

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

JUNE 10, 2015 Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** President Solomon called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Los Altos Hills Town Hall.
Directors Present: President Ernest Solomon, Directors Robert N. Anderson, Steve Jordan, and Peter Evans

Staff Present: Patrick D. Walter, General Manager; Joubin Pakpour, Engineer; David Gehrig, Attorney, Hanson Bridgett; and Ray Collins, Office Manager/District Secretary
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** Alex Handlers from Bartle Wells attended. Customer Colin Knight, 27267 Deer Springs Way, stated that the Beacon endpoint installed at his meter has been helpful.
3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
It was moved by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Holtz, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion approved unanimously- voice vote.
4. **PROPOSAL TO AMEND DISTRICT'S RATE AND FEE SCHEDULE TO ADJUST RATES FOR ALL CUSTOMERS**
 - A. **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO PROPOSITION 218.** The Attorney opened the public hearing.
 - B. **PRESENTATION OF WATER RATE STUDY BY BARTLE WELLS.** Rate consultant Alex Handlers presented findings of the Rate Study that supports the proposed tiered rate structure.
Public comment:
Customer Geoff Egan questioned long term supply.
Customer Colin Knight explained how more of the cost burden is placed on low users.
Customer Dan Seidel questioned the transparency of the District's approach to the rate increase and requested to delay the Board's action until its next meeting July 8, 2015. Mr. Seidel said that customers need more time to understand the Rate Study, and investigate alternatives. He disagreed with the elimination of Tier 6.
Customer Robert Molinari questioned how the District's costs compare with other districts and noted that when customers conserve well, the price of water goes up. He requested the Board consider subsidizing water runoff recapture systems.
Customer Julie Cates requested greater visibility of the Capital Improvement Plan and questioned if the District had considered financial support for grey water reuse systems.
Customer Mae Chen inquired about a system-wide solution that delivered grey water separate from potable water. Mae requested educational workshops on grey water.
Customer Bob Russ stated that secondary dwelling units substantially increase usage levels to high tiers. Two residents are thus charged like a single family, and thus should qualify for a suggested dual family rate plan.
Customer Ginn Hua argued that large landscapes already require a minimum of 10 units, the lowest tier. She asked if current rates are the water shortage emergency rates as shown in the Rate Study. She believes the District has not encouraged conservation adequately.
The District had received 26 letters of protest to the rate increase. An additional three letters were rejected because the property owners lived outside the District.
 - C. **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING** It was moved by Director Jordan, seconded by Director Anderson to close the public hearing at 8:55 p.m. Motion approved unanimously; voice vote

D. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2015-02 AMENDING RATE AND FEE SCHEDULE TO ADJUST RATES FOR ALL CUSTOMERS It was moved by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Holtz, to adopt Resolution 2015-02 as amended. Motion approved-roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Solomon, Evans, Jordan, Anderson, Holtz
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

5. **COMPLIANCE WITH STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (SWRCB) EMERGENCY DROUGHT REGULATIONS** The Attorney provided an update regarding compliance with the SWRCB's emergency drought regulations, and explained that the District had chosen to comply with the second of two compliance options available to small water suppliers. Specifically, pursuant to Resolution 2015-01, the District implemented a two day per week restriction on irrigation of outdoor ornamental landscapes and turf, instead of implementing a 25% reduction in water usage from 2013. A discussion ensued regarding possible additional conservation measures the District could implement. The Board decided to revisit the issue at the Board's meeting on August 12, 2015 when results may be apparent from the initial education and outreach effort.
6. **DRAFT GRANT PROPOSAL FOR AMI METERS** Director Jordan explained his request to the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) for a grant to fund the purchase of 700 AMI meters that will be installed on the District's highest users. The meters read hourly usage which is visible from a website where customers can monitor their hourly usage and detect leaks. The meters can verify compliance with the District's two day a week outdoor irrigation restriction because District staff also has access to the website data to monitor daily usage.
7. **DRAFT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016** The General Manager explained the draft budget. The Board will consider it and provide comments to be discussed at the Board meeting July 8, 2015.
8. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**
 - A. **PAGE MILL TANK RETROFIT** The Engineer reported that the project is on schedule, and expects to obtain approval to request bids at the August Board meeting. He expects that the project will be awarded in September 2015. The intertie with Palo Alto was tested with success. Nevertheless, a temporary 6,500 gallon NSF approved tank will be purchased and installed for back up during renovation.
 - B. **PAKPOUR CONTRACT RENEWAL** It was moved by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Solomon, to approve the new contract. Approved unanimously-voice vote.
9. **MANAGER'S REPORT**
 - A. **FIELD REPORT**
 - An 8 inch main and three valve set is being installed at Altamont Tank on the Zone 4 cross-country main. The adjacent Zone 3 main will be rerouted for water efficiency.
 - An 8 inch cast iron pipe that resides in inaccessible terrain between Foothill Ln to Vogue Ct was abandoned due to several leaks. Vogue Ct was completed and Foothill Ln. is scheduled for the next couple of weeks.
 - Air releases were upgraded on Mirmirou, Roble Blanco, and Lupine Way.
 - The Deer Creek surge valve was excavated to install a dechloramination device
 - B. **CUSTOMER COMMUNICATIONS** None to report
10. **DIRECTORS' REPORT**
 - A. **BAY AREA WATER SUPPLY AND CONSERVATION AGENCY (BAWSCA), ACWA/JPIA, AND OTHER AGENCY ISSUES** Director Anderson reported that new BAWSCA conservation ads have been issued. The Mountain Tunnel, an 11 mile tunnel leading from Hetch Hetchy Reservoir requires repairs that will shut it down while under construction.

B. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS Director Evans reported that he drafted a water waste prohibition ordinance to be considered by the Town of Los Altos Hills City Council. The ordinance is intended to provide consistent restrictions though out the town that overlay the differing requirements of two water districts. Director Jordan requested approval to represent the District at the July 10, 2015 Water Technology Summit.

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR JULY 8, 2015 BOARD MEETING


- Approval of Director Jordan attendance to Water Technology Summit.
- Appropriations limit.
- Update rate and fee schedule (consent calendar)

12. ADJOURNMENT It was moved by Director Jordan, seconded by Director Solomon, to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Raylene Collins, District Secretary

Approved: 

Ernest Solomon, President

