

Omochumne-Hartnell Water District

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Board Meeting – Minutes, July 10, 2014

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Call to Order:

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by Chairman of the Board, Director Ron Lowry. A quorum was present consisting of Board members Tom Young, Leland Schneider, Robert Mahon, General Manager Mike Wackman and Secretary Cindy Luellen. Also present were counsel representatives from the office of Downey Brand LLP, MS Rebecca Smith and MS Meredith Nikkel. Public visitors included Mr. Jay Schneider, Mr. Antonio Valadez and Mrs. Josie Valadez, Mr. Herb Garmes who arrived just after the call to order and at the beginning of Public Comments, Board Member Kurt Kautz.

Public Comments:

1. Mr. Jay Schneider addressed the Board with three important matters of concern:
 - (1.) Sloughhouse RCD requests and contact with Mr. Jeremy Wire for a bid to do geological sounding surveys on certain areas within OHWD
 - (2.) A history of water flows in the Cosumnes River including all water purchases from the Sly Park area during the period of time that the district purchased water
 - (3.) History of the Sheldon Land Grant and Public Rights Trust Easements before and after the 1850's.

Action/Discussion Items:

1. The motion to approve and accept items number 1, 2 and 3 listed on the meeting's agenda was made by Director Schneider, seconded by Director Mahon and passed 5/0/0 after a mistake regarding the date of the minutes to be reviewed and approved was noted and changed from March 13 to May 13.
2. Item #4, Current status of the FEMA/OES Appeal was still "under appeal" and legal counsel, Ms. Smith suggested that OHWD keep a documented history of all responses in order to maintain an open paper trail.
3. Under # 5, Rooney Dam, OHWD's MOU with RD800 was just signed and now must be approved and signed by RD800; then the project will be able to move forward.
4. No update on #6, Blodgett Dam.
5. Item #7, Groundwater Recharge Project:
 - (a.) OHWD had a productive meeting including General Manager Wackman, counsel MS Smith, RBI, the new manager from Rancho Murieta and MS Cathy Mrowka of the State discussing the recharge project and water rights for the project.
6. OWHD's financial budget for the year 2014/2015 was presented by General Manager Wackman for review. The motion to adopt the budget was presented by Director Kautz, seconded by Director Mahon and passed 5/0/0.
7. General Manager handed out copies of a draft Resolution 2015-14-1, A Resolution by the Board of Directors of the Omochumne-Hartnell Water District adoption of the American River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. The

IRWMP agreement was drafted in response to requirements by the California Department of Water Resources contract for the Recharge Project Grant funding. Directors placed the policy document on hold until the special meeting is held and requested legal counsel to meet and explain all the items supported and policies listed in the resolution before acceptance of the resolution.

8. Item # 10, Southeast Sacramento County Agricultural Authority (SSCAWA) – nothing to report.

Status Reports

1. Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority – Chairman Lowry had a “thick” handout showing the area divided into “hexagons” and studies that have been done. The information was presented to the Sac Central Groundwater by MR. Jim Blanke, employed by RMC. There was no quorum so a business meeting was not held.
2. Under communications, the Secretary reported the 2014 Conflict of Interest Code Biennial Notice must be updated, confirmation letters from Croce that an audit must be done this year, pamphlets, brochures and monthly newsletters received from ACWA, Western Water, and Irrigation Leader. Also discussed were recent phone calls on the recorder regarding resident’s concerns about neighbor’s broken water lines and overwatering.
3. Water Coordinator’s Report – Director Schneider contacted Ed Crouse and checked whether extra water had been removed from the Cosumnes. However, there are still concerns regarding the Plymouth Ditch and who is authorized to use it.
4. ACWA – no current activity

General Managers Report:

1. Manager Wackman – The Ethics Training, required under California Government Code for OHWD and other special district Board Members is scheduled at McConnell Winery July 17th 1:00 PM -4PM that is presented by Legal Counsel, MS Smith from Downey Brand LLP. The certification training is good for 5 years.

Directors:

1. Director Young questioned why the American River level was so high at this time of the year. Chairman Lowry mentioned that the contract for installation and removal of the dams had expired and a new one must be written. After discussion of acceptable dates, the special meeting will be held Aug. 7, 2014 at 10AM. Also noted was that The Chairman of the Board will not be attending the regular September meeting.
2. Board Member Kautz had another commitment and left early before adjournment.

Adjourn Meeting:

1. Under Director’s meeting attendance report, Director Lowry – 4 meetings, Director Mahon – 2 meetings, Director Schneider – 2 meetings, Director Kautz –1 meeting, Director Young -1 meeting.
2. The motion to adjourn was made by Director Mahon at 11:39 AM, seconded by Director Young and approved 4/0/0.

SPECIAL board meeting to be held Thursday, AUGUST 7, 2014 at 10 AM