

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

MAY 14, 2014 Minutes

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

Directors Present: Directors Gary Kremen, Ernest Solomon, Robert N. Anderson, Brian Holtz, and Steve Jordan
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** A resident from Palo Alto attended.

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

4. **BOARD MEETING SUMMER SCHEDULE** Director Kremen proposed cancelling a regular meeting of the Board of Directors if the agenda items are not urgent. He noted the Town of Los Altos Hills Council meetings are often canceled during the holiday season. The Board decided to revisit the possibility of cancelling the August Board meeting at the June and July Board meetings. No action was taken.

5. **ADOPTION OF AMENDED AND RESTATED ORDINANCE PROHIBITING WASTEFUL WATER USE (INITIAL ORDINANCE 2003-01)**
Director Holtz recommended eliminating Section 2.F from the proposed Ordinance, the prohibition against washing down hard or paved surfaces, for the following reasons: 1) the District's drought rate structure should be the primary tool for encouraging water conservation; 2) the prohibition is onerous to monitor and enforce; 3) the fact that other water districts and cities have adopted this prohibition isn't reason enough for the District to do likewise; and 4) customers have the right to decide how to use water they have purchased. It was moved by Director Holtz, seconded by Director Anderson, to amend Ordinance 2014-01 to eliminate Section 2.F. Motion approved unanimously, voice vote. It was then moved by Director Jordan, seconded by Director Holtz, to approve the Ordinance as amended. Motion approved unanimously, voice vote.

6. **SUPPORT FOR MIDPENNINUSLA OPEN SPACE DISTRICT MEASURE AA** No action taken

7. **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO CYBER SECURITY COMMITTEE**
The General Manager explained that goal of the Committee would be to consider and set cyber security objectives, review equipment and fail over strategies for business continuity. It was moved by Director Kremen, seconded by Director Jordan, to establish a committee with members Jordan and Holtz. Motion approved unanimously, voice vote

8. ENGINEER'S REPORT

- A. NEARY TANK UTILIZATION PROJECT PHASE I** The Engineer reported that the final tie-in was complete and that the pipeline is working as expected from hydraulic modeling results. A nesting bird was discovered at the construction site; emergency permits were obtained from the appropriate agencies to remove the nest and place in a sanctuary. Final paving, the last major item in Phase I, will be complete in June, 2014.
- B. NEARY TANK UTILIZATION PROJECT PHASE II** The ring foundation was poured on April 26, 2014. Major welding work began on April 24 and is expected to be complete by mid June. The project is on budget but running behind schedule due to the complexity of the retrofit.
- C. COST SHARING PROPOSAL TO THE LOS ALTOS HILLS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT (LAHCFD) FOR PAGE MILL TANK RETROFIT.** The Engineer summarized the two retrofit options:
Option 1: Minimal upgrade that would limit the water level to 15 feet without any damage in an earthquake. Straighten rafters, add venting, modify overflow and drain pipes, and paint. Cost: \$300,000
Option 2: Increase the storage capacity to a maximum water level of 24 feet without any damage in an earthquake.. Replace the tank roof and install rafters on the exterior of the tank, construct a new foundation, modify drain pipes, and paint. Cost: \$850,000
It was moved by Director Kremen, seconded by Director Anderson, to direct the Engineer and General Manager to propose the two options to the LAHCFD Board at their next meeting.

PAGE MILL TANK LOCATION ALTERNATIVE No action was taken

9. MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM** The General Manager explained the new mobile phone application from DropCountr, that will soon provide District customers with free access to monthly usage data, leak identification, household water usage goal setting, and usage comparisons with other households. The application will be ready for a test pilot in June.
- B. WATER TANK SITES** Nothing to report.
- C. FIELD REPORT**
- Continued work on replacing the 8" main on Lupine Rd.
 - Installed two new valves on Moody Road cross-country main to reduce water interruption to customers in the event of a leak.
 - Continued work with Mountain Cascade on the Neary Tank Utilization Project Phase I with inspections, shut downs, flushing, and testing.
 - Installed a new 1 1/2" service and 2" backflow at 27925 Roble Alto.
 - Replaced 20' of main on Roble Alto.

10. DIRECTORS' REPORT

- A. NOVEMBER 2014 ELECTIONS** Director Kremen reported that he will not apply this year for a second term as a Director on the District's Board.
- B. TOWN PICNIC JUNE 1, 2014** The District Secretary reported that the District's exhibit at the Town picnic will be operated by the Conservation Specialist, Mary Dateo, and water worker Jose Olivera.

C. BAY AREA WATER SUPPLY AND CONSERVATION AGENCY (BAWSCA), ACWA/JPIA, AND OTHER AGENCY ISSUES. Director Anderson reported on his attendance at the ACWA/JPIA conference, May 4-9 held in Monterey California where he heard about new laws and changes in the water environment. He summarized a legal case where a water district was sued for fire losses to 113 homes because the district had a supply failure that prevented it from supplying water to the fire trucks.

D. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS None to report

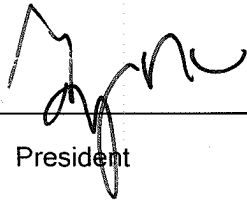
E. AGENDA ITEMS FOR JUNE 11, 2014 BOARD MEETING

- Budget and SFPUC rate increase
- Appropriations Limit
- August meeting

11. ADJOURNMENT It was moved by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Jordan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:23. Approved unanimously, voice vote.

Approved: _____

Gary Kremen, President



Respectfully submitted

Raylene Collins

Raylene Collins, District Secretary

