

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
VICTOR VALLEY WASTEWATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY (VWVRA)  
January 26, 2017 Adjourned from January 19, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Jim Kennedy called the meeting to order at 8:01 am; in Conference Room D at Victorville City Hall, located at 14343 Civic Drive, Victorville California, with the following members present:

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

**Jim Kennedy, Chair  
Russell Blewett, Vice Chair  
Jeff Rigney, Secretary- ABSENT  
  
Scott Nassif, Treasurer**

**VWVRA Staff and Legal Counsel:**

**Logan Olds, General Manager  
Piero Dallarda, Legal Counsel (BB&K)  
Angela Valles, Director of Finance  
Xiwei Wang, Accountant  
Robert Coromina, Director of Administration  
Marcos Avila, Lead Mechanic**

**Kristi Casteel, Secretary to GM/Board  
Alton Anderson, Construction Manager  
Chieko Keagy, Accounting Supervisor  
Latif Laari, Regulatory & IT Supervisor  
Eugene Davis, Acting Director of Operations**

**Others Present:**

**Jim Cox, City of Victorville  
Brian Johnson, City of Hesperia  
Walter Linn, Rep for Congressman Cook  
Brian Gengler, City of Victorville  
Greg Snyder, Town of Apple Valley**

**Nils Bentsen, City of Hesperia**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS- CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

Chair Kennedy 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 Nassif made a motion to enter into Closed Session, which was seconded by Commissioner Blewett and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**REGULAR SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Kennedy called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Nothing to report

**PUBLIC COMMENTS- REGULAR SESSION AGENDA**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

**5. Possible conflict of interest issues**

Commissioner Nassif abstained from any disbursements to Napa Auto Parts.

**6. Letter: Conservation a Way of Life**

**7. Article: Environmental Science & Technology**

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**8. Approve November & December 2016 Disbursement Registers**

Commissioner Nassif abstained from any disbursements to Napa Auto Parts.

**9. Approve Minutes from the December 8, 2016 Regular Meeting**

**10. Recommendation to Approve Professional Services for Luhdorff & Scalmanini to Prepare Annual Groundwater Monitoring Reports**

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

Chair Kennedy: Yes

Commissioner Blewett: Yes

Commissioner Nassif: Yes

**REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS:**

**11. Presentation: Lucity Update (Laari)**

Latif Laari presented an update on Lucity.

**12. Presentation: Single Audit (Keagy)**

Chieko Keagy gave a presentation on Single Audit.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**13. Microgrid & Battery Storage Project**

Chair Kennedy opened the Public Hearing 9:35 AM

He asked if there were any comments from the public.

Manager Olds stated that the public hearing is a requirement of the California Energy Commission. Traditionally, the Board approves a project, authorize it, and the contracting is done between legal counsel, Manager Olds, and the third party. The California Energy Commission has added in an additional step to have it approved by the governing body, the Board of Commissioners. Resolution 2017-03 will address all of the California Energy Commission requirements for contracting. The project has already been approved by the California Energy Commission and the Board of Commissioner's. This is simply just going through all the steps they require.

Chair Kennedy asked if there was anyone else who would like to comment. Hearing none, he closed the Public Hearing. 9:37 am

**ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**14. Recommendation to Approve Resolution 2017-03: Battery Storage Project**

Commissioner Blewett made a motion to approve Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Nassif

Chair Kennedy: Yes

Commissioner Blewett: Yes

Commissioner Nassif: Yes

**15. Recommendation to Approve Resolution 2017-01: Receive and File A Single Audit**

Commissioner Blewett made a motion to approve recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Nassif

Chair Kennedy: Yes

Commissioner Blewett: Yes

Commissioner Nassif: Yes

**16. Recommendation for Finance Software Integration with the Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS)**

Manager Olds stated that with the implementation of this program, it would allow Lucy to link with the finance software and take care of a lot of the background financing.

Robert Coromina stated that currently, the finance software and Lucy are independent of one another. This software would allow the transfer of information between the two systems for purchasing, budgeting, and asset management.

Commissioner Nassif made a motion to approve recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Blewett

Chair Kennedy: Yes

Commissioner Blewett: Yes

Commissioner Nassif: Yes

**17. Condition of Biosolids Drying Beds Due to Rain Events**

Manager Olds showed the Board a map showing VVWRA's drying beds. This entire facility is dependent on good, warm, sunny weather to process all of the biosolids that our community generates. Due to the rain storms that occurred between Christmas and New Year's, the drying beds now look like ponds. Starting out the winter season, VVWRA measures out how many days of storage is left for the season, the beginning of this winter season there was 62 days of storage. As of January 25 there were 16 days of capacity left. If there is another rain event that takes those 16 days away, there is no location to store the biosolids. VVWRA obtained a quote from a company named Synagro to get rid of the solids. The cost just to maintain what is being done, to give VVWRA the five month window it anticipates the need for, is \$961,757. This is just to get through to July of this year. To get ahead just a little, the quote is \$1,020, 958. VVWRA does not have the funds to do this.

Manager Olds introduced Marcos Avila and Eugene Davis. Marcos and Eugene came up with an idea. Staff would like to try to use a gravity belt thickener, attach a hopper and pipeline to send to

beds four and five to maximize the use of the capacity in those beds. VVWRA has most of the parts required for this project. Manager Olds said he just wanted to make the Board aware of the situation.

**18. Update on Desert Knolls Wash Interceptor Damage**

Manager Olds stated that this was just an update along with pictures. On page 18-2, is a picture of the main line that serves all of the Town of Apple Valley. The line is bowed, and sewer lines should not be bowed. The line should be flat and it should not be fully exposed. There has not been a sewer spill but the concern is that future rain, rock, or debris could push up against the pipe and separate the joints. Staff put 2 inch minus around this pipeline to protect it and keep it in position so that nothing else changes and put in ½ ton rock above it from where the river started to come down to the manhole that is lower down to divert flows around the pipe in Desert Knolls Wash.

**19. Waiver re: Representation of Anaergia, Inc.**

Commissioner Nassif made a motion to table this item, seconded by Commissioner Blewett

Chair Kennedy: Yes

Commissioner Blewett: Yes

Commissioner Nassif: Yes

**STAFF/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REPORTS:**

- 20. Financial and Investment Report –November & December 2016**
- 21. Operations & Maintenance Report – November & December 2016**
- 22. Environmental Compliance Department Reports – November & December 2016**
- 23. Septage Receiving Facility Reports – November & December 2016**
- 24. Safety & Communications Report – November & December 2016**

**NEXT VVWRA BOARD MEETING:**

**Thursday, February 16, 2017 – Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Resolution- Appreciation of Service for Steve Schindler (March)

Leave Policy


Mid-year Budget Review

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVAL:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved by VVWRA Board

BY:   
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~~Jeff Rigney, Secretary~~  
VVWRA Board of Commissioners  
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