

MINUTES OF A REGULAR
MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
WESTSIDE DISTRICT WATER AUTHORITY

Held March 6, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Westside District Water Authority was held on March 6, 2019, at 11:30 a.m. at the Belridge Water Storage District Administration Office.

CALL TO ORDER)
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Chairman Pugét called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL)
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The following directors were present: Robert E. Baker, Don Elholm, Rob Goff, Bernard Pugét, and Rod Stiefvater.

Director Leon Elwell was not in attendance.

Also present were Phil Nixon, Tim Gobler, Daniel Duncun, Andrew Mason, Kim Brown, Ted Page, and William D. Phillimore. Dale Melville attended by telephone.

PUBLIC COMMENT)
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No Public Comment.

MINUTES)
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Approval of Minutes of Regular Meetings of January 9, 2019, January 30, 2019, and February 6, 2019: On motion of Don Elholm, seconded by Rob Goff, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meetings of January 9, 2019, January 30, 2019, and February 6, 2019, were approved.

LEGAL COUNSEL)
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No report.

ITEMS OF COMMON INTEREST)
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Update Regarding Assistant General Manager Search: Phil Nixon updated the Board regarding the search for the Assistant General Manager. Mr. Nixon stated after interviewing three candidates, he chose one who he felt was most qualified for the position. After reviewing the candidate qualifications with the Board, Mr. Nixon recommended that an offer be made to said candidate.

Westside Water Quality Coalition: Phil Nixon reported WWQC received comments from the Regional Board, on October 23, 2018, regarding the Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP), submitted on November 17, 2014, with response to comments due March 8, 2019. Kennedy Jenks has prepared a response to the Regional Board's comments and will submit the response on March 8, 2019.

Farm Evaluations and Nitrogen Management Plans were due March 1, 2019 for required farms.

Kern Groundwater Authority: Phil Nixon reported on matters discussed at the KGA board meeting held on February 27, 2019. Among those included, 1) the approval of \$250,000 cash call: Westside District portion is \$16,667.00; 2) the GEI presentation on setting Minimum Thresholds; 3) the draft chapters are due March 22, 2019; 4) comments are expected back on April 26, 2019; 5) revised chapters are due June 7, 2019; 6) the public review process will begin September 2019; 7) the final KGA umbrella GSP review will be in December 2019; and 8) the final KGA GSP will be due January 2020.

Mr. Nixon reported that KGA Managers are meeting weekly.

Finally, Mr. Nixon presented an agreement with Aquilogic to continue work on the development of the chapter Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for Westside District Water Authority (WDWA) and Sustainability Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Planning Activities in 2019. The total budget for 2019 is \$324,439. Remaining 2018 funds of \$102,439 reduce that obligation to \$222,000.

Committee for Delta Reliability: Phil Nixon reported that no meeting was held in March 2019. The next meeting will be held in April 2019.

Agency/Member Unit Policy Meetings: Phil Nixon reported on matters discussed at the Agency Board meeting. Among those included, 1) California Water Fix update; 2) reviewed SWP operations and deliveries; 3) February 1, 2019 Kern River runoff forecast indicates a potential for Lower River water; and 4) approved several transfers and one exchange.

Pioneer/Rosedale Joint Operations Committee: Phil Nixon reported on the following matters: 1) no meeting held in February 2019; 2) 2018, on claim for pump modification was approved for an estimated cost of \$1,989; and 3) the Technical Committee is working with modelers to calibrate the models.

No meeting was scheduled for March 2019.

NEW BUSINESS)
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Determination of meeting location and time for future regular meetings of the Westside District Water Authority Board of Directors: Phil Nixon recommended, to better accommodate the schedules of those involved in the Westside District Water Authority (WDWA) Board and to encourage more landowner participation, it would be appropriate for the Board to consider changing the starting time and location of the regular meetings. The current schedule for the regular meetings would change from 7:00 a.m. at the Lost Hills Water District administration office to 11:30 a.m. at the Belridge Water Storage District office. Following discussion, on motion of Don Elholm, seconded by Robert E. Baker, and unanimously carried the Board approved changing the time of the regular meetings of the Board.

CLOSED SESSION)
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No closed session.

ADJOURNMENT)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Robert E. Baker, seconded by Don Elholm, and unanimously carried, said meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Rod Stiefvater
Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Directors

APPROVED:

Bernard Pugét
Chairman