representatives for 2008 and the Watermaster Board was voted without any changes.

### **Report on WQA**

There was nothing to report at this time.

### **Report of the Attorney**

The Attorney reported he was recently in the Mendocino area and there were high winds and flooding in the vineyards that he doesn't recall hearing about the local news.

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

The General Manager reported the discussion of selling water to other agencies in lieu of the Turnback pool is dead. However, three agencies have contacted the District and are still interested in working out a long term, more profitable, exchange agreement.

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

The current driveway layout is similar to the permanent except a roundabout will be at the bottom of the drive. The Rosedale homeowners association will maintain the hillside frontage landscaping.

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

There was nothing to report.

## **DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director Leung reported Titan Group is hosting a fund raiser for Senator Romero on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Director Love said Happy New Year.

Director Reichenberger will not be able to attend the Romero function.

## **Informational Items**

- Groundwater Treatment Plant construction progress – Q & A
- Alhambra athletic program rewarded for water conservation project assistance

## **CLOSED SESSION**

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

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 9:12 a.m. to continue reviewing the General Manager.

### **Reconvene to Public Session**

At 9:30 a.m. the Board reconvened to public session.

On motion of Director Love, seconded by Director Paulson, and unanimously carried, giving the General Manager a \$5,000 per year merit increase effective January 14, 2008.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, upon motion made, seconded, and carried, the meeting was duly adjourned at 9:36 a.m. with thoughts of Director Leung in the loss of his father. The next regular meeting of the Board will be on Monday, February 11, 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

January 14, 2008

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