

**Omochumne-Hartnell Water District**

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**Board Meeting – Minutes, September 12, 2013 @ 11:00 AM**

**7513 Sloughhouse Road**

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**Call to Order:**

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:03 AM by Chairman of the Board, Director Ron Lowry. A quorum was present and included Directors Leland Schneider, Thomas Young, Jr., Robert Mahon, and Kurt Kautz. Also present were Satya Gala representing Robertson-Bryan, Inc., Attorney MS Rebecca Anderson representing Downey, Brand, and Seymour & Rower and General Manager Mike Wackman and Secretary Cindy Luellen.

**Public Comments:**

1. None

**Action/Discussion Items:**

1. Under items #1, #2, #3, review and approval of the agenda and regular meeting July 11<sup>th</sup> minutes which were revised, the special board meeting minutes held August 11<sup>th</sup>, and review of the financial statement and invoices to be paid. A motion to approve all three items was made by Director Mahon, seconded by Director Young and passed 5/0/0.
2. Current status of the FEMA/OES appeal on the dam repair projects was discussed. FEMA rejected a previous appeal on the basis that the fish ladder was not to be funded by FEMA. OHWD must further appeal to explain that FEMA's assertion that expenses for the fish ladder were being requested by OHWD is incorrect and that the fish ladder was funded under a grant the Fish Foundation obtained from others. Discussion occurred about having our U.S. House Representative inquire on our behalf. It was decided by consensus to contact Congressman Bera and request his assistance in this matter.
3. Chairman of the Board Lowry, Director Mahon and Manager Mike Wackman attended RD 800's board regarding the levee repair near Rooney Dam. RD 800 agreed to be the lead agency on the repair project. A MOU will be developed between the two districts for the repair project.
4. The Blodgett Dam needs repairs. General Manager Mike Wackman will contact the landowner concerning the repairs and survey the damage with the districts engineer.
5. Groundwater banking. OHWD has a draft lease prepared to present to Bill Mosher, owner of the property for use on OHWD's groundwater banking.
6. Regarding flow meters, there are two types of gauges with two different technologies that were discussed by Satya Gala. In order to accurately measure flow in the river near the dams, gauges would be required. (The McConnell gauge is no longer working except during high flow). Costs for gauges range from \$15,000 to \$30,000 initial costs.
7. No news to report concerning the Southeast Sacramento County Agricultural Authority (SSCAWA).

8. OHWD's election of Board Members- No other person applied to run for the open director seats other than those persons currently holding those director positions. Thus, on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> the board of directors will reappoint the current members to the new term that starts December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, as if they were elected.

### **Status Reports**

1. Chairman Ron Lowry produced copies of the minutes of the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority meeting and discussed that they are planning to do an analysis of how much water agriculture and agriculture/residential are using.
2. Under communications 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 to add.

### **Directors:**

1. Chairman of the Board, Ron Lowry stated that he would like to adopt a policy to elect the board chairman for OHWD, vice chairman and create the office of treasurer. Director Mahon mentioned that current legislation is leaning toward new laws to eliminate Special Districts.

### **Adjourn Meeting:**

1. Under Director's meeting attendance report, Chairman Lowry –4 meetings, Director Mahon – 3 meetings, Director Schneider – 2 meeting, and Director Young – 1 meeting, Director Kautz – 2 meeting.
2. The motion to adjourn was made by Director Mahon just after 12 PM, seconded by Director Schneider, and approved 4/0/0. (Director Kautz had previous engagement and left before adjournment).

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