

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SUNNYSLOPE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
Special Meeting
February 24, 2015

A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by President Hill at the Sunnyslope County Water District office, 3570 Airline Highway, Hollister, California.

B. ROLL CALL: Directors Present: President Kathleen Hill; Directors: Michael Alcorn, Judi Johnson, and Danny Villalon. (Director Meraz absent)

OTHERS PRESENT: General Manager/Secretary Don Ridenhour, Finance & Human Resources Manager Cathy Buck , Executive Assistant/Stenographer Carol Porteur, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Jim Filice, Assistant Engineer Rob Hillebrecht. Attorney David Laredo, and Attorney Heidi Quinn arrived at approximately 10:20 p.m. for the start of agenda item F.2.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Director Villalon led Directors, staff, and public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Upon motion made by Director Johnson, seconded by Director Villalon, and carried 4-0 (Director Meraz absent), the agenda was approved as presented.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS: The Board welcomed members of the public and opened the meeting to public comments regarding matters not itemized on the agenda; there were no comments from the public.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **CONSIDER AUTHORIZING BOARD MEMBERS and GENERAL MANAGER TO ATTEND THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) REGION 5 PROGRAM AND TOUR OF THE SILICON VALLEY ADVANCED WATER PURIFICATION CENTER IN SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA ON MARCH 22 & 23, 2015:** General Manager/Secretary Ridenhour explained that ACWA Region 5 is holding a program and tour titled “Silicon Valley Water Forum” on Sunday March 22nd and Monday March 23rd. On Sunday, the group will tour the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center, and on Monday, there is a program on local area disaster preparedness and reliable water supply for the future at the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters in San Jose, California. The cost of registration is \$65 and the total expenditure for attending the program and tour is approximately \$130 per person including registration and mileage reimbursement. If hotel accommodations and dinner Sunday evening are needed, add an additional \$180 per person.

General Manager/Secretary Ridenhour stated that he has been asked to speak as a representative for the Hollister Urban Area Water Project on Monday to discuss water supply alternatives and will be attending the program and tour. President Hill, Director Johnson, and Director Villalon all expressed interest in attending the program and tour, and would also request hotel accommodations. Director Villalon reminded the Board that they could park as his guest in the Adobe parking garage on Almaden Boulevard, which is just up the street from the hotel.

Upon motion made by Director Johnson, seconded by Director Villalon, and carried 4-0 (Director Meraz absent), the Board approved for General Manager Ridenhour, President Hill, Director Johnson, and Director Villalon to attend the Association of

California Water Agencies Region 5 program and tour of the Silicon Valley Advanced Water Purification Center in San Jose, California on March 22 & 23, 2015, including overnight stay at the Marriott Hotel in San Jose at the ACWA discount rate.

2. **THE DISTRICT’S COUNSEL DAVID LAREDO AND HEIDI QUINN WILL BE CONDUCTING A TRAINING SESSION ON ETHICS AND THE BROWN ACT FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF:** District Counsel David Laredo and Heidi Quinn will provide “Ethical Conduct in Public Service – Laws & Principals under AB 1234” training to the Sunnyslope County Water District Board of Directors and staff. This training is mandated by Assembly Bill 1234 for all public elected officials that wield power of government and serve as stewards of both public resources and trust. Public perception make public service ethics unique in a public officials own analysis and how public perceives a particular course of action as being ethical.

The following Directors and staff were present to complete the Ethics and Brown Act Training and received their AB1234 Public Service Ethics Education Proof of Participation Certificate: Michael Alcorn, Kathleen Hill, Judi Johnson, Danny Villalon, Cathy Buck, Jim Filice, Rob Hillebrecht, Carol Porteur, and Don Ridenhour.

- G. **ADJOURNMENT:** Upon motion by Director Alcorn, seconded by Director Villalon, and carried 4-0 (Director Meraz absent), the meeting was adjourned so the training could begin at 10:24 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: s/ Kathleen A. Hill
Kathleen A. Hill, President

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: s/ Donald G. Ridenhour
Donald G. Ridenhour, Secretary