

**CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
July 3, 2019**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Borba called to order a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Contra Costa Water District (District) at 6:35 p.m., at 1331 Concord Avenue, Concord, the regular meeting place of the Board.

ROLL CALL

<i>Directors Present:</i>	Lisa M. Borba, President Bette Boatman John A. Burgh
<i>Directors Absent:</i>	Connstance Holdaway, Vice President Ernesto A. Avila
<i>General Manager:</i>	Jerry Brown
<i>Legal Counsel:</i>	Douglas E. Coty
<i>District Secretary:</i>	Mary A. Neher

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Borba led the pledge of allegiance and thanked Director Burgh for his military service.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda, and the Board adopted the agenda by rule.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Please observe a three-minute time limit)

President Borba asked for public comments. There were none.

ADJOURN TO A MEETING OF THE CONTRA COSTA WATER AUTHORITY

At 6:37 p.m., President Borba adjourned to a Contra Costa Water Authority Board of Directors meeting.

RECONVENE FROM THE MEETING OF THE CONTRA COSTA WATER AUTHORITY

At 6:39 p.m., President Borba reconvened from the Contra Costa Water Authority Board of Directors meeting.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve Directors' Service/Business and Travel Expenses
 - a. Future Services – July 2019
 - b. Expenses – June 2019
2. Approve June 5, 2019 meeting minutes.
3. Approve the warrant register dated July 5, 2019.
4. Authorize execution of an agreement with Ironhouse Sanitary District for the disposal of solids for a term of five years, with agreement renewals in additional five-year increments until terminated by either party.

President Borba asked if anyone wanted to remove an item from the consent calendar to be separately considered.

President Borba said she had a comment related to Agenda Item No. 2 – June 5, 2019 meeting minutes. President Borba said the Board emphasized its desire to continue the internship program and the approval of the safety specialist position did not authorize the elimination of the program. The Board's Public Information and Conservation (PIC) Committee members, Director Avila and Director Boatmun, agreed to participate in a special meeting to review and update the internship program to better meet the needs of the District and community. Mr. Brown confirmed the PIC Committee meeting was scheduled for August 14, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.

President Borba asked for Board questions and comments. There were none.

President Borba asked for public comments. There were none.

MOTION: Boatmun/Burgh to approve the consent calendar. The motion carried by a voice vote (Ayes: Boatmun, Borba, Burgh; Absent: Avila, Holdaway).

ACTION

5. Adopt recommended positions on: AB 100 and SB 101.

Director of Public Affairs Jennifer Allen reported the state budget had been signed by the Governor. Surplus state general funds have been dedicated to several state programs including retirement liabilities. The budget also includes funding the first year of the safe and affordable drinking water fund, using funding from the Greenhouse House Gas Reduction fund and General Fund. The review process and deadlines for pending bills were provided. The legislators will be on recess from July 12 through August 11.

Safe and affordable drinking water bills, AB 100 and SB 101 bills are no longer being discussed, and SB 200 has been amended, which was reviewed. Although specific projects have not been identified, the project-type qualifiers and the administrators have been identified. Water agencies want the

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funding to be used for community safe water issues and not diverted to other projects. The needs assessment will not be completed for at least two years, which may identify a higher funding need. The State Water Resources Control Board will provide legislators with annual reports. This issue is a top priority with legislators and is part of the new statewide water resiliency portfolio. President Borba discussed concerns that greenhouse gas reduction funds would not be used proportionately to where they had been collected.

The language in SB 13 regarding accessory dwelling units was amended, and the District's ability to charge proportionate connection fees has been preserved. The District will contact the author and communicate that the District's concerns have been addressed.

AB 1486 previously included concerning language regarding leases on surplus land. The District's concerns have been addressed, and the author will be contacted.

Federal legislative infrastructure bills supported by the District were reviewed and included S. 1932 – Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Infrastructure Act and H.R. 2473 Securing Access for the Central Valley and Enhancing Water Resources Act. The Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act storage appropriations issues have not been resolved, and the Board will be provided with any developments.

The District continues to work with U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on the Contra Costa Canal Title Transfer Reimbursement Agreement. Once the agreement is signed, it is anticipated to take two additional years for the title transfer to be finalized.

President Borba asked for Board questions and comments. There were none.

President Borba asked for public comments. There were none.

With the changes to the bills, staff no longer is seeking positions from the Board.

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

6. Receive report on the Emergency Preparedness Program.

Director of Operations and Maintenance Pete Schoemann reviewed the District's Emergency Preparedness Program. The Public Utilities Commission requires electric utilities in high fire threat areas to include de-energization of power transmission lines and customer notifications in their safety regulations. PG&E Community Wildfire Safety Program criteria were reviewed, which includes public safety power shutoffs (PSPS). Impacts to the serving and distributing water from a PSPS event were reviewed. In response to Director Boatman, staff said WAPA power lines were not subject to the de-energized requirements and would function unless damaged from a fire event. The District provided PG&E with its concerns about the short PSPS event notification period and the power outage duration.

The District's standard operating procedure for PSPS events was reviewed. When a red flag warning of high fire danger is issued, treated water reservoirs will be held full, resulting in less frequent water

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cycling, which may cause taste and odor (T&O) events. It takes 8 to 12 hours to refill a reservoir depending upon the size and zone location. Standby generator power will be used during PSPS events to pump water and refill reservoirs. PG&E said District facilities would be prioritized for restoration of power due to their criticality. Fixed generator locations and standby power across the District were reviewed. In response to potential PSPS impacts, the District will rent six portable generators and pre-deploy them to key facilities to provide a quicker response time to a PSPS event.

Director of Public Affairs Jennifer Allen reviewed the outreach and communication portion of the standard operating procedure for PSPS events, which includes regionally coordinated messages to ensure people get timely and accurate information from the correct source. The quarterly Public Information Officers July meeting will focus on PSPS messaging. Local agencies will provide PG&E with appropriate communications. The District will update the emergency preparation information on its website. Staff will work to ensure the District has current customer contact information, especially in the more sensitive and rural portions of its service area and that municipals and retailers are updated at the regularly scheduled coordination meetings. Wholesalers would be provided information through their quarterly meetings.

Director Burgh said further evaluation of purchasing additional generators was needed. In response to Director Boatman, staff said that PG&E provided general information during a recent meeting. The District is responsible to prepare for PSPS events. The District plans to evaluate the costs for renting and/or buying more generators.

President Borba asked for additional Board comments and questions. There were none.

President Borba asked for public comments. There were none.

The Board thanked staff for the Emergency Preparedness Program update.

REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

7. Future meeting dates and times.

Director Boatman said the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Business Development Committee will hold a meeting on August 28.

REPORTS

8. General Manager

Mr. Brown reported that vegetation management was challenging for the District and can lead to T&O events. The tools utilized by the District during a recent T&O event and to prevent future T&O events and mitigate customer impacts were reviewed.

A progress report regarding the voluntary settlement agreements related to the water quality flow proceedings was issued. The District is interested in potential water supply and quality impacts from the Delta operations and modeling.

9. Legal Counsel

Mr. Coty did not have a report.

10. Board Members

Director Burgh did not have a report. In response to Director Burgh's question about the Flint, Michigan, prosecutors dropping criminal charges, Mr. Coty said, depending on jurisdiction rules related to timing of prosecution, prosecutors sometimes drop charges when there are additional materials to investigate, which provides time for the investigation and ability to upgrade the charges against the principles in the future.

Director Boatman reported that she attended the ACWA-Joint Powers Insurance Authority Employee Benefits Committee and ACWA Business Development Committee meeting on June 24.

President Borba reported that she attended the June 21 East Bay Leadership Council Board meeting and was reappointed for a new four-year term. She had met with Mr. Brown on June 25 and July 2. On June 28 she provided a presentation to the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:37 p.m., President Borba adjourned the meeting. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be on July 17, 2019 commencing at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room located at 1331 Concord Avenue in Concord.



Lisa M. Borba, President

Attest:



Mary A. Neher, District Secretary