

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

JULY 8, 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 District office.
Directors Present: President Ernest Solomon, Directors Robert N. Anderson, Steve Jordan, Brian Holtz and Peter Evans

Staff Present: Patrick Walter, General Manager; Joubin Pakpour, Engineer; Julie Sherman, 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 the Consent Calendar. Motion approved unanimously – voice vote.
4. **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2015-03 ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT APPLICABLE TO THE DISTRICT DURING FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016.** It was moved by Director Anderson seconded by Director Jordan, to adopt Resolution 2015-03. Motion approved-roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Solomon, Jordan, Evans, Anderson, Holtz
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
5. **DRAFT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016** The General Manager discussed the forecast for revenues and expenses. The budget is projecting reduced revenue due to continuing customer conservation efforts, with an understanding that the budget may be adjusted if such efforts do not continue. It was moved by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Holtz, to adopt the FY 2015-2016 Budget. Motion approved unanimously – voice vote.
6. **APPROVAL FOR DIRECTOR JORDAN TO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT AT THE JULY 10, 2015 WATER TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT** It was moved Director Anderson, seconded by Director Holtz, to approve Director Jordan's attendance at the Water Technology Summit in Sacramento, California. Motion approved - voice vote was 4-0 with Director Jordan abstaining.
7. **ENGINEER'S REPORT**
 - A. **PAGE MILL TANK RETROFIT** The Engineer reported that the project is on schedule to be advertised for bids in August 2015. A contractor will be selected in September, and construction is scheduled to begin in November 2015. The City of Palo Alto has agreed to provide water for the duration of the project. A 6,500 gallon tank located at the site will be used temporarily if a problem occurs with the Palo Alto supply.
8. **TOWN'S REQUEST FOR PERMISSION FOR SEWER CONTRACTOR TO USE DISTRICT HYDRANTS FOR SEWER MAINTENANCE** This topic will be discussed at the August 12, 2015 Board meeting.

9. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. PALO ALTO RECYCLED WATER The General Manager reported President Solomon had asked for an update of the proposed extension of the Palo Alto recycling plant. The project includes a new pump station and pipes that could extend to Hillview Dr. and bring recycled water in proximity to the District, making it possible to connect. The General Manager reported that a draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was completed in April 2015. Once the EIR is approved, the City of Palo Alto will determine if the project makes sense financially. Director Jordan reported that the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) approved \$3 million in funding for the Palo Alto Recycling facility, which is the approximate amount of total annual State Water Project Tax collected from Hetch Hetchy users. Director Jordan is a member of a new ad hoc committee composed of Hetch Hetchy water users who pay the State Water Project tax. The committee met on July 7, 2015 to discuss potential uses of the funds. He noted that the preference of SCVWD is to blend the recycled water with fresh water for recharge rather than encourage the extension of "purple pipes" that deliver only recycled water.

B. FIELD REPORT

- Realigning the Zone 3 and Zone 4 pipes at Altamont Tank. A new 3 valve set was installed for Zone 4 and a new pipe installed in Zone 3. During Zone 3 shutdown, a valve on Moody Ct. was discovered to be broken and was subsequently repaired.
- Repaired a broken angle stop on Ortega
- Upgraded an air release on Roble Alto and Roble Blanco
- Excavated the Deer Creek surge valve to install a dechlorinator device
- Repaired a main leak when a contractor hit a 6" cast iron water main. It was replaced with 4 feet of ductile iron.
- Installing the Altamont Tank liner, which should be completed by the end of July, 2015.

C. CUSTOMER COMMUNICATIONS Roy Woosley, a District customer with a well, has complained to SCVWD for charging a well pump tax and the State Water Project Tax, when he receives no benefit from either tax. SCVWD claims that it recharges the aquifer in part of Los Altos Hills. The General Manager provided the Board with a SCVWD's map of the recharge zones.

10. DIRECTORS' REPORT

A. STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (SWRCB) CURTAILMENT NOTICE RECEIVED BY SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION (SFPUC) Director Anderson will report on the SWRCB notice of curtailment of certain water rights of the SFPUC at the August 12, 2015 Board meeting after he learns more about it at the BAWSCA meeting on July 16, 2015.

B. BAY AREA WATER SUPPLY AND CONSERVATION AGENCY (BAWSCA), ACWA/JPIA, AND OTHER AGENCY ISSUES Director Anderson requested that customers are informed of the Project of the Year award from American Public Works Association for the Neary Tank Utilization Project under the Category of Utilities for projects \$2-\$5 million. Director Jordan reported he is a member of the Town of Los Altos Hills Environmental Resources Committee that reviews staff reports on wells and aquifers. Director Evans reported that the Town of Los Altos Hills' Environmental Initiatives Committee will not pursue the approval of a Town-wide water conservation ordinance. Directors Jordan and Evans requested a report on the effects of water conservation efforts.

C. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS None.


11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR AUGUST 12, 2015 BOARD MEETING

Conservation report

Authorization of advertising of Page Mill Tank Project

12. ADJOURNMENT It was moved by Director Anderson, and seconded by Director Holtz, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Motion approved unanimously-voice vote.

Respectfully submitted



Raylene Collins, District Secretary

Approved:



Ernest Solomon, President

