

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE  
OTAY WATER DISTRICT  
August 2, 2017**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Robak at 3:32 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Croucher, Gastelum, Robak and Thompson

Directors Absent: Director Smith (out-of-town on prescheduled vacation)

Staff Present: General Manager Mark Watton, General Counsel Daniel Shinoff, Chief of Engineering Rod Posada, Chief Financial Officer Joe Beachem, Chief of Administration Adolfo Segura, Chief of Operations Pedro Porras, Asst. Chief of Operations Jose Martinez, District Secretary Susan Cruz and others per attached list.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Thompson, and seconded by Director Croucher and carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Croucher, Gastelum, Robak and Thompson

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Director Smith

to approve the agenda.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION BUT NOT AN ITEM ON TODAY'S AGENDA

Ms. Delia Cervantes of Chula Vista indicated that she is building a granny flat for her mother on her home's property. She stated that her issue is that in adding the granny flat to her property, it requires that her property's meter be increased in size from a ¾" to a 1" meter due to increased capacity. The increase in the meter size would cost her \$16,000. She indicated that this is very costly and asked if there is a possibility that the District could provide some type of payment plan.

General Manager Mark Watton indicated that the District's ordinances may accommodate a payment plan. He stated that staff would work with her on some type of payment plan.

Director Thompson indicated that this is part of a larger issue that came out of the rate study on capacity fees. He stated the need to move to a 1" meter from 3/4" meter is based on fixture count. He stated he realizes that the District's hands are somewhat tied because it has just completed a rate study, but he would like staff to review this issue to see if there is any relief the District could provide.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

6. ITEMS TO BE ACTED UPON WITHOUT DISCUSSION, UNLESS A REQUEST IS MADE BY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OR THE PUBLIC TO DISCUSS A PARTICULAR ITEM:

A motion was made by Director Thompson, seconded by Director Croucher and carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Croucher, Gastelum, Robak and Thompson  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Director Smith

to approve the following consent calendar items:

- a) APPROVE THE DISTRICT'S ANTENNA SITE FACILITY SUBLEASE ADDENDUM NO. 5 WITH IWG TOWERS ASSETS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,964.00 FOR FIVE (5) YEARS
- b) APPROVE A ONE-YEAR AGREEMENT, PLUS FIVE (5) ONE-YEAR OPTIONS, WITH CONCORD UTILITY SERVICES, INC. FOR MASTER METER REGISTER AND METER CHANGE OUTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$1,303,116.84
- c) APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE DISTRICT'S PURCHASING MANUAL SECTION 2, "ORGANIZATION"; SECTION 7.2.8, "BOARD AUTHORIZED PURCHASES EXCEEDING THE GENERAL MANAGER'S AUTHORITY"; AND, SECTION 9, "AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE – SIGNATORY AUTHORITY" TO RECOGNIZE THE DISTRICT'S CURRENT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND TO ADD ITEMS TO THE BOARD AUTHORIZED PURCHASES EXCEEDING THE GENERAL MANAGER'S AUTHORITY

- d) CONSIDER CASTING THE DISTRICT'S VOTE TO ELECT A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS, REGION 6, SEAT C
- e) CONSIDER THE CANDIDATES FOR THE SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION AND CAST THE DISTRICT'S VOTE BY ELECTING UP TO FOUR (4) CANDIDATES AND ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 4339

## ACTION ITEMS

### 7. BOARD

- a) DISCUSSION OF 2017 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

There were no changes to the board meeting calendar.

## REPORTS

### 8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Watton presented information from his report which included an update on the ESRI International Conference, a meeting with the Department of Homeland Security, the proposition 218 and rate increase notices, FEMA's approval of the District's request for public assistance, the power outage in Rancho Jamul on June 29, and potable and recycled water sales and purchases. The board had comments and questions concerning a few items in the General Manager's report and staff responded to the questions and comments.

### 9. CWA REPORT

Director Croucher shared that the San Diego County Water Authority (CWA) will be hosting a Legislative Round Table with Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher on Monday, August 7, 2017. He indicated that meetings will be held in August and September at Metropolitan Water District (MWD) to discuss the "California Water Fix" and CSDA's Conference will be held on September 25 to 28, 2017. He noted that CWA filed on July 31, 2017 its petition for the California Supreme Court to review its lawsuit with MWD. The court has until September 29, 2017 to decide if they will hear the case. If the Supreme Court decides to hear the case, it will likely take an additional 18 to 24 months for the court to issue its findings. Director Croucher also stated that CWA has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for solar energy for the San Vicente Reservoir. He lastly shared that CWA issued a contract for the relining of Pipeline 3 from Lake Murray to the Sweetwater Reservoir. He stated that the project will cause significant disruption as the pipe runs through Spring Street which is in the center of the City of La Mesa.

10. DIRECTORS' REPORTS/REQUESTS

Director Gastelum indicated he attended CWA's Citizen's Water Academy and has graduated from the academy. He also attend the Special District Leadership Academy and has been learning about the water industry. He stated that he is trying to learn and gain as much knowledge about the industry so he can become a better board member.

Director Thompson reported that he had attended with staff a meeting with the Building Industry Association to discuss capacity fees.

11. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Robak reported on the meetings he attended during the month of July 2017 (his report is attached). He shared that the Water Conservation Garden (WCG) JPA Board has been discussing governance issues. He noted that the WCG was created to educate the public on water conservation which is a very different mission from other public gardens like the San Diego Botanical Garden. He stated that he advocates that the District continue to support the WCG and, along with Helix WD, continue to inform the member agencies on the importance of the WCG to educate the public.

12. CLOSED SESSION

The board recessed to closed session at 4:17 p.m. to discuss the following matter:

a) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS  
[GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.8]

PROPERTY: SALT CREEK GOLF COURSE  
525 HUNTE PARKWAY  
CHULA VISTA, CA 91914

AGENCY NEGOTIATOR: MARK WATTON, GENERAL MANAGER

NEGOTIATING PARTIES: BILL McWETHY, PACIFIC HOSPITALITY  
GROUP

UNDER NEGOTIATIONS: INSTRUCT NEGOTIATOR CONCERNING  
PRICE, TERMS OF PAYMENT, OR BOTH,  
FOR  
THE PURCHASE, SALE AND/OR LEASE OF  
THE PROPERTY

The board reconvened from closed session at 5:24 p.m. and General Counsel Shinoff reported that the board met in closed session and took no reportable actions.

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, President Robak adjourned the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

---

President

ATTEST:

---

District Secretary

**President's Report  
Mark Robak  
August 2, 2017  
Board Meeting**

<b>#</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
1	5-Jul	OWD Regular Board Meeting	Monthly board meeting
2	14-Jul	Committee Agenda Briefing	Met with General Manager Watton to review items that will be presented at the July committee meetings.
3	31-Jul	Board Agenda Briefing	Met with General Manager Watton and General Counsel Shinoff to review items that will be presented at the August Board Meeting.