

**Omochumne-Hartnell Water District**

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**Board Meeting – Minutes, January 10, 2013 @ 10 AM**

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**Call to Order:**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM by Chairman of the Board, Director Ron Lowry. A quorum was present and included Board Members Thomas Young, Robert Mahon, Leland Schneider, General Manager Michael Wackman, and Secretary Cindy Luellen. Also present were Mr. Satya Gala and Mr. Stuart Robertson representing Robertson-Bryan, Inc. Director Kautz arrived during discussion of the Rooney Dam update.

**Public Comments:**

1. None

**Action/Discussion Items:**

1. Review and approval of the agenda (#1), review and approval of the November 8, 2012 minutes (#2), and the presented financial report (#3) were included all together and the motion to adopt was made by Director Mahon, seconded by Director Young and passed 4/0/0.

4. Current status of the FEMA/OES appeal process - Rebecca Anderson, attorney representing OHWD, filed an appeal on Dec. 30, 2012 stating that OHWD dam repairs do not come under the Corp of Engineers authority for flood repair. She also requested FEMA/OES to deal with all issues presented in the previous case, but there has been no response.

5. Update on the Rooney Dam - OHWD met with RD800 to work together, with RD800 as the lead agency to get permits and fix the dam. It was suggested that board members of RD800 be invited to the next OHWD meeting for further discussion regarding a joint effort on the issue. Also invited should be representative of the Fish Foundation regarding teamwork on future tasks including OHWD dams and flood control projects.

6. No new updates on The Blodgett Dam.

7. The RWA Grant-Recharge Project – General Manager, Mike Wackman reported contact with the landowner who is open to the option to lease his land. The property in question is 80 acres owned by Andrew Gjelsteen. The rental rate for the Gjelsteen property was discussed by the OHWD Directors. Another landowner, Mr. Mosher, will be called to ask if he may be interested renting land for the project. TNC is also interested in the project. They have their own water division that is funding some of UCD's study, and may consider test wells on our site to check water percolation rates and where the water is going.

8. No updates on SSCAWA. However, Sacramento Regional Sanitation District is developing a recycled water program for use in agriculture. The SRSD is studying the possibility of building a system to bring recycled water to agriculture in the area South of Eschinger Road, north of the Cosumnes, between I-5 and Highway 99. The Sanitation district does not want to get involved in the business of retailing water to agriculture. It was suggested OHWD investigate annexing their area to distribute the recycled water to agriculture, since this area is not in anyone's "district" and is composed of mostly agriculture land owners.

9. Mr. Robertson presented information and management strategy handouts on the RFP Geological and Geophysical Survey of ground water recharge sites. Right now the ground water is at 80 feet below the surface. He suggests the OHWD should prepare RFP to compare both sites in order to increase our data for the project. And we should have 2 bids for the 2 project sites.

10. The procurement policy revisions and updates completed by General Manager Mike Wackman after the audit from CalEMA on our project were then sent to Rebecca Anderson. It covered all the highlighted items on the draft that was handed out by Mike, including the financial amounts and addition of a protest division

### **Status Reports**

1. Tom Mahon was appointed by Sacramento County Board of Supervisors to represent agriculture on the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority. Chairman Lowry reported the Central Zone is going to form a water banking committee to look into areas of influence. TNC is also interested in water banking. General Manager Wackman is an alternate on the Central Groundwater Authority for OHWD, Chairman Lowry's backup. The Central Zone has submitted 4 grants (approximately \$250,000) to re-evaluate the module used by the Central Basin, and a budget was presented Jan.9<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
2. Secretary Luellen presented a copy of the OHWD Audit, done by Croce and Company. Also presented were brochures and magazines received-Irrigation Leader, Western Water, ACWA newsletters and advertisements. The 1099s were handed out for 2012 to all Directors who earned more than \$600 attending meetings in the past year.
3. Water Coordinators report by Director Schneider – no changes.
4. ACWA-No report.

### **General Managers Report:**

1. Reported in previous items.

### **Directors:**

1. Chairman Lowry reminded all Directors to not forget the 700 Forms that are due April 1st and can be downloaded and printed now.

### **Adjourn Meeting:**

1. Under Director's meeting attendance report, Chairman Lowry – 4 meetings, Director Mahon – 2 meetings, Director Schneider – 1 meeting, and Director Young – 1 meeting, Director Kautz – 1 meeting.

2. The motion to adjourn was made by Director Kautz at 12:37 PM, seconded by Director Mahon, and approved 5/0/0.

Next regular board meeting to be held Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 10 AM  
(Central Zone Meeting Wednesday, March 13, 2013)

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Submitted by Secretary, Cynthia Luellen 2-22-13