

Omochumne-Hartnell Water District

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Board Meeting – Minutes, July 11, 2013 @ 10 AM

7513 Sloughhouse Road

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Call to Order:

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM by Chairman of the Board, Director Ron Lowry. A quorum was present and included Board Members Director Thomas Young, Director Robert Mahon, Director Leland Schneider, General Manager Michael Wackman, and Secretary Cindy Luellen. Also present were visitor Mr. Ralph Pavey and Rebecca Anderson representing Downey Brand, legal counsel.

Public Comments:

1. None

Action/Discussion Items:

1. Under review and approval of the May 9th minutes, July 11th agenda and current financial report, item #12 was added to nominate candidates to the ACWA and under Item #5 to include a status report and update on the appeal including an update on meeting with Mr. Henry Matsanaga (RD 800). A motion to approve the modified agenda, minutes, and financial report as presented (items # 1, #2, and #3) was made by Director Schneider, seconded by Director Mahon and passed 4/0/0.
2. The final budget proposal for the year 2013/2014 was discussed and the motion to adopt was made by Director Mahon, seconded by Director Young and passed 4/0/0.
3. Under Item#5, Ms Anderson reported no new updates on the appeal FEMA appeal, just waiting for response.
4. The Rooney Dam repair was discussed by General Manager Wackman who met with Mr. Stuart Robertson (RBI) and Mr. Henry Matsanaga (Reclamation District 800). The total area includes a distance of about 150 feet, but RD 800 levee maintenance permits are limited to 100 feet. The area that is eroding the worst was “repaired” sometime in the past and remnants of plastic are interspersed with rock and fill. An action plan was decided upon by the Board Members to work together with RD800 and if needed, call emergency meeting to start the repairs ASAP in order to fix the problem this year.
5. The Blodgett Dam repair issue was not as important as the Rooney Dam repair and is more of a maintenance problem that can be accessed as soon as the Rooney Dam project is started. And, the property owner needs to be involved in the repair.
6. The Groundwater Recharge Project is waiting for a signed contract with property owner Mr. Bill Mosher. General Manager Wackman will try to meet with within the week.
7. The flow meters that have been located in the river to determine both the temperature and flow rate of the Cosumnes River have disappeared both by the

natural actions of the river current washing them out in high water and vandalism. Replacement costs are estimated at \$15,000-30,000. The Board Members would like to invite Mr. Stuart Robertson, RBI, to attend the next scheduled meeting to discuss options including the use of the flow meter located at Michigan Bar, water resources' gage, the McConnel Gage at HW 99 if it is still working or a combination of OHWD's installation of only one gage and the use of others already in place.

8. The Southeast Sacramento County Agricultural Authority (SSCAWA) held a brief meeting to adopt their budget and member payments. Galt and Clay are involved in a dispute that may affect their ability to contribute to the Authority as much as the adopted budget of the Authority. The Authority may need to adjust its budget later this fiscal year.
9. Board Members Mr. Tom Young, Jr. and Mr. Robert Mahon are up for election this year, so the candidates have until the Aug. 9th deadline to complete and submit nomination papers. Resolution 2013/14-1 was presented (resolution of election) and the motion to adopt was made by Director Schneider, seconded by Director Mahon and passed 4/0/0. All documents needed by the incumbents will be mailed to them by General Manager Wackman.
10. The nominations for candidates to the ACWA are needed by September 3rd. Director Schneider is OHWD's representative and no action was taken on candidate nominations for ACWA offices.

Status Reports

1. The Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority meeting was held July 10, 2013 and Chairman Ron Lowry reported that boundaries were discussed and work will be done on boundary changes. Insurance liability with a private company was also adopted.
2. Communications received by OHWD and reported by Secretary Luellen included Sac LAFCO letter regarding the Elk Grove Sphere of Influence, bulletins on safety from ACWA, brochures on education seminars and classes, advertisements, the ACWA Newsletter, ACWA-JPIA Perspective, Western Water magazine, Irrigation Leader magazine and the May report on the water conditions in California.
3. The Water Coordinator, Director Schneider, stated that flows have stopped downstream on the Cosumnes River and at Granlee's Ditch some water is diverted. Regarding water diversions, no substantial activity was shown during the 1970s, but so many diversions have occurred since then that it is hard to determine who is legally diverting water. Director Schneider is interested in what the California State Water Resources Control Board has listed as legal diversions at the Crawford Ditch.
4. No activity reported on ACWA

General Managers Report:

1. Nothing extra to add.

Directors:

1. Director Young questioned if the dams should be removed and Director Mahon agreed that the dams should be removed to prevent any further vandalism by Aug 1st.

Adjourn Meeting:

1. Under Director's meeting attendance report, Chairman Lowry –5 meetings, Director Mahon – 2 meetings, Director Schneider – 1 meeting, and Director Young – 1 meeting, Director Kautz – 0 meeting.
2. The motion to adjourn was made by Director Schneider at 11:30 AM, seconded by Director Young, and approved 4/0/0.

Next regular board meeting to be held Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013 at 10 AM
(Central Zone Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2013)

Submitted by Secretary, Cynthia Luellen 8-25-13