

**Omochumne-Hartnell Water District**  
**P. O. Box 211**  
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**Board Meeting – Minutes, September 16, 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 10:05 AM – a quorum was present and included Directors Leland Schneider, Robert Mahon, Thomas Young, General Manager Michael Wackman and Secretary Cindy Luellen. Director Kurt Kautz arrived prior to the review and discussions of item #1. Also present were Legal Counsel Rebecca Smith, and visitors Jay Schneider and Bruce Kamilos.

**Public Comments:**

1. None.

**Action/Discussion Items:**

1. Director Schneider made the motion to accept all three items, a second was made by Director Mahon and the motion passed Items #1 agenda, #2-July 15<sup>th</sup> minutes, and #3-financial report, including the financial statement and open invoices. 5/0/0.
4. Rooney Dam – Permits have been submitted by RD 800 to both the State and Federal Governments. RD 800 has the lead in the Rooney Project and is responsible for notification of any work done near Miwok Indian burial grounds due to changes in laws that now mandate the tribes are notified. Also mentioned was a letter received from the Wilton Rancheria, addressed to OHWD, requesting information on any OHWD projects.
5. FEMA's reimbursement- FEMA has denied OHWD appeal for full reimbursement for dam work done during the 2006 flood event. FEMA had two reasons to deny payment: (1.) OHWD did not go out for public bid for the engineering work which was done by RBI. (2.) The cost for engineering work as compared to the construction costs exceeded FEMA's standard ratio. The final recourse for the reimbursement of money due would be a lawsuit and take FEMA to court. The Directors decided by consent decide not pursue the matter in the courts.
6. Groundwater recharge project:
  - a) General Manager Mike Wackman and Stuart Robertson with RBI, met with Rancho Murieta to discuss the use of Rancho Murieta's excess in their water rights for the project.
  - b) There are still some preliminary possibilities being investigated to transfer water from the City of Plymouth.
  - c) The initial draft contract with the City of Plymouth to purchase water with Proposition 1 grant funds is no longer viable.
7. Groundwater Sustainability Agency
  - a) On September 9<sup>th</sup> the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (Central Zone ) voted in favor of allowing OHWD to move forward as a GSA as long as there was coordination with the Central Zone.
  - b) At SSCAWA's meeting in August it was suggested all the members of SSCAWA review how they want the future Groundwater Sustainability Agency to be established in the South area and report back to SSCAWA
  - c) A SSCAWA meeting is scheduled for Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> the member districts, including Galt and Clay, will decide if they want to be in a GSA or not (Form a JPA or coordinating agreements between the three). Two motions were made to give a clear direction for presentations of the issues on Oct 20<sup>th</sup> for the meeting:
    - i. Director Schneider made a motion that OHWD should be its own GSA but will not take any action before presenting the Directors' decision at the Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>

meeting. It was seconded by Director Kautz and passed 5/0/0.

- ii. The second motion made by Director Mahon is that OHWD as a GSA will support SSCAWA to help its member districts to form their own GSA's, was seconded by Director Schneider and passed 5/0/0.
- iii. Director Kautz then made the motion for the staff to prepare the RFQ and to move forward for a basin boundary change, seconded by Director Mahon and passed 5/0/0.

8. Election of the Board of Directors – A motion was made by Director Kautz to accept Resolution #2015/16-2 and seconded by Director Mahon and passed 5/0/0. The three Directors (Kurt Kautz, Leland Schneider and Ron Lowry) are incumbents who applied and were not opposed.

9. Director Mahon made a motion to elect Director Leland Schneider to be OHWD's Alternate to the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority. It was seconded by Director Young and passed 4/0/0. (Director Kautz had left for previous engagement).

11. The Directors officially changed OHWD's regular meeting date to the third Tuesday of every other month by consent.

**Status Reports:**

1. Communications received included notice of the JPIA Board of Directors Meeting and 2015 Conference notice to be held Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> in Indian Wells, CA, an invitation to the annual Pardee Bar-B-Q on Friday Oct. 2 at 11:30 AM to 2 PM at Pardee Center, publications from the Water Education Foundation, ACWA News, Western Water, Irrigation Leader, Perspective, ACWA News, conference brochures, employment offerings, a notice to remind the Special Districts to be sure and file the 2014-15 Special Districts Financial Transaction Report, an official letter form the Wilton Rancheria for notification of any OHWD projects, and a summary from Secretary Luellen regarding her attendance at the class for the Special District covering the new policies and requirements on the 700 Form and Conflict of Interest.
2. Water Coordinator's Report – nothing to report.
3. ACWA activity – No activity.

**General Managers Report:**

1. General Manager Wackman requested for the next meeting to review his contract and to make adjustment for the increase in hours needed to fulfill his responsibility as OHWD's manager.

**Directors:**

1. Director Schneider wanted to express his appreciation and thank General Manager Wackman and Ms. Rebecca Smith, Legal Counsel for all of the hard work and many hours they have spent working on OHWD's projects, presentations and meetings this past year.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

1. Under Director's meeting attendance report, Director Mahon –3 meeting, Director Schneider – 4 meetings, Director Young - 1 meeting, Director Kautz – 1 meeting, Chairman Lowry – 4 meetings.

**The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.**

The motion to adjourn was made by Director Schneider at 12:57 PM seconded by Director Young and approved 4/0/0.

(Central Zone Meeting Wednesday, November 11, 2015)