

**Omochumne-Hartnell Water District**

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**Board Meeting – Minutes, November 10, 2011 @ 10AM**

**7513 Sloughouse Road**

**Elk Grove, CA 95624**

**Call to Order:**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by Director Ron Lowry. A quorum was present and included Board Members Lowry, Leland Schneider, Robert Mahon, Tom Young, General Manager Mike Wackman, Secretary Cindy Luellen and Stuart Robertson representing RBI.

**Public Comments:**

1. None

**Action/Discussion Items:**

1. Under review and approval of the agenda, additions were made to add the Special District Commissioner Ballot for the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission as item #9 and #10 to discuss Operating Engineers Local No. 3 Pension Trust Fund petition to appropriate water from the Cosumnes River.
2. All invoices and the prepared financial statements including the bank statements for October and November 2011 were presented and the motion to approve the agenda, minutes from September 8<sup>th</sup>'s meeting and the financial statements was made by Board Member Schneider, seconded by Board Member Mahon and passed 4/0/0.
3. Item # 3 (taken out of order) was done by Manager Wackman swearing in Board Members Schneider and Lowry. The ceremony for Board Member Kautz will be held at the January meeting.
4. The status of the FEMA/OES appeal regarding the dam repair projects are still in limbo, but Congressman Dan Lundgren's office has been involved in helping to resolve the issue.
5. Regarding the Rooney Dam project, Manager Wackman has been in touch with the RD800 engineer to discuss the erosion at the Rooney Dam. They will meet sometime in December or January. However, all parties involved (landowners, the Fish Foundation, and OHWD) may need to contribute financially for the project to be done.
6. Manager Wackman passed out new information on the RWA Grant – Recharge Project. Rancho Murieta has their own grant of \$500,000 for their own project and OHWD's groundwater recharge is separate project but they are mutually beneficial when operated together. The total overall cost of the groundwater recharge project is about 1.3 million dollars, \$330,000 of which is estimated to be OHWD's contribution to the project. A preliminary site assessment of the project is necessary to determine the feasibility of the project. The preliminary site assessment involves percolation tests and soil analysis of the proposed recharge site. This initial phase of the project is basically an engineering survey. Authorizing \$20,000 for the initial phase

requires a formal RFP process as required in OHWD's procurement policies for the avoidance of sole sourcing. The directors discussed receiving 3 formal bids and time it would require. The need to expedite this process to move the project forward was also discussed. A motion to allow a contract to be awarded up to \$20,000 under the informal bid procedure of the OHWD's procurement policies was made by Board Member Mahon, seconded by Board Member Schneider and passed 4/0/0.

7. Three OHWD members attended the Southeast Sacramento County Agricultural Authority meeting (SSCAWA). The issue before SSCAWA is whether new members should be added to the JPA and what should the structure of the newly formed JPA consist of. Manager Wackman was asked to contact several organizations as to their interest. Manager Wackman wants to know if OHWD is still interested in participating in SSCAWA, what the new structure of the organization should consist of and if OHWD is willing to financially contribute to a newly formed JPA. The JPA can be set up as its members decide regarding the number of board members per member organizations (OHWD, Clay, Galt, City of Galt, Sacramento County, SRCD and maybe RMRC). It was discussed that there be 2 board members for OHWD, Galt ID, and Sloughhouse RCD (because all three are ag. related) and one board member for the County of Sacramento, City of Galt, and Clay ID keeping the total count to 9 board members. Board Member Schneider made the motion that the Board of the reorganized SSCAWA should consist of 2 board members from OHWD, GALT ID, Sloughhouse RCD, 1 board member from Clay Water District, the City of Galt, and the County of Sacramento. The motion was seconded by Board Member Mahon and passed 3/1/1.
8. A motion to support the election of Gil Albiani, from the Cosumnes Community Services District, as a Special District Commissioner for Office No. 6 on the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission was made by Board Member Young, seconded by Board Member Schneider and passed 4/0/0.
9. The issue of Operating Engineers Local No. 3 Pension Trust Fund petition to the State Water Resource Control Board to appropriate water from the Cosumnes River was discussed. A motion was made by Board Member Mahon and seconded by Board Member Young then passed that a letter be sent to the State Water Resource Control Board with a copy also sent to Jay Schneider and the Rancho Murieta Operating Engineers that additional water should not be taken from the Cosumnes River when other water was available through Rancho Murieta's CSD appropriation - the motion passed 4/0/0.

### **Status Reports**

1. The received communications included the ballot measure by LAFCo, moved to the action items, a census report governing a survey of special districts completed by Manager Wackman, and a San Joaquin Delta water management survey of the Delta from U.C., numerous advertisements for seminars and educational programs and the latest issues of the Irrigation Leader, Western Water, and ACWA/JPIA

- Perspective.
2. No report from the Water Coordinator.
  3. No activity from the ACWA.

**General Managers Report:**

1. Board Member Mahon asked Manager Wackman to explain the Michigan Bar Graph on page 12 of the literature handed out at the beginning of the meeting.
2. The dams, not put in place this past summer due to the high water levels of the Cosumnes, were discussed.
3. Manager Wackman suggested that OHWD be added to the list to receive and be made aware of water rights and notified of any changes so that the District is able to be prepared and react.

**Directors:**

1. Director Lowry discussed electing a Board Member to be the treasurer and oversee all financials for OHWD. He suggested the item to be placed on January's agenda and to elect a new Chairman and Vice-Chair to be included.
2. Attendance report – Director Lowry -3 meetings, Board Member Mahon-2, Board Member Schneider -1, and Board Member Young -1.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

1. Motion to Adjourn made by Board Member Schneider, seconded by Board Member Young and passed 4/0/0 at 12:15 pm.

Next regular board meeting to be held January 12, 2012

Submitted by Cindy Luellen, Secretary

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Dec 31, 2011