

**VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 23, 2014**

A regular Board Meeting of the Governing Board of Valley Sanitary District (VSD) was held at the District offices, 45-500 Van Buren Street, Indio, California, on Tuesday, December 23, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

1. PRESIDENT YORK called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m. Those in attendance were as follows:

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Douglas A. York, Richard Friestad, Merritt Wiseman, and William Teague

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Mike Duran

STAFF PRESENT: Joseph Glowitz, General Manager, Holly Gould, Ron Buchwald, and Mike Lopanec

GUESTS: Ajit Bahmrah, MWH Global
Paul Wallace, MWH Global
Simon Calvet, MWH Global

MINUTES

2. Consideration of the December 9, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION: DIRECTOR FRIESTAD made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held December 9, 2014. DIRECTOR WISEMAN seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following vote: 4 yes

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2014-2345

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments or correspondence items to present to the Board.

NON-HEARING ITEMS

3. Project Status by MWH Global on the VSD Treatment Plant Master Plan

The first progress meeting regarding the VSD Treatment Plant Master Plan was presented by Mr. Paul Wallace from MWH Global. He presented to the Board a power point that covered existing influent quality, existing conditions – peaking factors, existing process capacity, build-out flows and load and preliminary site plan.

4. Update – East Valley Reclamation Authority JPA

MR. GLOWITZ and DIRECTOR WISEMAN briefed the Board on the December 9, 2014 meeting of the East Valley Reclamation Authority. A request for approval of the preparation of the EVRA fiscal year 2013-14 audited financial statements was made. MR. GLOWITZ reported on the update of the Reclaimed Water Project and the request of Indio Water Authority to pass a resolution in support of the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Water Bond). The next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2015.

5. Invitation to Bid – Solar Photovoltaic Project

MR. GLOWITZ informed the Board that the application requirements with the Imperial Irrigation District for the solar rebate grant are being finalized, as is the Invitation to Bid for the construction for the Photovoltaic Solar system at the Water Reclamation Facility. It is requested that the staff move forward with the Invitation to Bid which is anticipated to be issued in January 2015.

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION:

DIRECTOR WISEMAN made a motion to authorize a request to proceed on an Invitation for Bids for constructing a Photovoltaic Solar system at the Water Reclamation Facility site in Indio, California. DIRECTOR FRIESTAD seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote: 4 yes

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2014-2346

6. Benefits Update

The District is moving forward with a change in providers for life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) and long term disability (LTD) care for employees. This change from Assurant Employee Benefits to Standard Insurance Company will provide increased benefits and increased coverage at a lower cost, with a 3 year rate guarantee.

7. Manager's Notes

MR. GLOWITZ informed the Board that the City of Coachella has declined to join the Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (SNMP). He also distributed a letter from the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District and an article on Rebuilding the U.S. Water System. The CASA Conference will be held in January in Palm Springs. MR. GLOWITZ has requested to call in to the next board meeting on January 13, 2015.

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

Director's items not listed are for discussion only; no action will be taken without an urgency vote pursuant to State law.

CONSENT ITEMS

8. Approval of Summary of Cash and Investments for November, 2014.
9. Approval of Expenditures for December 4, 2014 to December 17, 2014.

Check numbers 32044 to 32101 totaling \$259,824.83 and transfers of \$16,444.15 were issued. Payroll checks numbers 8836 to 8841 totaling \$3,565.32 and payroll transfers of \$23,241.96 were also issued.

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION:

DIRECTOR WISEMAN made a motion to acknowledge the Summary of Cash and Investments for November, 2014 and to pay the disbursement items as presented. DIRECTOR TEAGUE seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote: 4 yes.

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2014-2347

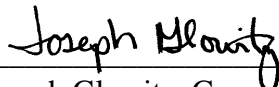
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The Board received and acknowledged the copy of the Combined Monthly Account Summary for expenses incurred by the District in November, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m., and the next Regular Board Meeting will be held January 13, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph Glowitz, General Manager
Valley Sanitary District