

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
of the
WEST VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
July 18, 2024

OPENING CEREMONIES

Call to Order - President Young called the Regular Board Meeting of the West Valley Water District to order at 6:01 p.m.
Roll Call of Board Members

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Arrived
Directors			
Channing Hawkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6:04 p.m.
Angela Garcia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kelvin Moore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6:30 p.m.
Daniel Jenkins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gregory Young	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Assistant General Counsel			
Henry Castillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Staff			
John Thiel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Linda Jadeski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
William Fox	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Haydee Sainz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Joanne Chan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Elvia Dominguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Socorro Pantaleon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Albert Clinger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rocky Welborn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Approval of Any Board Member Requests for Remote Participation - None.
Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Garcia.
Opening Prayer - The Opening Prayer was led by Pastor Marlon Jackson.

CLOSED SESSION

Public Participation on closed session matters.

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President Young inquired if anyone from the public would like to speak. No requests were received to speak via email or in-person, or on Zoom, therefore President Young closed the public comment period.

The Board entered into closed session at 6:04 p.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9
Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation
Master Docket No.: 2:18-mn-2873-RMG
City of Camden, et al. v. Tyco Fire Products LP
Civil Action No.: 2:24-cv-02321-RMG

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9
Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation
Master Docket No.: 2:18-mn-2873-RMG; City of Camden, et al. v. BASF Corporation,
Civil Action No.: 2:24-cv-03174-RMG

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9; Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation,
Master Docket No.: 2:18-mn-2873-RMG; City of Camden, et al., v. 3M Company,
Civil Action No.: 2:23-cv-03147-RMG

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9; Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation,
Master Docket No.: 2:18-mn-2873-RMG; City of Camden, et al. v. E.I. DuPont De Nemours and Company (n/k/a EIDP, Inc.) et al.,
Civil Action No.: 2:23-cv-03230-RMG

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency designated representatives: John Thiel, General Manager, Haydee Sainz, Human Resources Manager, Oliver Yee, Special Counsel
Employee Groups: International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 12

Report out of Closed Session

The Board adjourned the closed session at 6:51 p.m. to conduct the business portion of the meeting which commenced at 6:54 p.m. with all Board members present.

Assistant General Counsel Castillo reported the Board met for closed session and there was no reportable action taken.

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ADOPT AGENDA

Motion to adopt agenda.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Daniel Jenkins, Vice President
SECONDER:	Angela Garcia, Director
AYES:	Channing Hawkins, Angela Garcia, Kelvin Moore, Daniel Jenkins, Gregory Young

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

President Young inquired if anyone from the public would like to speak.

Public comment was provided by San Bernardino Valley Water District Board Member June Hayes.

No additional requests were received to speak, therefore President Young closed the public comment period.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Elections Update.

General Manager Thiel introduced the item. Assistant General Counsel Castillo and Board Secretary Dominguez presented a PowerPoint providing information on the upcoming November 5, 2024 election.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to adopt consent Calendar items #1 - #12 and #15.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Daniel Jenkins, Vice President
SECONDER:	Kelvin Moore, Director
AYES:	Channing Hawkins, Angela Garcia, Kelvin Moore, Daniel Jenkins, Gregory Young

1. June 6, 2024 Regular Meeting, June 8, 2024 Special Meeting, and June 20, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Monthly Revenue & Expenditures Report - May 2024
3. Purchase Order Report - June 2024
4. Monthly Transfer Report - May 2024

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5. Monthly Cash Disbursements Report - May 2024
6. Treasurer's Report - May 2024
7. Sale of Surplus Vehicles
8. Award of Professional Services Agreement - Audit Services
9. Consider a Water System Infrastructure Installation and Conveyance Agreement with Howard Industrial Partners, Inc for Bloomington Business Park Offsite (Jurupa Ave, Linden Ave, 5th St)
10. Consider a Water System Infrastructure Installation and Conveyance Agreement with Howard Industrial Partners, Inc for Bloomington Business Park SP
11. Consider a Water System Infrastructure Installation and Conveyance Agreement with Richmond American Homes of Maryland, Inc for Tract 20362 Lot 4
12. Consider a Water System Infrastructure Installation and Conveyance Agreement with Richmond American Homes of Maryland, Inc for Tract 20362 Lot 3
15. Approve an Agreement with San Bernardino County to Provide Imported Domestic Water to Glen Helen

BUSINESS MATTERS

13. Holiday Closure 2024/25

General Manager Thiel presented the item and requested Board Direction on whether the District should remain open or closed for additional days during the Christmas and New Year Holidays. The days for Board consideration are December 23, 26, 27, and 30 2024.

The Board discussed the financial impact of the closure, whether other local agencies also close for the holidays, how customer service would be provided if the District facilities would be closed, and the staffing needs for either remaining open or closed.

Director Garcia spoke in favor of remaining open all four days. Vice President Jenkins suggested the discussion be continued to another day. Director Moore spoke in favor of a District closure during the four days. President Young suggested closing on December 23 and 30, 2024 and remaining open on December 26 and 27, 2024. The Board of Directors concurred with President Young.

Motion to approve a District holiday closure on December 23 and 30, 2024 and have the District remain open on December 26 and 27, 2024, and to bring this item for Board consideration on an annual basis.

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RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gregory Young, President
SECONDER:	Kelvin Moore, Director
AYES:	Channing Hawkins, Angela Garcia, Kelvin Moore, Daniel Jenkins, Gregory Young

14. Approval of an Exception to the 180-Day California Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS) Wait Period for a Retired Annuitant Under Government Code Sections 7522.56 and 21221(h) and Authorization to Execute an Employment Agreement with William Fox to fill a Critical Need in the Finance Department.

General Manager Thiel introduced the item and Human Resources Manager Sainz presented the report.

Motion to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2024-05 approving an exemption to the 180-day CalPERS waiting period for a retired annuitant, in accordance with Government Code Sections 7522.56 and 21221(h). and authorize the General Manager to reinstate William Fox as a retired annuitant prior to the 180-day wait period and provide authorization to execute an Employment Agreement with William Fox at a rate of \$119.02 per hour through the time it takes to fill the vacancy with a permanent candidate.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Daniel Jenkins, Vice President
SECONDER:	Angela Garcia, Director
AYES:	Channing Hawkins, Angela Garcia, Kelvin Moore, Daniel Jenkins, Gregory Young

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

1. Meeting Attendance Reports

Director Garcia reported on her meeting with County Supervisor Jesse Armendarez, Fontana’s Concerts in the Park, and Fontana’s Family Fun Nights.

Vice President Jenkins reported on his attendance at ASBCSD monthly meeting.

Director Moore reported on his attendance at Fontana’s City Council meeting, Rialto’s City Council meeting, WELL Education Forum, Fontana’s Farmers Market, and Community Coffee with Assemblymember James Ramos.

Director Hawkins reported on his meeting with San Bernardino Community College District Trustee Joseph Williams, and meeting with Legal Counsel.

President Young reported on meeting with his Grandfather and Jeff Crider, Historian, for the District’s 75th anniversary history book.

2. Board Committee Reports

Director Moore reported on the Human Resources Committee meeting.

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President Young reported on the Finance Committee meeting.

Vice President Jenkins reported on the Safety and Technology Committee meeting.

3. Board Members

Vice President Jenkins thanked Chief Financial Officer Fox and Director Hawkins for their service to the District.

Director Garcia requested the meeting be closed in memory of her Mother-In-Law, Yolanda Garcia, who passed away.

President Young requested prayers for his family going through hardships.

4. General Manager

General Manager Thiel provided a recruitment update; update on the employment development program; meeting with our ACWA representative; meeting with San Bernardino Valley Water District, Fontana Water Company, and cities of Rialto and Colton to discuss the Cactus Basins for Ground Water Recharge; announced Congresswoman Norma Torres will be the guest speaker at the ASBCSD meeting hosted by the District in August; and announced the District is planning a farewell reception for Director Hawkins on August 1st.

Board Secretary Dominguez provided an overview of upcoming meetings and events. Director Garcia requested the External Affairs Committee be moved to August 19th.

5. Legal Counsel

None.

ADJOURN

President Young adjourned the meeting 7:45 p.m. in memory of Yolanda Garcia.

ATTEST:



Elvia Dominguez, Board Secretary

Minutes were approved on August 15, 2024 by the Board of Directors of the West Valley Water District.

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