

April 11, 2006
Fremont, California

The regular semimonthly meeting of the Board of Directors of ALAMEDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT was held on April 11, 2006 at the hour of 6:00 P.M. in the Directors' Room of the District Office Building, 43885 South Grimmer Boulevard, Fremont, California.

Present: Directors Lampert, Gunther, Koller, Weed, and Huang

Staff members present: Acting General Manager Karl Stinson, Engineering Manager Robert Shaver, Finance and Administration Manager Will Ligh, Attorney Ray McDevitt, and District Secretary Gina Markou.

President Judy C. Huang presided.

Director Weed led in the Salute to the Flag.

3 - PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

4 - CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Director Lampert, seconded by Director Gunther, to add items 5.2 and 5.3 to the consent calendar.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Lampert, Gunther, Koller, Weed, and Huang
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

A motion was made by Director Lampert, seconded by Director Gunther to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar as amended.

- 4.1 Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of March 23, 2006
- 4.2 Ratification of Payment of Audited Demands dated March 24, and March 31, 2006
- 4.3 Approval of Amendment No. 1 of the Mission Lot Land Purchase Agreement
- 5.2 Authorization of Contract Change Order No. 2 for Paseo Padre Parkway Grade Separation 12-Inch Main Replacement
- 5.3 Authorization of Purchase Order for Disposal of Materials to Landfill

The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Lampert, Gunther, Koller, Weed, and Huang

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

5 - ACTION CALENDAR (Consent Calendar Items are indicated with an asterisk)

5.1 PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REPLENISHMENT ASSESSMENT FOR FY 06/07

Mr. Stinson reported that On February 23, 2006, the Board received the 2006 Engineering Survey and Report on Groundwater Conditions, declared its intent to establish a replenishment assessment in FY 06/07, and scheduled a public hearing for April 11, 2006. On March 9, 2006, staff presented the report findings and the basis for the recommended replenishment assessment for FY 06/07.

As provided in the District's Replenishment Assessment Act, a public hearing must be held on the second Tuesday in April for the purpose of determining whether, and to what extent, the cost of replenishing groundwater supplies within the District during FY 06/07 will be funded by a replenishment assessment.

Any person interested, including any and all persons owning property within the District, may appear during the hearing and present any and all matters in support of or in opposition to the proposed assessment, the Survey Report, or the Board's determinations. The hearing may be adjourned from time to time, but must be completed no later than the first Tuesday in May (May 2, 2006). The resolutions establishing a replenishment assessment are currently scheduled for consideration at the April 27, 2006 Board Meeting. Mr. Stinson indicated that the public hearing was properly noticed and that no comments have been received.

President Huang declared the public hearing open at 6:05 p.m. and called for communications from the audience. There being no comments from the audience or in writing, the public hearing was closed at 6:06 p.m.

The President then called for Board comments or questions. Discussion ensued. Staff responded to inquiries from the Board.

6 - REPORTS

6.1 BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Water Resources Planning Meeting of March 15, 2006: (1) Expanded Los Vaqueros Reservoir Project Update; (2) Alameda Creek Fisheries Update
- Administrative & Finance Meeting of March 28, 2006: (1) Update on Automated Meter Reading Pilot Project; (2) Policy on Adoption of Congratulatory Resolutions; (3) Monthly Board Meeting Pilot Proposal; (4) Update on BAWSCA Board Issues; (5) Review of Revised Board Expense Reimbursement and Compensation Policies

6.2 OPERATIONAL REPORTS

- Rainfall Report
- Quarterly Groundwater Recharge Report
- Quarterly Directors' Expense Report

6.3 STAFF REPORTS - None

6.4 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS - None

7 - DIRECTORS' COMMENTS AND/OR AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

- Director Weed informed the Board that Pat Miyaki, of Alameda County Water District Counsel's office, gave a presentation on the District's Desalination Facility and on legal issues relating to other desalination plants under consideration in the Monterey Bay area at the Region 5 meeting recently held in Scotts Valley. Director Weed also informed the Board that at the upcoming Association of California Water Agencies Conference in Monterey a presentation will be given by representatives of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory demonstrating technologies that are being researched for the next generation of desalination.
- Director Weed informed the Board that he attended a reception at San Francisco City Hall where an exhibit of photos were unveiled depicting the 1906 earthquake and restoration of the Hetch Hetch System after the earthquake.
- Director Weed inquired on the well being of Steve Hall, Executive Director of Association of California Water Agencies, who has been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease.
- Director Koller requested that Mr. Piraino send a card to Mr. Hall on behalf of the Board expressing thoughts and prayers. The Board concurred.
- Following up on the information Director Weed provided concerning Lawrence Livermore Laboratory's new technology for desalination, Director Lampert inquired if the District was locked into the current technology for Phase 2 of the Newark Desalination Plant or if there was still room to come up with newer technology. Mr. Shaver responded that the current scope of work is based on the current available and proven technology that the District has used before, and that Lawrence Livermore Laboratory's technology has yet to be proven.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Gina Markou, District Secretary

Attest:

Arthur Lampert, Vice President