

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
VICTOR VALLEY WASTEWATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY (VWRA)
February 21, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Scott Nassif called the meeting to order at 8:04 am; in Conference Room D at Victorville City Hall, located at 14343 Civic Drive, Victorville California, with the following members present:

**ORO GRANDE (CSA 42) AND
SPRING VALLEY LAKE (CSA 64)
TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY
CITY OF VICTORVILLE
CITY OF HESPERIA**

ABSENT

**Scott Nassif, Vice-Chair
Jim Cox, Secretary
Larry Bird, Treasurer**

VWRA Staff and Legal Counsel:

**Logan Olds, General Manager
Kristi Casteel, Secretary to GM/Board
Piero Dallarda, Legal Counsel (BB&K)
Chieko Keagy, Controller
Alton Anderson, Construction Manager
David Wylie, Safety & Communications Officer**

**Xiewi Wang, Senior Accountant
Robert Coromina, Director of Administration
Brad Adams, Lead Operator
Marcos Avila, Lead Mechanic
Eugene Davis, O&M Manager**

Others Present:

**Keith Metzler, City of Victorville
Doug Robertson, Apple Valley
Debra Jones, City of Victorville
George Harris, City of Victorville**

**Romero Rodriguez, Resident
Blanca Gomez, City of Victorville
Brian Gengler, City of Victorville**

CLOSED SESSION

Piero Dallarda stated that there are a couple of items that staff became aware of yesterday that need to be discussed by the Board today. Under Government Code Section 54954.2(b) requested to add to closed session items 3A and 3B. Both issues are potential litigation Government Code Section 54956.9(d). Yesterday staff became aware of new limitations that Lahontan would like to impose on VWRA's NPDES Permit regarding flows to the Mojave River. The second issue, item 3B, relates to the ongoing emergency with the biosolids drying beds. With the precipitation, it has made the issue worse and staff will need direction in terms of how to proceed in regards to the WDR Permit.

There was a roll call:

Chair Nassif- Present

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Commissioner Bird- Present

Commissioner Cox- Present

Commissioner Rigney- Absent

Commissioner Nassif made a motion to add items 3A and 3B to close session, seconded by Commissioner Bird and approved by roll call.

Chair Nassif: Yes

Commissioner Bird: Yes

Commissioner Cox: Yes

PUBLIC COMMENTS- CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Chair Rigney asked if there were any comments from the public regarding any item on the Closed Session Agenda. Hearing none, he called for a motion to enter into Closed Session.

Commissioner Bird made a motion to enter into Closed Session. Seconded by Commissioner Cox.

REGULAR SESSION

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Nassif called the meeting to order at 9:44 am.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to report

PUBLIC COMMENTS- REGULAR SESSION AGENDA

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

7. Possible conflict of interest issues

Commissioner Nassif will be abstaining from any disbursements to Napa Auto Parts on item 11

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- 8. Article- ERDT enVision Donates \$2,000 to VVC Foundation on Behalf of VVWRA**
- 9. Article- India Girl Who Took Her Dad to the Police Over a Toilet**
- 10. General Managers Report**
 - A. Article- Management Standards for Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals**
 - B. Article- NACWA Scores Clean Water Win, Integrated Planning, Farm Bill**
 - C. Analysis: Workplace Spirituality**

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 11. Approve December 2018 and January 2019 Disbursement Registers**
- 12. Approve Minutes from the December 20, 2018 Regular Meeting**
- 13. Recommendation to Approve Seeding the Hesperia Subregional**

Commissioner Cox made a motion to approve the consent calendar, seconded by Commissioner Bird and approved by roll call vote with Chair Nassif abstaining from any disbursements to Napa Auto Parts.

Chair Nassif: Yes

Commissioner Bird: Yes

Commissioner Cox: Yes

REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS:

- 14. Presentation: Mid-year Budget Review (Keagy)**

Chieko Keagy gave a presentation on the mid-year budget

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 15. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Amended Budget**

Chair Nassif opened the Public Hearing at 9:55 AM.

The Secretary of the Board confirmed the posting and publication of the Hearing Notice as required by law.

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Item #14 was included in this Public Hearing. The presentation was given by Chieko Keagy and reviewed the Mid-Year Budget Review

Chair Nassif asked if there were any comments from the public. Hearing none, he closed the Public Hearing at 10:16 AM.

ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

16. Resolution 2019-01 Adopt FY 2018-2019 Amended Budget

Commissioner Bird made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Cox and approved by roll call.

Chair Nassif: Yes

Commissioner Bird: Yes

Commissioner Cox: Yes

17. Recommendation to Approve Additional Professional Services for Raftelis

Manager Olds stated that this was originally budgeted for \$50,000.00 and is now \$83,582.00. Compared to the last three financial plans that VVWRA has done, this is fairly consistent. In the past, \$50,000.00 was budgeted and then had to be brought back to the Board due to a number of changes and additional meetings that are requested to complete the process. At this value, it would give Staff an additional three meetings with Raftelis and a bit more work to finalize any remaining modeling scenarios.

Commissioner Cox made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Nassif and approved by roll call.

Chair Nassif: Yes

Commissioner Bird: Yes

Commissioner Cox: Yes

18. Mojave Desert & Mountain Recycling Authority Letter of Interest

Manager Olds stated that he has been in contact with John Davis at the Mojave Desert & Mountain Recycling Authority since 2006. They have made enough progress on their plan that they would like to move forward. Manager Olds is requesting from the Board that he be given the authority to negotiate with them so that they essentially have a priority right for leasing capacity in VVWRA's

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digesters. This is only authority to negotiate. Any terms or agreements would come back to the Board for approval.

Commissioner Bird made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Cox and approved by roll call.

Chair Nassif: Yes

Commissioner Bird: Yes

Commissioner Cox: Yes

19. Finley Letter of interest

Commissioner Bird made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Cox and approved by roll call.

Chair Nassif: Yes

Commissioner Bird: Yes

Commissioner Cox: Yes

20. Resolution 2019-02 Appreciation of Dedicated Service

Tabled for the March Meeting

STAFF/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REPORTS:

21. Financial and Investment Report – January 2019

22. Environmental Compliance Department Reports – January 2019

23. Septage Receiving Facility Reports – January 2019

24. Safety & Communications Report – January 2019

NEXT VVWRA BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, March 21, 2019 - Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Resolution Categorical Exemption From CEQA for Storm Water Project (March)

Pipeline Injection Project (March)

Construction Easement Agreement Lewis Learning Center

USDA Loan and Grant for the Oro Grand Interceptor Project

Flow Billing Percentages and Re-allocation

O&M Building Extension

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVAL:

DATE: March 21, 2019

BY:



Approved by VVWRA Board James Cox,
Secretary VVWRA Board of Commissioners