

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
of the
WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
June 20, 2019

Attendee Name	Present	Excused	Absent
Board of Directors			
Michael Taylor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kyle Crowther	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Donald Olinger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clifford Young	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Gregory Young	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal Counsel			
Robert Tafoya	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff			
Clarence Mansell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ricardo Pacheco	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crystal L. Escalera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deborah Martinez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lanita McCauley Bates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joanne Chan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Linda Jadeski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jon Stephenson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Albert Clinger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rudy Olguin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Naseem Farooqi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Socorro Pantaleon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Melissa Blount	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consultant(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rob Katherman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

OPENING CEREMONIES

- Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Vice President Kyle Crowther
- Opening Prayer - Led by Director Don Olinger
- Call to Order
- Roll Call of Board Members

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ADOPT AGENDA

President Dr. Taylor motioned to adopt the agenda, Vice President Kyle Crowther second the motion and the following vote was taken:

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Taylor, President
SECONDER:	Kyle Crowther, Vice President
AYES:	Michael Taylor, Kyle Crowther, Donald Olinger, Gregory Young
ABSENT:	Clifford Young

INFORMATION

- **Presentation of Annual Water Conservation Calendar Drawing Winners.**
 - External Affairs Manager, Naseem Farooqi, presented certificates to chosen winners of the West Valley Water Districts Annual Water Conservation Calendar Drawing Contest. The attending winners were presented gift cards to Target and took pictures with the Board of Directors and their attending guardians.
- **Certificate of Appreciation Presentation for Jon Stephenson.**
 - This presentation was cancelled.
- **Customer Service Improvements and Goals Presentation.**
 - This presentation was cancelled due to the employee presenting being ill.
- **Water Reliability Improvement Program Update**
 - Rudy Olguin, Maintenance Supervisor, presented an update on the maintenance efforts on Well 8A to the Board of Directors and attending community.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Comments were made to the Board of Directors by Robert Tafoya, Don Griggs, Al Vogler, Diana Ariza, Anthony Ariza, and June Hayes. President Dr. Taylor called for a five-minute recess at 7:37 PM following Public Comments.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The meeting resumed at 7:42 PM following a five-minute recess.

President Dr. Taylor opened up discussion for the Consent Calendar which included Items No. 1 through No. 5. Director Greg Young began discussion by requesting to amend the Minutes for June 7, 2019 (page 13 of the packet). He requested to amend the minutes by clarifying he left prior to discussion in Closed session and did not participate in discussion. Robert Tafoya, Legal Counsel, also commented on the June 7, 2019 minutes and reminded the Board that the minutes reflect the Boards approval of the defense of Tafayo & Garcia and Robert Tafoya in the named West Valley lawsuit however they have since withdrawn that request and the District is not defending or representing Robert Tafoya and Tafoya & Garcia. No further comments were made. President Dr. Taylor then motioned to adopt the Consent calendar as amended and Director Greg Young second. The following vote was then taken:

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Taylor, President
SECONDER:	Gregory Young, Director
AYES:	Michael Taylor, Kyle Crowther, Donald Olinger, Gregory Young
ABSENT:	Clifford Young

1. **JUNE 7, 2019 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
2. **APPROVAL OF MAY 2019 PURCHASE ORDER REPORT**
3. **RECEIVE AND FILE MAY 2019 CASH DISBURSEMENTS REPORT**
4. **TREASURER REPORT JANUARY 2019**
5. **TREASURER REPORT FEBRUARY 2019**

BUSINESS MATTERS

6. **JP MORGAN CHASE ACCOUNT - GENERAL GOVERNMENT CHECKING TRANSFER TO LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND**

Director Greg Young requested a separate consideration for Items No. 9 and 12, and to take Items No. 10 and 11 together. President Dr. Taylor agreed with the request then motioned to approve Items No. 6, through 8, to take items No. 9 and No. 12 for separate consideration, and Items No. 10 and 11 together for consideration. Director Don Olinger second the motion and the following vote was taken:

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Taylor, President
SECONDER:	Donald Olinger, Director
AYES:	Michael Taylor, Kyle Crowther, Donald Olinger, Gregory Young
ABSENT:	Clifford Young

7. **CONSIDER SOLE SOURCE PURCHASING OF METER TRANSCIEVER UNITS FROM AQUA-METRIC SALES COMPANY**

Director Greg Young requested a separate consideration for Items No. 9 and 12, and to take Items No. 10 and 11 together. President Dr. Taylor agreed with the request then motioned to approve Items No. 6, through 8, to take items No. 9 and No. 12 for separate consideration, and Items No. 10 and 11 together for consideration. Director Don Olinger second the motion and the following vote was taken:

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Michael Taylor, President
SECONDER: Donald Olinger, Director
AYES: Michael Taylor, Kyle Crowther, Donald Olinger, Gregory Young
ABSENT: Clifford Young

8. AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR THE WELL 7 REHABILITATION PROJECT

Director Greg Young requested a separate consideration for Items No. 9 and 12, and to take Items No. 10 and 11 together. President Dr. Taylor agreed with the request then motioned to approve Items No. 6, through 8, to take items No. 9 and No. 12 for separate consideration, and Items No. 10 and 11 together for consideration. Director Don Olinger second the motion and the following vote was taken:

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Michael Taylor, President
SECONDER: Donald Olinger, Director
AYES: Michael Taylor, Kyle Crowther, Donald Olinger, Gregory Young
ABSENT: Clifford Young

9. CONSIDER AN AGREEMENT WITH ICON, INC. FOR THE CENTER OFFICES PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

Director Greg Young asked for clarification of the funding for this item. Clarence Mansell, General Manger explained the funding for this item was budgeted in the 2019-2020 Fiscal year. Being satisfied with this response, Director Greg Young motioned to approve the item. President Dr. Taylor second the motion and the following vote was taken:

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Gregory Young, Director
SECONDER: Michael Taylor, President
AYES: Michael Taylor, Kyle Crowther, Donald Olinger, Gregory Young
ABSENT: Clifford Young

10. RESOLUTION FOR 2019-2020 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET

Director Greg Young began discussion on this item and explained that he could not support the budget as presented and expressed his concern about the districts debt covenant ratio. The Directors then engaged in a lengthy discussion and made comments to the matter. At the conclusion of the discussion, President Dr. Taylor motioned to approve Item No. 10 and 11. Vice President Kyle Crowther second the motion and the following vote was recorded:

RESULT: APPROVED [3 TO 1]
MOVER: Michael Taylor, President
SECONDER: Kyle Crowther, Vice President
AYES: Michael Taylor, Kyle Crowther, Donald Olinger
NAYS: Gregory Young
ABSENT: Clifford Young

11. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

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RESULT: APPROVED [3 TO 1]
MOVER: Michael Taylor, President
SECONDER: Kyle Crowther, Vice President
AYES: Michael Taylor, Kyle Crowther, Donald Olinger
NAYS: Gregory Young
ABSENT: Clifford Young

12. APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR ROB KATHERMAN CONSULTING

Director Greg Young requested a separate vote on this item. President Dr. Taylor motioned to approve the contract presented. Vice President Kyle Crowther second the motion which passed with the following vote:

RESULT: APPROVED [3 TO 1]
MOVER: Michael Taylor, President
SECONDER: Kyle Crowther, Vice President
AYES: Michael Taylor, Kyle Crowther, Donald Olinger
NAYS: Gregory Young
ABSENT: Clifford Young

REPORTS - LIMITED TO 5 MINUTES MAXIMUM (Presentations or handouts must be provided to Board Members in advance of the Board Meeting).

- **Board Members**
 - President Dr. Taylor: Made remarks regarding the recent news articles and accusations against himself, certain Directors on the Board and the General Manager.
- **Legal Counsel**
 - Legal Counsel, Robert Tafoya reported there was direction given to him and no action taken during Closed Session.
- **General Manager**
 - General Manager, Clarence Mansell read a statement defending his reputation in response to the current allegations and lawsuit against him that was recently

made public. President Dr. Taylor made additional comments following Mr. Mansell's comments and praised Mr. Mansell for his efforts at the district and informed the attending community that he wanted to give the named employees, Board members and Legal Counsel an opportunity to give a statement in response to the claim(s). Director Don Olinger joined President Dr. Taylor and also made encouraging comments to Mr. Mansell and expressed his desire to boost the morale of the district employees in light of the lawsuits. Vice President Crowther then joined in the conversation and reminded the community that the elected officials main focus is to provide safe drinking water to our consumers. He also remarked on the growth of the district and need for more employees to keep up with the demands of the district as a huge challenge faced by Mr. Mansell when he joined the district. He requested that the media and consumers research the claims carefully before coming to a conclusion on the merit of the allegations.

CLOSED SESSION

Legal Counsel, Robert Tafoya announced during "Reports" there was direction given to him and no action taken during Closed Session.

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 Case Name: HP Communications v. West Valley Water District, San Bernardino County Superior Court Case No. CIV DS 1916230
- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 Case Name: Maria Guerrero vs. West Valley Water District, San Bernardino County Superior Court Case No. CIV DS 1910987
- DIRECTION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTER. Government Code Section 54957
- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: Number of Cases: Two (2)

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.



Dr. Michael Taylor
President of the Board of Directors
of West Valley Water District

ATTEST:



Crystal L. Escalera, Board Secretary

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