

**VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 28, 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, January 28, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

1. PRESIDENT YORK called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. Those in attendance were as follows:

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

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

GUESTS: Rhoda Blua and Family, Gitzel Puente – KMIR News

MINUTES

2. Consideration of the January 14, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
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ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION: DIRECTOR FRIESTAD made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held January 14, 2014. DIRECTOR DURAN seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following vote: 5 yes

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2014-2242

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rhoda Blua made public comment in reference to her residence in Indio, California. PRESIDENT YORK thanked Mrs. Blua for her information, stating the Board had been previously advised of this issue. Since this item was not on the agenda, action could not be taken at this time. He further directed staff to provide the Board with an update and stated that staff would contact her with a final solution to her issue.

NON-HEARING ITEMS

3. Request Authorization for Payment of Administrative Civil Liability Complaint R7-2014-0023 Issued by the RWQCB and Waiver of Right to Hearing
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MIKE LOPANEC gave a brief overview of the violations of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) that took place from October, 2010 through August, 2013. During this time there were twenty violations of which twelve generated Minimum Mandatory Penalties (MMP). Most of the violations stemmed from the back up chlorine system, which has since been improved.

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION:

DIRECTOR DURAN made a motion to authorize payment of \$36,000 for an Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) violation issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) and authorize staff to waive our right to a hearing. DIRECTOR WISEMAN seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following vote: 5 yes

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2014-2243

4. Payoff of CalPERS Side Fund

MR. GLOWITZ reported the Districts side fund was created in 2003 when CalPERS implemented risk pooling. This side fund is essentially a liability that CalPERS finances by charging the District its assumed rate of return. That rate is currently 7.5% and the side fund balance as of December 31, 2013 is approximately \$805,000. Paying off the side fund completely would improve the Districts funded status by almost 10%. However, next year CalPERS is going to have a change in their valuation and restructuring of the risk pools and it may be beneficial to wait until that time to make a decision. After a brief discussion it was the consensus of the Board to hold off until next year.

5. Valley Sanitary District – Development Design Manual Project

MR. GLOWITZ informed the Board that the Districts design manual and standards are very old and in need of updating. The District is in need of a new Development Design Manual with Engineering Specifications and Standards in order to systematically and consistently review the design and inspect the construction of all future development projects. The new manual and standards will be available on the website, in electronic and printed form.

ACTION TAKEN:

MOTION:

DIRECTOR TEAGUE made a motion to award the Development Design Manual Project to Heptagon Seven and authorize the General Manager to execute a professional services contract for a not to exceed fee of \$21,875. DIRECTOR DURAN seconded the motion. Motion carried by the following vote: 5 yes

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2014-2244

6. Manager's Notes

MR. GLOWITZ reported that the new Vector truck has been delivered. Staff is still in the process of disposing of the old truck. The District has converted its cell phone service over to Verizon for better service at a lower cost. Private development continues to increase. The first meeting of the Joint Powers Authority will be Tuesday, February 4, 2014. MR. GLOWITZ also informed the board that he will be meeting with Archer Western on Thursday, January 30, 2013 to discuss project close out and liquidated damages.

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.

DIRECTOR WISEMAN gave a brief summary of the CASA Conference.

CONSENT ITEMS

7. Approval of Summary of Cash and Investments for December, 2013.
8. Approval of Expenditures for January 9, 2014 to January 22, 2014.

Check numbers 30938 to 30988 totaling \$152,826.53 were issued. Payroll checks numbers 8669 to 8676 totaling \$4,700.68 and payroll transfers of \$22,025.51 were also issued.

ACTION TAKEN: MOTION:

DIRECTOR WISEMAN made a motion to acknowledge the Summary of Cash and Investments for December, 2013 and to pay the disbursement items as presented. DIRECTOR DURAN seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote: 5 yes.

MINUTE ORDER NO. 2014-2245

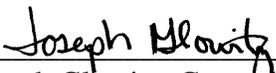
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The Board received and acknowledged the copy of the Combined Monthly Account Summary for Expenses incurred by the District in December, 2013 and the Revised Combined Monthly Account Summary for Expenses incurred by the District in November, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:44 p.m., and the next Regular Board Meeting will be held February 11, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph Glowitz, General Manager
Valley Sanitary District