

**Omochumne-Hartnell Water District**

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**Board Meeting – Minutes, November 14, 2013 @ 10 AM**

**7513 Sloughouse Road**

**Elk Grove, CA 95624**

**Call to Order:**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:20 AM by Chairman of the Board, Director Ron Lowry. A quorum was present and included Directors Leland Schneider, Robert Mahon, General Manager Mike Wackman and Secretary Cindy Luellen. George Kammerer, legal counsel for Bill Mosher arrived at the meeting at 11 am.

**Public Comments:**

1. None

**Action/Discussion Items:**

1. Items #1, #2, and #3 were reviewed and the motion to adopt the November agenda, minutes of the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, the financial report and pay the open invoices due was made by Director Schneider, seconded by Director Mahon and passed 3/0/0.
2. Item # 4, status of appeals to FEMA on the dam repair projects, contact has been made with US House of Representative, Dr. Ami Bera, and his office is working on a letter of support for OHWD appeal.
3. Item #5, Rooney Dam repair, requires an MOU between OHWD and RD800. A conflict of interest waiver is required by both OHWD legal counsel and RD800's legal counsel since both works for Downey Brandt. A motion to allow the Chairman of the Board of OHWD Directors to sign the conflict of interest waiver between RD800 and OHWD was made by Director Mahon, seconded by Director Schneider and passed 3/0/0.  
OHWD has moved forward with filing the C.E.Q.A application. The application listed RD800 as the lead organization.
4. OHWD met with land owner of Laguna Del Sol, to discuss the future repairs of Blodgett Dam..
5. Item # 7, the groundwater recharge project was discussed and General Manager Wackman explained that Mr. Bill Mosher is willing to lease his property for \$20,000 per year (about 100 acres) and that Mr. George Kammerer is his legal counsel on the project. The lease will be for two years with options to extend if the project is successful. A motion to approve the lease for up to \$20,000 per year for a two year period with an extension option of 10 year and 2 five year extensions. Motion was made by Director Schneider, seconded by Director Mahon and passed 3/0/0 to negotiate the lease with the previously mention terms. Another motion was made to re-direct the original amount of money that was approved for the Gjestein's property test by Director Mahon – The motion was made to re-direct the \$40,000 that had originally been approved for the Gjestein's property to be used on the Mosher property and authority to spend money on wells and to start tests on Mosher property. It was seconded by Director Schneider and passed 3/0/0.
6. No change since last meeting regarding flow meters
7. Item #9 – SSCAWA – no quorum at last meeting, so no report.
8. Under Item #10, election of Board Members, Resolution #2013/14-2 (A resolution by

the Board of Directors of the Omochumne-Hartnell Water District to elect Directors for the open seats on the District Board) was passed with 3 Ayes/0/0 and 2 absent and the resolution adopted.

### **Status Reports**

1. Chairman Ron Lowry produced copies of the minutes of the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority meeting and discussed that they want to do an analysis of how much water agriculture and agriculture/residential are using.
2. Under communication received, Secretary Luellen mentioned the financial work received from Croce & Company, the East Bay Municipal Utility District October 4<sup>th</sup> Bar-B-Q that all members were invited to attend, and the numerous pamphlets, advertisements, brochures, and literature that was sent to the office.
3. No report on ACWA activity.

### **General Managers Report:**

1. Nothing extra to add.

### **Directors:**

1. Chairman of the Board, Ron Lowry reported on the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority meeting Wednesday (day before) and they had held their selection of officers for 2014, an interesting presentation regarding dry wells, and Elk Grove is involved in test well, dry wells and monitoring. Chairman Lowry also discussed a survey and handed out SCGA Groundwater Accounting Program fliers. Also mentioned was the meeting scheduled for December 3-6th at the Aqua Forum, by the Association of CA Water Agencies that will be held in Los Angeles, CA.
2. The Secretary's report included pamphlets, advertisements, brochures and literature sent to the OHWD office.
3. Under the Water Coordinator's Report, Director Schneider said the beavers have done lots of work on the river this year, and that the level has been up and down.
4. ACWA-JPA, no report.

### **Adjourn Meeting:**

1. Under Director's meeting attendance report, Chairman Lowry –3 meetings, Director Mahon – 1 meetings, Director Schneider – 1 meeting.
2. The motion to adjourn was made by Director Schneider at 11:55 AM, seconded by Director Mahon, and approved 3/0/0.

Next regular board meeting to be held Thursday, Jan 9, 2014 at 10 AM  
(Central Zone Meeting Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014)