

CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 16, 2022

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 and telephonically and via videoconference in accordance with the State of Emergency Declaration issued on March 4, 2020 by the Governor of the State of California, Government Code §54953(e), and Calleguas Resolution No. 2031.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Blois, President of the Board, at 5:01 p.m.

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

Directors at District Scott Quady, Treasurer
Headquarters and Raul Avila, Secretary
Participating via
Videoconference:

Directors Present via Steve Blois, President
Videoconference: Andres Santamaria, Vice President
 Andy Waters, Director

Staff Present at Anthony Goff, General Manager
District Headquarters Fernando Baez, Senior Project Manager
and Participating via Henry Graumlich, Associate General Manager
Videoconference: Rob Peters, Manager of Operations and Maintenance
 Dan Smith, Manager of Administrative Services
 Kara Wade, Clerk of the Board
 Steve Sabbe, IT Coordinator

Staff Present via Grant Burton, Manager of Human Resources
Videoconference: Dan Drugan, Manager of Resources
 Kayde Wade, Administrative Assistant

Legal Counsel Present Robert Cohen, Cohen & Burge, LLP, District Counsel
at District
Headquarters and
Participating via
Videoconference:

B. MINUTES

On a motion by Director Avila, seconded by Director Quady, the Board of Directors voted 5-0 to approve the March 02, 2022 minutes.

AYES: Directors Waters, Avila, Quady, Santamaria, Blois

NOES: None

C. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

1. Letter of Support for the Las Virgenes-Triunfo Pure Water Project Grant Application to USBR

The Manager of Resources said that Calleguas submitted a letter in support of the Las Virgenes-Triunfo Pure Water Project grant application to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART Grant Program. No action was taken.

2. Coalition Letter regarding Support for Metropolitan's Infrastructure Funding Requests for the 2022-23 State Budget

The Manager of Resources said that this letter, addressed to Governor Newsom, Senate President Pro Tem Atkins, Assembly Speaker Rendon, and the Budget Committee Chairs urges the inclusion of \$552 million in the state budget for funding Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) infrastructure improvements (that will support the State Water Project [SWP] dependent areas) and seed funding for the Regional Recycled Water Program. The letter also included a list of shovel-ready water infrastructure projects with estimated costs submitted by Metropolitan's Member Agencies. No action was taken.

D. PUBLIC FORUM/ORAL COMMUNICATION

None

E. GENERAL MANAGER

The General Manager reported on meetings attended and matters of interest to the Board of Directors.

F. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. February 2022 Water Use and Sales, January 2022 Power Generation, and February 2022 Investment Summary Reports

The Board of Directors reviewed the subject reports. No action was taken.

2. Disbursements for the District's monthly activities for February 2022

Director Quady presented the disbursement report. The Board asked questions, which the managers answered.

On a motion by Director Quady, seconded by Director Avila, the Board of Directors voted 5-0 to approve the outstanding bills for payment.

AYES: Directors Waters, Avila, Quady, Santamaria, Blois

NOES: None

G. HUMAN RESOURCES

The Manager of Human Resources said that there are four potential candidates for the Water Resources Specialist position. No action was taken.

H. OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

The Manager of Operations and Maintenance (O&M) gave a brief update to the Board. He said that staff isolated approximately 3 miles of the Oxnard-Santa Rosa (OSR) Feeder to enable a contractor to complete work at Pressure Regulating Station No. 6A. The OSR Feeder is expected to be returned to service by Monday, March 21. The Manager of O&M also reported on the annual dike and dam inspection from the State Department of Safety of Dams last week and no issues were noted during the inspection. No action was taken.

I. RESOURCES AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

1. Drought Response Ad-Hoc Committee Report

Chair Avila said that the Manager of Resources provided a report on drought and conservation activities within the Calleguas service area. John Brooks from the City of Thousand Oaks discussed landscape education and recognition programs within the Thousand Oaks service area. The Principal Resource Specialist discussed Calleguas' turf replacement supplement budget.

2. Discussion regarding a proposed \$500,000 increase in the Calleguas Turf Replacement Program for a total budget of \$1,000,000

The Manager of Resources said that Metropolitan's turf replacement program currently offers a rebate of \$2.00 per square foot of irrigated turf removed and replaced with California-friendly landscaping, up to 5,000 square feet per year for residential customers and 50,000 square feet per year for commercial customers.

In FY 2014-2015, during the 2012-2016 drought cycle, the Board approved a total budget of \$2,525,000 to supplement Metropolitan's turf rebates with an additional

\$1.00 per square foot for residential customers. \$2,488,559 of that budget was utilized and the Calleguas supplement was discontinued after July 1, 2015.

In August 2021, the Board approved a \$500,000 budget to re-establish a turf rebate supplement. As of March 7, 18 rebates have been paid that include the Calleguas supplement; these paid supplements total \$24,402. The District has 180 rebate applications in good standing with \$500,617 in Calleguas supplement reserved. It is anticipated that approximately 30 percent of the rebate applications will fall out of the program, but new applications continue to be submitted.

Considering current drought conditions and the value in continuing to offer popular consumer rebate programs – both in terms of reducing regional water demand and clearly demonstrating a commitment to water use efficiency – staff recommended that the Board approve an increase of \$500,000 in the Calleguas turf replacement program budget for the purpose of continuing a \$1.00 per square foot supplemental contribution to Metropolitan’s turf replacement rebate.

On a motion by Director Avila, seconded by Director Waters, the Board of Directors voted 5-0 to approve a \$500,000 increase in the Calleguas Turf Replacement Program budget for the purpose of continuing a \$1.00 per square foot supplemental contribution to Metropolitan’s turf replacement rebate for residential and commercial customers.

AYES: Directors Waters, Avila, Quady, Santamaria, Blois

NOES: None

3. Water Supply Update

The Manager of Resources provided an update on water supplies. No action was taken.

J. ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION

None

K. WATER POLICY AND STRATEGY

The Associate General Manager briefed the Board on interrelated water supply discussions at the scale of the state, Metropolitan, SWP dependent Metropolitan agencies, the District, and Ventura County. The State Water Resources Control Board’s March 15 Board meeting provided a water supply and demand update. At that update, the state Department of Water Resources suggested that the SWP allocation was likely to be reduced. District staff continues to explore short- and long-term engineering solutions with Metropolitan staff that may include use of additional local storage to augment reliability for the District’s service area. Discussions among SWP dependent Metropolitan

member agencies continue to coordinate responses and help refine common interests in responding to the likely reduction in the SWP allocation. Metropolitan, the District, and neighboring water agencies continue to explore the potential for put and take storage options with Ventura County interests outside the District's service area to improve reliability and resilience for both Metropolitan and Ventura County as a whole. Taken together, these initiatives provide an opportunity for the District to take an active role in developing increased reliability for the District's purveyors and its neighbors.

L. DISTRICT COUNSEL

District Counsel said Phase 2 of the Las Posas Adjudication Trial is still stayed by order of the Second Appellate District and will be rescheduled when the stay is lifted. No action was taken.

M. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Oral reports on meetings attended by Board members

Board members provided oral reports on meetings attended at the expense of the District, pursuant to Government Code Section 53232.3(d). All expenses would be filed at the end of the month, accompanied by receipts.

2. Discussion regarding upcoming meetings to be attended by Board members

The Board discussed meetings they planned to attend.

3. Metropolitan update

Director Blois provided an update on Metropolitan Board and committee meetings. In particular, he described the Board's initiation of negotiations for a project labor agreement for use with Metropolitan capital projects. Director Blois was a strong advocate for increased consideration of establishing the correct cost threshold to minimize fiscal impacts and increase participation of minority and women-owned businesses. His advocacy found support among other directors and will be taken into account in negotiations on the cost threshold for determining when project labor agreements are required. Director Blois also noted that initial Metropolitan budget workshops had resulted in preliminary budgets and rates for two successive years of 8-9% rate increases.

N. CLOSED SESSION

None

O. OTHER BUSINESS

None

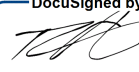
P. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Director Blois declared the meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Raul Avila, Board Secretary