

**PURISSIMA HILLS WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

January 14, 2015 Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** President Solomon called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the District office.

Directors Present: President Ernest Solomon, Robert N. Anderson, Brian Holtz, Steve Jordan, and Peter Evans

Staff Present: Patrick D. Walter, General Manager, Joubin Pakpour, Engineer; David Gehrig, Attorney, Hanson Bridgett; and Raylene Collins, Office Manager/District Secretary

2. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** None

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
It was moved by Director Anderson , seconded by Director Jordan, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion approved unanimously - voice vote.

4. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**
 - A. **PAGE MILL TANK RETROFIT** The Engineer reported that the project is on schedule to be constructed in winter 2015. The geotechnical engineer drilled for soil samples; the geotechnical report will be submitted to the structural engineer who will discuss the results with the District Engineer and General Manager.
 - B. **The 2014 Rate Comparison Study** was updated to include historical Cal Water rates with taxes and fees, as requested by Director Jordan. Director Evans suggested that the Board consider publishing the report so that customers are informed. This item will be considered at the February 11, 2015 Board meeting.

5. **MANAGER'S REPORT**
 - A. **FIELD REPORT**
 - Flushed in Zone 4, to increase water turn over in the pipes that improved the chlorine residuals in Page Mill Tank.
 - Installed two isolation valves and a new service connection on Sherlock
 - Repaired a leak on Arastradero with a clamp. The pipe will be replaced with a 10 feet of ductile iron pipe.
 - Repaired a leak on Old Page Mill with a clamp.
 - Repaired a leak on a service on Crescent Ln.

In addition, the General Manager reported that he is working with financial consultant Bartle Wells to evaluate the District's financial position relative to similar districts in the area.

- B. **CUSTOMER COMMUNICATIONS** The General Manager reported that the District is working with insurance agency JPIA on two claims: 1) Damage to the landscapes of four customers on Vinedo Lane because of a broken main; and 2) Damage to a parked car that was sprayed by high pressure water from a fire hydrant.
- C. **WATER TANKS** The Manager noted that Elena Tank, Altamont Tank 2 and McCann Tanks 1 & 2 were cleaned. He also said that he was obtaining quotes to chemically clean all of the tanks.

6. **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

- A. **BAY AREA WATER SUPPLY AND CONSERVATION AGENCY (BAWSCA), ACWA/JPIA, AND OTHER AGENCY ISSUES** Director Anderson reported that the recent storms brought little precipitation to Hetch Hetchy reservoir. The shortfall is 15% of average. He commented that BAWSCA dues may increase to maintain adequate reserves.

B. **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

- Director Jordan reported that the State Water Tax issue will likely be discussed at the February, 2015 Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) Board meeting.
- Director Evans notified the Board of an upcoming seminar "Innovations in Water Conservation" that will be held March 12, 2015 at 7 pm at Los Altos Hills Town Hall.
- Director Solomon reported he attended a presentation about earthquake damage in Napa; he commended the District's work on proactive seismic upgrades to tanks.

7. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2015 BOARD MEETING**

- Rate Comparison Study results and FAQ document
- Innovations in Water Conservation participation
- General Manager Performance Evaluation

8. **ADJOURNMENT** It was moved by Director Anderson , seconded by Director Solomon , to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Motion approved unanimously- voice vote.

Respectfully submitted



Raylene Collins, District Secretary

Approved: 

Ernest Solomon, President