

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

APRIL 2016 Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** President Anderson called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the District Offices.
Directors Present: President Robert N. Anderson, Directors Ernest Solomon, Steve Jordan, Brian Holtz, 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** None
3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
It was moved by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Holtz, to approve Items A and B of the Consent Calendar. Motion approved (4-0) – voice vote. After discussion, it was moved by Director Jordan, seconded by Director Holtz, to approve Item C. Motion approved (5-0) – voice vote.
4. **PROPOSED INCREASE IN SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT (SCVWD) TAX FOR CALIFORNIA WATER FIX** Director Jordan requested that the Board consider supporting the position presented in a letter dated March 15, 2016 from the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association (HJTA) to the SCVWD Board of Directors. The HJTA letter disputed the claimed that the SCVWD may levy a property tax in excess of Proposition 13's 1% cap in order fund construction of the twin tunnels proposed in the current California Water Fix plan. The HJTA asserts the cost should be paid by user fees. Director Jordan recommended that PHWD be added to the HJTA distribution list on this issue, and forward to them copies of the District's letters sent to the SCVWD opposing the current property tax levied on customers for State water which customers do not receive. The SCVWD has denied the District access to State water.
5. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**
 - A. **PAGE MILL TANK RETROFIT** The Engineer reported that the project is essentially complete. The tank was disinfected, filled with water, and after 7 days was tested for bacteria and volatile organic compounds (VOC). The bacteria results were absent and the VOC results have not been received.
The engineer also reported that estimates are being obtained for geotechnical investigations on Altamont tank site and the adjacent hill.
6. **MANAGER'S REPORT**
 - A. **FIELD REPORT**
 - Page Mill Tank- Upon completion of the seismic work, staff re- installed 8" EBBA, installed hand hole covers and mounted the SCADA box on new pad.
 - Completed repairs on the air release on Arastradero and Hillview.
 - Main break on Fremont: On Wednesday, March 30th, a 10" inch cast iron main broke on Fremont across from Ohlone Ct. The leak was a 10 foot split and was replaced with approximately 13 feet of ductile iron pipe. The job was made especially difficult due to PG&E's undergrounded 4" electrical conduits. No damage to either public or private property.
 - Seismic improvements on Elena and Altamont tanks: Installed flush cleanouts at both Elena and Altamont Tanks, installed water testing valves that will pull water from three different tank elevations

B. CUSTOMER COMMUNICATIONS The District Secretary reported that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) will consider changes to its emergency drought regulations at an April 28, 2016 workshop.

7. DIRECTORS' REPORT

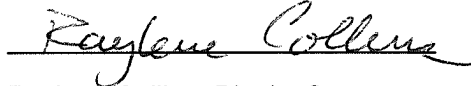
A. BAY AREA WATER SUPPLY AND CONSERVATION AGENCY (BAWSCA), ACWA/JPIA, AND OTHER AGENCY ISSUES. Director Anderson reported that BAWSCA will increase member fees, and that some of the increase will be used for independent modeling of water supply and costs. Director Jordan reported he will attend the SCVWD Environmental Committee meeting. He provided a summary report of the March 30, 2016 Water Now Alliance conference he attended. He noted that it appears that State and Federal low interest loans are available for conservation projects and that the District's Beacon meter project may qualify. Director Evans reported that the Town's new contract with Silicon Valley Clean Energy will allow the District to select an energy portfolio from renewable sources and reduce its effect on carbon emissions.

B. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS. Director Evans mentioned that the General Manager's goals and objectives were updated.


8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY 11, 2016 BOARD MEETING None to report

9. ADJOURNMENT It was moved by Director Jordan, seconded by Director Holtz, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted



Raylene Collins, District Secretary

Approved: 

Robert N. Anderson, President