

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

February 11, 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: Directors 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** Los Altos Hills Councilmember and customer Gary Waldeck, and PHWD staff member Patrick Gillin attended.

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Holtz, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion approved unanimously, voice vote.

4. **COMPARISON OF LOCAL AGENCY WATER RATES** Director Jordan suggested that the District begin the legally required notification and public hearing process to enable the District to pass through San Francisco Public Utility Commission (SFPUC) wholesale rate increases expected in May 2015. Director Evans requested more consideration of the options for structuring a rate increase. The General Manager will request a revenue study from a financial analyst at Bartell Wells who will present at the March 11, 2015 Board meeting. This item will be discussed at that meeting.

5. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- A. **PAGE MILL TANK RETROFIT** The Engineer reported that the geotechnical investigation is complete and, the structural design is underway, and the project is on schedule to start construction on November 1, 2015. The Los Altos Hills County Fire District (LAHCFD) has requested weekly updates.

6. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

FIELD REPORT

- Employee evaluations were completed
- Installed 10' of ductile iron pipe on Arastradero main break
- Installed new meter and backflow at 27201 Deer Springs.
- Installed new meter and backflow at 26355 Esperanza
- Installed new service, meter and backflow at 27181 Sherlock Rd.
- Installed 50' of DIP on Old Page Mill Rd. to replace corroded CIP
- Moved meter and backflow 3' back for pathway at 26550 Anacapa
- Finished backfilling Stonebrook Ct. from the main leak repair.
- Upgraded air releases: two on a cross country main near Lupine, one on Stirrup, one on Crescent.

ECC Field trip The General Manager guided 10 members of the Town of Los Altos Hills Emergency Communication Committee (ECC) and CERT members on a field trip to visit District facilities.

Tank Cleaning The detailed cleaning of Altamont T1, McCann T1 & T2 and Page Mill are waiting to be scheduled.

Water Quality There were no water quality issues this month. Flushing for Zone 4 resolved the Page Mill Tank water quality issues. Pat Gillin, Water Worker II, answered questions about water quality monitoring and flushing.

Badger Meters The General Manager reported that AMI badger meters have been installed in select locations and are being tested for the effect on conservation and leak detection.

B. CUSTOMER COMMUNICATIONS None

C. DROUGHT STATUS The drought continues and a 20% voluntary restriction remains in effect.

7. DIRECTORS' REPORT

A. BAY AREA WATER SUPPLY AND CONSERVATION AGENCY (BAWSCA), ACWA/JPIA, AND OTHER AGENCY ISSUES. Director Anderson reported on issues related to BAWSCA and invited the Directors to attend the ACWA/JPIA Spring conference to be held in May 2015 in Sacramento, Ca.

B. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS Directors Jordan and Holtz, members State Water Project Tax Subcommittee, met with Jim Fielder, COO Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) on January 21, 2015 to discuss the inequities in assessing North County tax payers the full cost of a system they do not use. Director Jordan attended the January 27, 2015 SCVWD Board meeting when they addressed the issue of taxation. At this meeting, Director Jordan emphasized that the Board should determine the fairness of the State Water Project Tax before setting the water rates, since the tax subsidizes the rates. Director Jordan will brief the Los Altos Hills City Council on the issue.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH 11, 2015 BOARD MEETING Rate pricing proposals

9. CLOSED SESSION

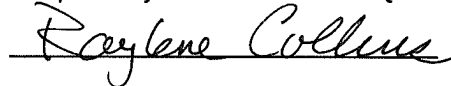
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957 Public Employee Performance Evaluation Title: General Manager
The Board went into closed session at 8:45 p.m.

10. OPEN SESSION

Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: General Manager
Amendment to General Manager's Employment Agreement
The Board resumed open session at 9:55 pm. No action was taken.

11. ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted



Raylene Collins, District Secretary

Approved: 

Ernest Solomon, President