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Board Meeting – Minutes, November 8, 2012 @ 10 AM

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Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM by Chairman of the Board, Director Ron Lowry. A quorum was present and included Board Members Thomas Young, Robert Mahon, Leland Schneider, General Manager Michael Wackman, and Secretary Cindy Luella. Also present was Rebecca Anderson Smith.

Public Comments:

- None

Action/Discussion Items:

- Following the review of the agenda and the submitted financial statement, Director Schneider made a motion to approve both items #1, #2 and #3, and change the order to address Item #5, The conflict of interest code, as the first item discussed. The motion was seconded by Director Mahon and passed 4/0/0.
- OHWD's Conflict of Interest Code as originally written included the name "trustees" as directors which was noted by Rebecca Anderson Smith, Esq. when she reviewed the document. Therefore, a revised document representing non-substantive amendments to the conflict of interest code for OHWD was presented, reviewed, and a motion was made by Director Mahon to accept the modification to the code which was noted as Resolution No.12-4, seconded by Director Young and passed 4/0/0.
- Under Item#4, the FEMA/OES appeal was turned down on the premise that the area was "under the Army Corp of Engineers jurisdiction and therefore, not applicable". RD 800 was also given the same information which they appealed and won. OHWD's legal firm, Downey Brand is still below the amount of funds authorized by previous resolution (\$20,000) for the appeals process, so they will move forward to file another appeal before the December 2012 deadline.
- The update of Item #6, the Rooney Dam, - The permit issued under the Department of Fish and Game is still active through 2013, however, a response from the Army Corp of Engineers is not guaranteed and has not been received concerning their permitted activity past construction. OHWD has talk to RD800 about the damage to the levee. OHWD will discuss with RD 800 the sharing of repair expenses if RD 800 does the repair at Rooney Dam. This repair is for the erosion close to the dam area and affecting the levee. Construction costs for the rock and contractor is estimated about \$20,000. Responsibility for repair expenses for the section of erosion below the dam near the fish ladder will be determined through talks with RD 800 and the Fish Foundation. A motion was made by Director Schneider, seconded by Director Young that General Manager Wackman will meet with RD800 to negotiate all costs and to get Rooney Dam fixed. The motion passed 4/0/0.
- The update on the Blodgett Dam, Item #7, RD800, Sloughhouse RCD and OHWD should work together. General Manager Wackman will investigate permit and repair costs and present his information.

- General Manager Wackman discussed Item #8, the RWA Grant-Recharge Project. The landowner has not yet negotiated a lease with OHWD on the 10 acres land, but has stated that if OHWD uses the pump, we must guarantee to take care and replace if it becomes inoperable. Communications with the landowner (an absentee owner that lives in HI) sent by both Ms Anderson Smith and General Manager Wackman had not been acknowledged over the past couple of months. If the landowner does not respond by the end of the year, the board will look at other options for the recharge project. Another option, if there is no response very soon, is to contact other landowners and move in a different direction.
- Item #9, the Southeast Sacramento County Agricultural Authority (SSCAWA), has presented its Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that it is going forward with its plan to get its monitoring process going.
- Item #10, the geological and geophysical survey of groundwater recharge sites will be covered at the January meeting. General Manager Wackman will get a Draft RFP with a map in order to decide OHWD's path.
- Item #11, the procurement policy and revisions update is not yet completed

Status Reports

- Under the Secretary's Report, a copy of the audit, done by Croce & Company Accountancy Corporation was presented, and numerous magazines and brochures including the Irrigation Leader, Western Water, ACWA's newsletters and training schedule.
- Item #2, Water Coordinator's Report, no change.
- Item #3, ACWA activity, no report.
- Item #4, added to the agenda, the Central Basin Groundwater report (SCGA), no meeting and no report.

General Managers Report:

- General Manager Walkman reported attending the Annual Pardee Bar-B-Q, had a wonderful time, met with others interested in OHWD's recharge project.

Directors:

- All Directors were involved in discussing the expense of permits for the District's projects and agreed that working with other organizations is very important.

Adjourn Meeting:

- Under Director's meeting attendance report, Chairman Lowry – 2 meetings, Director Mahon – 2 meetings, Director Schneider – 2 meetings, and Director Young – 1 meeting.
- The motion to adjourn was made by Director Mahon 11:35 AM, seconded by Director Young and passed 4/0/0.

Next regular board meeting to be held Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 10 AM
(Central Zone Meeting Wednesday, January 9th)

Submitted by Cindy Luella, Secretary

November 9, 2012