

CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 20, 2024

MINUTES

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Calleguas Municipal Water District was held in-person at 2100 E. Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks CA 91360. The District also provided telephonic and electronic methods of participation for the public as noted on the meeting agenda.

The meeting was called to order by Scott Quady, President of the Board, at 4:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Directors Present at District Headquarters: Scott Quady, President
Andy Waters, Vice-President (arrived 4:55 p.m.)
Raul Avila, Secretary
Jacquelyn McMillan, Treasurer (arrived 4:08 p.m.)
Thibault Robert, Director

Staff Present at District Headquarters: Kristine McCaffrey, General Manager
Ian Prichard, Deputy General Manager
Fernando Baez, Manager of Engineering
Tricia Ferguson, Assistant Manager of Human Resources and Risk Management
Henry Graumlich, Executive Strategist
Charlotte Holifield, Manager of External Affairs
Jennifer Lancaster, Manager of Water Resources
Rob Peters, Manager of Operations and Maintenance
Wes Richardson, Manager of Information Technology
Dan Smith, Manager of Finance
James Mojica, IT Specialist
Kara Wade, Clerk of the Board
Megan Neilson, Administrative Assistant

Staff Present via Videoconference: Kayde Wade, Administrative Assistant

Legal Counsel Present at District Headquarters: Walter Wendelstein, Wendelstein Law Group, PC, District Counsel

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

3. PRESENTATION

None

4. ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA – GOVERNMENT CODE 54954.2(b)

None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve the Minutes of the March 06, 2024 Board Meeting

On a motion by Director Avila, seconded by Director Robert, the Board of Directors voted 3-0-2 to approve the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Directors Robert, Avila, Quady

NOES: None

ABSENT: Directors McMillan, Waters

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion of a notice to set the date, time, and place of a public hearing to consider amending Calleguas Ordinance No. 15, Setting Directors' Compensation

On a motion by Director Avila, seconded by Director Robert, the Board of Directors voted 3-0-2 to not set the date, time, and place of a public hearing to consider amending Calleguas Ordinance No. 15, Setting Directors' Compensation.

AYES: Directors Robert, Avila, Quady

NOES: None

ABSENT: Directors McMillan, Waters

7. REPORTS

A. GENERAL MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS

1. Update on Delta Conveyance Project – Carrie Buckman, Environmental Program Manager for Delta Conveyance, Department of Water Resources, and Graham Bradner, Executive Director, Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority

Carrie Buckman, Environmental Program Manager for Delta Conveyance, Department of Water Resources, and Graham Bradner, Executive Director, Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority updated the Board on the Delta Conveyance Project and responded to questions.

The General Manager asked Director McMillan, as Calleguas's Metropolitan Water District Board representative, to share Metropolitan's perspective on the project. Director McMillan said that Metropolitan is supportive of the project. There will be a meeting with the Delta County Supervisors on March 25 to discuss mutual support on Delta initiatives.

2. Update on Proposed Metropolitan Water Rates – Dan Smith, Manager of Finance, and Henry Graumlich, Executive Strategist

The Manager of Finance, Executive Strategist, General Manager, and Deputy General Manager presented the proposed rates from Metropolitan as part of Metropolitan's upcoming biennial budget (2025-26) and responded to questions from the Board.

3. General Manager's Report

The General Manager noted that she was a guest at the March 12 Metropolitan Water District Board Meeting and made remarks regarding the treated water surcharge. The General Manager reported on meetings attended and matters of interest to the Board of Directors.

4. February 2024 Water Use and Sales, January 2024 Power Generation, and February 2024 Investment Summary Reports – Dan Smith, Manager of Finance

The Manager of Finance presented the reports and responded to questions from the Board.

B. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

1. General Counsel's Report

General Counsel stated that a Quarterly Legal Summary had been provided to the Board; the opt-out submitted by Calleguas in the 3M PFAS litigation was not included in the non-compliant list; and that a memorandum concerning teleconferencing authority would be provided to the Board.

C. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

1. Board Member Reports on Ancillary Duties

Reports on ancillary duties are placed on the agenda to provide a forum for discussion concerning the activities of external entities to which Calleguas Board members are assigned in a representative capacity.

a. Report of ACWA Region 8 Director

No report.

b. Report of ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority Representative

No report.

c. Report of Association of Water Agencies of Ventura County Representative

Director Avila said that he attended the March 19 Water Issues meeting. He noted that he will no longer be the president of AWA beginning March 21.

d. Report of Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Representative

No report. Next meeting is March 27.

e. Report of Metropolitan Water District Director

Director McMillan referenced her written report on the Metropolitan meetings she attended from March 07 to March 20. Director McMillan's report is attached and made part of these minutes.

f. Report of Ventura LAFCo Commissioner

Director Avila said he attended the meeting on March 20 as the Vice Chair. Meeting topics included a public hearing regarding Municipal Service Reviews (MSRs) for the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency, Ojai Water Conservation District and Pleasant Valley County Water District. The meeting also included approval of the sphere of influence for the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency, Ojai Water Conservation District, Pleasant Valley County Water District and a review and update for the City of Ojai.

- g. Report of Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance Representative

No report

- h. Report of Ventura County Special Districts Association Representative

No report

- 2. Directors' List of Administrative Code Reimbursable Meetings Other than Ancillary Duties

Reimbursable meetings reports are placed on the agenda to comply with statutory and Calleguas Administrative Code requirements for members of a legislative body who attend a meeting at the expense of the local agency to provide a report of the meeting.

Board members provided reports on various meetings that they attended which are subject to the District's reimbursement policy.

- 3. Discussion regarding upcoming meetings to be attended by Board members

None

- 4. Request for Future Agenda Items

None

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

- 1. Water Supply Conditions Report

The Manager of Resources said that there will be an allocation update soon.

2. Memorandum from Rutan & Tucker, LLP regarding alternatives for staffing the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

9. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Las Posas Valley Water Rights Coalition, et.al., v. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, et.al., Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. VENCIO0509700.

At 5:45 p.m., Director Quady adjourned to Closed Session to discuss Item 9A as stated on the agenda. Closed Session began at 5:50 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION CONTINUING

At 6:48 p.m., Director Quady reconvened to Open Session.

Regarding 9A, Legal Counsel stated there was a discussion with the Board and Staff, and no action was taken.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Director Quady declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Raul Avila, Board