

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

March 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** Attending were Alex Handlers, CIPFA and Principle of Bartle Wells Public Finance Advisors, and Gary Waldeck, Town of Los Altos Hills Councilmember and customer.
3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
It was moved by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Holtz, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion approved unanimously, voice vote.
4. **PRESENTATION REGARDING PROPOSED RATE INCREASE – BARTLE WELLS** Alex Handlers from Bartle Wells, presented an overview of the District's finances, water use, and water rate alternatives. He discussed rate structure observations and noted that the District's first tier is priced below the SFPUC's proposed wholesale rate of \$3.83. After discussion, the Board decided to consider rate structure options further at the April 8, 2015 meeting, as well as setting a public hearing and issuing a Proposition 218 notice for any proposed rate increase.
5. **CONSIDER SETTING PUBLIC HEARING AND ISSUING PROPOSITION 218 NOTICE FOR PROPOSED RATE INCREASE** This item will be discussed at the April 11, 2015 Board meeting.
6. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**
 - A. **PAGE MILL TANK RETROFIT** The Engineer reported that the project is on schedule, and was reviewed by an environmental consultant and determined it qualifies for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) statutory exemption; an environmental impact report will not be required. A survey of small animal habitat for unique native birds and rodents will be conducted prior to construction.
7. **MANAGER'S REPORT**
 - A. **FIELD REPORT**
 - Started the drainage project at Neary tank.
 - Installed a 1 ½" service at 26980 Orchard Hill.
 - Installed control valve at Deer Creek pump station
 - Installed air release valves at Saddle Mountain Ct. and Sherlock
 - Replaced a leaking valve on Liddicoat Dr. with a new 3 valve set
 - Tied in Old Page Mill main and connected a service at 2000 Old Page Mill to the a new main.

The General Manager reported that on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 the San Francisco Public Utility Commission (SFPUC) had an incident that allowed untreated water into the Hetch Hetchy pipeline. The release resulted in 18 minutes of flow of untreated water through the system. Based on information provided by the SFPUC, the District shut down its intake for over three hours to allow the compromised water to pass by on Wednesday March 4, 2015.

B. CUSTOMER COMMUNICATIONS None

C. DROUGHT STATUS The District Secretary reported that recent SFPUC precipitation readings at Hetch Hetchy shows that the amount of cumulative rainfall for the 2015 water year is tracking with 2014 at the same point in the season. There is no improvement in drought conditions.

8. DIRECTORS' REPORT

A. BAY AREA WATER SUPPLY AND CONSERVATION AGENCY (BAWSCA), ACWA/JPIA, AND OTHER AGENCY ISSUES Director Anderson reported that he attended a Peninsula Water Works Association meeting; he commented on the value of the California Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (CalWARN) to support and promote statewide emergency preparedness and disaster response. He also invited the Directors to the seminar "Innovations in Water Conservation" to be held at Town Hall March 12, 2015.

B. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS Director Jordan reported that he will speak about the State Water Project Tax issue at the next Los Hills Town Council meeting. Director Solomon discussed two news articles; one regarding an increased probability of a high magnitude earthquake in the Bay Area, and the other regarding Santa Clara Valley Water District rate increases.

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL 8, 2015 BOARD MEETING

Rate Increase
State Water Resources Control Board extension of outdoor drought regulations

10. CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957 Public Employee Performance Evaluation Title: General Manager
The meeting went into closed session at 9:45 p.m.

11. OPEN SESSION

Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: General Manager
Amendment to General Manager's Employment Agreement
The Board approved a 2.7% increase in the General Manager's salary.

12. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Raylene Collins, District Secretary

Approved: 

Ernest Solomon, President