

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
VICTOR VALLEY WASTEWATER RECLAMATION AUTHORITY (VWVRA)  
August 17, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Russ Blewett called the meeting to order at 8:00 am; in Conference Room D at Victorville City Hall, located at 14343 Civic Drive, Victorville California, with the following members present:

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

**Russell Blewett, Chair  
Jeff Rigney, Vice Chair**

**Scott Nassif, Secretary  
Jim Cox, Alternate- Treasurer**

**VWVRA Staff and Legal Counsel:**

**Logan Olds, General Manager  
Piero Dallarda, Legal Counsel (BB&K)  
Angela Valles, Director of Finance  
David Wylie, Communications & Safety Officer  
Robert Coromina, Director of Administration  
Eugene Davis, Acting Director of Operations**

**Kristi Casteel, Secretary to GM/Board  
Alton Anderson, Construction Manager  
Chieko Keagy, Accounting Supervisor  
Xiewi Wang, Accountant  
Ryan Love, Lead Operator  
Marcos Avila, Lead Mechanic**

**Others Present:**

**Nils Bentsen, City of Hesperia  
Carl Coleman, MWA  
Walter Linn, Rep for Congressman Cook  
Brian Gengler, City of Victorville**

**John Morales, Lahontan  
Greg Snyder, Town of Apple Valley  
Keith Metzler, City of Victorville**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS- CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

Chair Blewett 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 Cox

**REGULAR SESSION**

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Blewett called the meeting to order at 9:00 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. OIG Report: New Orleans**

**7. Article: Want to Cut Your Carbon Footprint?**

**8. Article: The Most Indestructible Animal on Earth**

**9. Award: 2017 Better Project Award**

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**10. Approve July 2017 Disbursement Registers**

Commissioner Nassif abstained from any disbursements to Napa Auto Parts.

**11. Approve Minutes from the July 20, 2017 Regular Meeting**

**12. Recommendation to Approve Professional Services for Larry Walker & Associates for Assistance with NPDES Permit Renewal**

**13. Recommendation to Approve Amendment of Professional Services for Larry Walker & Associates for 2017 Regulatory Assistance**

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

Chair Blewett: Yes

Commissioner Rigney: Yes

Commissioner Nassif: Yes

Commissioner Cox: Yes

**ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**14. Recommendation to Award Professional Service Agreement to Biogas Engineering for Media Replacement**

Manager Olds stated that this is a professional service agreement with Biogas Engineering to replace the media in VVWRA's gas scrubbing unit. This is done routinely; Biogas has a different media than what is currently being used. This media has the ability to extend the life cycle by two or three times in turn, reducing the cost by about fifty percent.

Commissioner Nassif made a motion to approve the Recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Rigney

Chair Blewett: Yes

Commissioner Rigney: Yes

Commissioner Nassif: Yes

Commissioner Cox: Yes

**15. Recommendation to Award Engineering Services for Desert Knolls Wash**

Manager Olds stated that the pipeline serving the Town of Apple Valley is above ground due to the displacement of sand that occurred in December of 2016. This is the recommended engineering firm for professional services to begin the design of that project. The Engineering Committee has reviewed the staff recommendation provided by Alton Anderson recommending Carollo Engineers and are in agreement with the recommendation.

Commissioner Nassif made a motion to approve the Recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Rigney

Chair Blewett: Yes

Commissioner Rigney: Yes

Commissioner Nassif: Yes

Commissioner Cox: Yes

**STAFF/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REPORTS:**

16. **Financial and Investment Report –July 2017**
17. **Operations & Maintenance Report – July 2017**
18. **Environmental Compliance Department Reports – July 2017**
19. **Septage Receiving Facility Reports – July 2017**
20. **Safety & Communications Report – July 2017**
21. **Construction Report – July 2017**

**NEXT VVWRA BOARD MEETING:**

**Thursday, September 21, 2017– Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Leave Policy**

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**APPROVAL:**

**DATE:** 9/21/17  
Approved by VVWRA Board

**BY:**

  
Scott Nassif, Secretary  
VVWRA Board of Commissioners