

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INDIAN WELLS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

January 10, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indian Wells Valley Water District was called to order by President Manning at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Directors Hearing Room, 500 West Ridgecrest Boulevard, Ridgecrest, California.

CALL TO ORDER

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Brown.

PLEDGE

DIRECTORS PRESENT: President Harold W. Manning
 Vice-President Margaret "Peggy" L. Breeden
 Director Peter E. Brown
 Director Leroy H. Corlett
 Director Donald J. Cortichiato

ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Worth, Attorney;
 Tom Mulvihill, General Manager;
 Larry DeGano, Operations Superintendent;
 Jennifer Keep, Chief Financial Officer;
 Reneé Morquecho, District Engineer;
 Lucinda Crosby, Public Education and
 Conservation Coordinator;
 Rose Koch, Recording Secretary

AGENDA DECLARATION

Recording Secretary, Rose Koch, reported that the agenda for tonight's Regular Board Meeting was posted on Friday, January 7, 2011.

**AGENDA
DECLARATION**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

None.

**CONFLICT OF
INTEREST**

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

None.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

CONSENT CALENDAR

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MOTION: was made by Director Brown and seconded by Director Corlett, to approve the Minutes of the December 13, 2010 Regular Board Meeting and to approve payment of Accounts Payable totaling \$475,133.26. The Motion was carried, unanimously. (Vote 5-0)

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

P & E

Three quotes were received to purchase one 2011 Ford F-250 4-Wheel Drive truck. The truck is needed for the Operations Superintendent. Quotes were received from Jim Burke Ford, Jim Charlon Ford, and Kieffe & Sons Ford. The committee recommended purchasing the 2011 Ford F-250 4-Wheel Drive truck from low bidder Kieffe & Sons Ford in the amount of \$22,412.28.

TRUCK
PURCHASE

Director Breeden inquired whether consideration can be given for local bidders. The low bidder is awarded the purchase.

Director Cortichiato commented whether or not it is necessary to purchase a new vehicle in today's economy. Director Cortichiato also questioned what other options should be investigated and whether or not the vehicle is a necessity. Staff responded that the vehicle being replaced is a 1999 Ford F-250 truck and is no longer reliable. The condition of the vehicle is failing and could require a motor replacement along with other work to restore to good working condition.

MOTION: was made by Director Brown and seconded by Director Corlett, to accept the low quote of \$22,412.28 from low bidder Kieffe & Sons Ford to purchase one 2011 Ford F-250 4-Wheel Drive truck. The Motion was carried. (Vote 4-1)

Director Brown reported that there are four wells located on the District's property Butterworth Ranch in Inyo County. The property is currently leased to a farmer. After the removal of pumping units and reviewing videos of Wells 1, 2 and 3, it was obvious that Well No. 1 needs to be replaced. At this time, Well No. 2 is not producing the amount of water it has in the past. Staff, engineering consultant, and tenant agreed that it would be best to replace Wells 1 and/or 2 with new agricultural wells of the same capacity (depth and diameter). This project will be an exemption for CEQA purposes which will allow the project to proceed quickly. The tenant has agreed to pay one half of costs of equipping the wells.

BUTTERWORTH
RANCH WELLS

Tom Mulvihill suggested that the Board allow the General Manager award the project to the lowest responsible bidder so that the wells can be back in production in time for the spring growing season which can start as early as March. A Notice Inviting Bids has already been published in the Inyo Register with bids due January 21, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

MOTION: was made by Director Brown and seconded by Director Corlett, to authorize proceeding with the replacement of Butterworth Ranch Wells No. 1 and/or No. 2 Project, authorizing staff to file a Notice of Exemption under Class 2 of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), securing bids, and awarding of contract by the General Manager to the lowest responsible bidder. The Motion was carried, unanimously. (Vote 5-0)

To keep Inyo County informed of the project, Tom Mulvihill has notified Inyo County Planning Department.

WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**WATER
MANAGEMENT**

Director Corlett informed the Board that on January 7th, 2011, CalTrout submitted the completed Inyo-Mono Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) and the Inyo-Mono IRWMP Round 1 Project Implementation Application to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). The Implementation Application is comprised of 15 projects. Initially the District's Brackish Water Resources Study project was rated number 14. Some project applications were not completed, therefore the District's project was moved up to number 9. Director Corlett recognized the District's Engineer and Chief Financial Officer for completing the proposal and application on time.

IRWMP

ADMINISTRATION/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ADMIN/EXEC

President Manning presented Ordinance No. 94: Rescinding Ordinance No. 92 in its entirety and providing for a reference document entitled, "Water Sales and Service Policy Manual." The changes were reviewed at the December 10th, 2010 Regular Board Meeting.

RESOLUTION
NO. 94

Motion: was made by Director Brown and seconded by Director Breeden, adopting Ordinance No. 94, rescinding Ordinance No. 92 in its entirety and providing for a reference document entitled Water Sales and Service Policy Manual effective January 12, 2011.

Tom Mulvihill noted that the redline changes to Ordinance No. 92 along with the complete Ordinance No. 94 were included in the Board Package. Mr. Mulvihill noted one change that was not reviewed at committee level. A statement was added to mitigate the potential problems/damages from high water service pressure.

The Motion was carried, by the following roll call vote:

Director Brown:	Yes
Director Corlett:	Yes
Director Cortichiato:	Yes
President Manning:	Yes
Vice-President Breeden:	Yes

**GENERAL
MANAGER &
STAFF
UPDATE**

GENERAL MANAGER AND STAFF UPDATE

Tom Mulvihill reported that water production for December was 346.2 acre-feet (112,809,900 gallons) compared to 400.1 acre-feet in December 2009. There were three new residential services for the month of December.

PRODUCTION/
NEW
SERVICES

Larry DeGano reported on the Mainline Replacement Project: The Construction Crew is currently working on East California Avenue, between Sunland Street and Gateway Boulevard, replacing 6-inch AC pipe with 2,600 feet of 8-inch PVC pipe including 26 changeovers. From Sunland Street traveling east, the crew is approximately 1,130 feet into the project.

MAINLINE
REPLACEMENT
PROJECTS

Reneé Morquecho reported on the following Capital Improvement Projects:
D-Zone Reservoir. The project is on schedule and proceeding ahead. The underground utility subcontractor has begun pipeline installation.

CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT
PROJECTS

Arsenic Treatment Facilities/Well 34. Due to the holidays and weather-related delays over the past month, progress on construction of the facilities has been slow. The project is now behind schedule for startup. A public notification was sent to all customers as required by the State in December 2010, and the District has requested an extension of its Compliance Order until March 31, 2011. Krieger and Stewart is reviewing options as far as the contract and possible liquidated damages. Startup of the facilities has been pushed to February for Wells 11/13 and March for the Well 9A/10 site.

Reneé Morquecho reported that Bakersfield Well & Pump pulled the pump out of Well 18 for replacement of the pump and video of inside the well. Staff does not expect to do more than replace the pump and possibly some pieces of column/tube/shaft. The well does not need to be rehabilitated at this time. The District is expecting a rebate of approximately \$10,000 from Southern California Edison for installing a new pump and improving the efficiency of the well.

WELL NO. 18
REPORT

Ms. Morquecho reported that the Brackish Water Resources Study grant application was submitted as previously reported by Director Corlett. Ms. Morquecho added that staff, Travis Reed and Rose Koch, assisted with Best Management Practices information for completion of the application.

GRANT
UPDATE

BOARD COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

**BOARD
COMMENTS/
FUTURE
ITEMS**

With no further Board comments, President Manning recessed the meeting and adjourned to Closed Session at 7:40 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

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The meeting was reconvened in Closed Session at 7:45 p.m.

The meeting was recalled to Open Session at 7:55 p.m. The following Motion was made:

MOTION: was made by Director Brown and seconded by Director Breeden, for zero percent (0%) adjustment to the Management and Confidential Staff salary (no change). Motion was carried, unanimously.

There was no action taken which would require disclosure under the Brown Act.

ADJOURNMENT

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With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by President Manning at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rose Koch".

Rose Koch
Recording Secretary

APPROVED: February 14, 2011