

**Omochumne-Hartnell Water District
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**Board Meeting – Minutes, July 15, 2015
7513 Sloughhouse Road
Elk Grove, CA 95624**

Call to Order:

1. Chairman of the Board, Mr. Ronald Lowry, called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM – a quorum was present and included Directors Leland Schneider, Robert Mahon, Thomas Young, General Manager Michael Wackman and Secretary, Cindy Luellen. Also attending were Legal Counsel Rebecca Smith, Stuart Robertson representing Robertson-Bryan, Inc., Ms Melinda Frost-Hurrel representing Trout Unlimited, Plymouth City Councilman Mr. Jon Colburn, and interested citizens Mr. Ralph Pavey and Mr. Jay Schneider. Director Kurt Kautz arrived at the end of agenda review & action.

Public Comments:

1. Mr. Jay Schneider informed the board about the soundings to be performed by Mr. Jeremy Wire and how it will complement the recharge program.

Action/Discussion Items:

1. The Directors reviewed the agenda, and a motion to add a new items for discussion purposes only, changing the regular scheduled meeting date and time, was made by Director Mahon, seconded by Director Schneider and passed 4/0/0.
2. The May 14th minutes were reviewed and Director Schneider made a motion for approval, it was seconded by Director Mahon and passed 4/0/0.
3. The Financial report was reviewed and Director Kautz saw a discrepancy in the final ending balance total between funds deposited at River City Bank and the LAIF account. The mistake was noted. The excel computer program template would be corrected after the meeting and a corrected OHWD financial report spreadsheet printed for the record. Director Schneider made the motion to approve the corrected financial report, seconded by Director Kautz and passed 5/0/0.
4. The dam repair projects – no new updates on FEMA repayment.
5. Rooney Dam Repair - General Manager Wackman had received invoices from RD 800 for Rooney Dam repairs covering environmental and engineering work that totaled \$18, 161.82. Director Schneider made the motion for payment to RD 800, it was seconded by Director Mahon and approved 5/0/0.
6. The Blodgett Dam- no report – no and to be removed from future agendas until necessary to put back on agenda.
7. Groundwater Recharge Project –
 - a. OHWD staff has a meeting with Rancho Murieta on July 31st at 10 AM to discuss the “principles of agreement” for water banking with Rancho Murieta.
 - b. There has been discussions and negotiations with the City of Plymouth, CA and Trout Unlimited to apply for a grant under Proposition 1, in which grant monies would be used to purchase the water from the City of Plymouth for the groundwater recharge project. The City of Plymouth has a pre 1914 water rights. The concepts for filing the grant application includes: 1) OHWD contracts with the City of Plymouth to purchase their water with grant funds. 2.) The City of Plymouth will also sell be paid through the grant for the sale of water for instream fish purposes 3) the City of Plymouth will

also sell water to the fishery agencies for prewetting of the Cosumnes River in the Fall to benefit salmon runs, a project similar to the Cosumnes River Flow Augmentation project that SSCAWA performed back in 2003. A **motion was made** by Director Kautz to pursue the grant application under Proposition 1 with the City of Plymouth, Trouts Unlimited and other interested parties for the purchase and transfer of water from the City of Plymouth for use in OHWD's groundwater recharge project and the prewetting of the Cosumnes River channel. It was seconded by Director Mahon and passed 5/0/0. A second **motion was made** by Director Kautz for Ms Rebecca Smith and General Manager Wackman to continue to negotiate a contract with the City of Plymouth for the purchase of water using the Proposition 1 grant funds. Also to arrange an emergency meeting prior to the next scheduled September meeting, and to complete the grant application by the September deadline. The special meeting was set for August 27th at 11 AM and Director Young seconded the motion. It passed 5/0/0.

8. Southeast Sacramento County Agricultural Water Authority discussion was moved to next meeting due to no new updates. However, boundary issues must be discussed for the JPA with the County since the Central Basin staff has the Cosumnes River located in the Central Basin, not the Southern.
9. Mr. Jay Schneider discussed Mr. Henry Matsunaga doing research on the flows and diversions of the Cosumnes Rivers.
10. General Manager Wackman discussed the election of the board members whose four year terms expire this year, (Directors Schneider, Kautz and Chairman Lowry). The forms must be completed, signed or notarized and in OHWD's office by Aug 7th.

Status Reports:

1. Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGW) – There was discussion on the need to elect a alternate for Ron Lowry (current representative) to attend the Central Authority meeting when Mr. Lowry is unable to attend.
2. Secretary Luellen mentioned the communications that has been received, messages left on the office answering machine from local citizens upset with neighbor's water use and wanted OHWD to follow up with enforcement, a copy of a second letter from State Water Resources Board that was sent to Mr. Curtis Hanford, conference and education seminar brochures, Irrigation Leader, Western Water, Water Conditions in California, ACWA's Perspective and ACWA News.
3. Director Schneider, Water Coordinator, stated the Cosumnes River is still running at Michigan Bar.
4. Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) activity –No report.

General Managers Report:

1. General Manager had nothing extra to report.

Directors:

1. Nothing further to discuss.

Adjourn Meeting:

1. Under Director's meeting attendance report, Director Mahon –2 meeting, Director Schneider – 1 meetings, Director Young - 1 meeting, Director Kautz – 1 meeting, Chairman Lowry – 3 meetings.

The next regular meeting will be discussed and decided upon at the Special Meeting (8-27-15) at 11 AM.

The motion to adjourn was made by Director Mahon at 12:32 PM seconded by Director Young and approved 4/0/0. (Director Kautz left few minutes early).

(Central Zone Meeting Wednesday, September 9, 2015)

Submitted by Secretary, Cynthia Luellen 07-18-15

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