

MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2010

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAS GALLINAS VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT MET IN OPEN SESSION ON JANUARY 7, 2010, AT 3:34 PM, AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 300 SMITH RANCH ROAD, SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Clark (arrived 3:38 p.m.), R. Greenfield, L. Loder, C. Murray and J. Schriebman.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Mark R. Williams, General Manager; Susan McGuire, District Treasurer (absent during Closed Session Items No. 2 & 3); Dave Byers, District Counsel.

OTHERS PRESENT: Glenn Berkheimer, IEDA Inc.

ANNOUNCEMENT: President Loder announced that the agenda had been posted as evidenced by the certification on file in accordance with the law.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

ACTION:

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAS GALLINAS VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION ON JANUARY 7, 2010, AT 3:35 PM, AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 300 SMITH RANCH ROAD, SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA.

CLOSED SESSION:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – Agency designated representative: Glenn Berkheimer, IEDA; Employee Organization: OE3 – pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.5(f).

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – Agency designated representative: Glenn Berkheimer, IEDA; Employee Organization: Confidential Bargaining Unit – pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.5(f).

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT – District Engineer – in accordance with Government Code Section 54957.

ADJOURNMENT:

ACTION:

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAS GALLINAS VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT RECONVENED THE REGULAR SESSION ON JANUARY 7, 2010 AT 4:52 P.M.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION:

Byers reported the following from Closed Session:

The Board appointed Michael Cortez as District Engineer per Government Code Section 54957.1A(5).

ACTION:

Board approved (M/S Greenfield/Murray 5-0-0-0) the appointment of Michael Cortez as District Engineer.

AYES: Clark, Greenfield, Loder, Murray and Schriebman.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

The Board ratified the MOU between Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District and OE3, effective December 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014.

ACTION:

Board approved (M/S Schriebman/Murray 5-0-0-0) the MOU between Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District and OE3 effective December 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014.

AYES: Clark, Greenfield, Loder, Murray and Schriebman.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

STAFF PRESENT:

Carolyn Memmott, District Secretary; Janice Mandler, Collection System/Safety Manager;

OTHERS PRESENT:

Joe Garbarino, Dave Garbarino, Neil Roscoe, Steve Rosa, and Nicholas Minton of Marin Sanitary Service (MSS); Laurette Rogers of The Bay Institute's Students and Teachers Restoring a Watershed (STRAW) Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

Board Member Schriebman distributed an additional handout for item 8C with information on The Bay Institute's STRAW sponsorship opportunities.

GARBAGE AND REFUSE RATE ADJUSTMENT: The Board reviewed the rate review report of HF&H Consultants, LLC suggesting a 3.18% rate increase in garbage and refuse rates for MSS. Representatives of MSS, Joe Garbarino, Dave Garbarino, Neil Roscoe, Steve Rosa, and Nicholas Minton attended to answer questions. The Board set the Public Hearing date for January 28, 2010 to consider adoption of a new ordinance reflecting the increase effective January 1, 2010.

ACTION:

Board approved (M/S Clark/Murray 5-0-0-0) January 28, 2010 as the Public Hearing date to consider adoption of a new ordinance reflecting a 3.18% rate increase in garbage and refuse rates for Marin Sanitary Service to be effective January 1, 2010.

AYES: Clark, Greenfield, Loder, Murray and Schriebman.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

COMMUNITY COMPOSTING PILOT STUDY: Schriebman introduced the proposed community composting pilot study and discussion ensued. Joe Garbarino of MSS offered to host the introductory community composting day on approximately April 1, 2010. There was also discussion about including green (food) waste with the pilot study.

STAFF / CONSULTANT REPORTS:

- C. Bay Institute Donation Request – Schriebman reported. Laurette Rogers of STRAW spoke and asked the Board to consider becoming a sponsor of the Bay Area screening of “A Simple Question: The Story of STRAW”. She also provided an introductory DVD on the film, which will be shown at the next Board meeting. The Board would also like to challenge other agencies to support STRAW. A consent item will be brought back on January 28, 2010 to approve a \$2,500 sponsorship.

BOARD ELECTIONS – PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, AND TREASURER:

ACTION:

Board approved (M/S Greenfield/Clark 5-0-0-0) election of Craig Murray as Board President and Judy Schriebman as Vice President.

AYES: Clark, Greenfield, Loder, Murray and Schriebman.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

BOARD PRESIDENT APPOINTMENTS: Murray appointed Board Members to attend outside meetings as follows:

Megan Clark: NBWA (Alternate: Judy Schriebman)
Larry Loder: NBWRA (Alternate: Megan Clark)
Russ Greenfield: CASA Lateral Committee
CSRMA Insurance Committee (Alternate: Mark Williams)
Craig Murray: NBWA – Miller Creek Watershed Stewards (Alternate: Russ Greenfield)
Judy Schriebman: Local Task Force of JPA Solid & Hazardous Waste

MERCURY DISCHARGE REDUCTION: The Board reviewed a draft ordinance minimizing discharge of mercury to the sanitary sewer. A Public Hearing has been set for January 28, 2010 to consider adoption of a mercury reduction ordinance.

ACTION:

Board approved (M/S Schriebman/Clark 5-0-0-0) January 28, 2010 as the date for a Public Hearing to consider adoption of a mercury reduction ordinance.

AYES: Clark, Greenfield, Loder, Murray and Schriebman.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

CONSENT CALENDAR: These items are considered routine and will be enacted, approved or adopted by one motion unless a request for removal for discussion or explanation is received from the staff or the Board.

- A. APPROVE the Board Minutes for November 12, 2009.
- B. APPROVE the Warrant List for December 22, 2009 and January 7, 2010.
- C. Termination of Allocation for 59 San Pablo Avenue, San Rafael, CA 94903 – termination due to non-payment of fees.
- D. Termination of Allocation for 800 Upper Road, San Rafael, CA 94903 – termination due to non-payment of fees/partial refund.
- E. Expiration of Allocation for Arbor Subdivision, 273 North San Pedro Road, San Rafael, CA 94903 – termination of allocation/partial refund of fees.
- F. APPROVE Resolution No. 2010-1894 A Resolution Accepting the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements 2008 Project.
- G. APPROVE Resolution No. 2010-1895 a Resolution Accepting the 2009 Levee Capping Project Re-Bid Project.

Schriebman pulled Consent items C and E for discussion.

ACTION:

Board approved (M/S Greenfield/Loder 5-0-0-0) Consent Calendar Items A – B, D, F, and G.

AYES: Clark, Greenfield, Loder, Murray and Schriebman.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

There was a brief discussion on Consent items C and E.

ACTION:

Board approved (M/S Schriebman/Greenfield 5-0-0-0) Consent Calendar Items C and E.

AYES: Clark, Greenfield, Loder, Murray and Schriebman.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

STAFF / CONSULTANT REPORTS (continued):

- A. Various Articles / Miscellaneous Correspondence & Articles – Board Discussion and consensus that there should be a legislative solution to the problem of flushable wipes in sewer systems.
- B. Upcoming Conference Dates – McGuire reported.
- D. Employee Dishonesty Insurance Coverage – McGuire reported.
- E. Update on Plant Manager Recruitment – Williams reported.
- F. Santa Venetia Infiltration and Inflow Update – Williams reported.

ACTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING:

At 6:30 p.m. the Board approved (M/S Greenfield/Schriebman 5-0-0-0) extending the meeting to 6:45 p.m.

AYES: Clark, Greenfield, Loder, Murray and Schriebman.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

- G. Board Member Compensation – McGuire reported and will come back with further information.
- H. State Water Resources Control Board Draft Facility Plan Approval & Draft Preliminary Funding Commitment – McGuire reported.
- I. Annual Calendar for 2010 – McGuire reported.
- J. Newsletter Draft – McGuire reported.

BOARD REPORTS:

- A. NBWA – Verbal - No report.
- B. NBWA-Miller Creek Watershed Stewards – No report.
- C. NBWRA – Williams reported.
- D. CASA – Lateral Committee – No report.

ACTION TO EXTEND THE MEETING:

At 6:46 p.m. the Board approved (M/S Murray/Schriebman 5-0-0-0) extending the meeting to 6:50 p.m.

AYES: Clark, Greenfield, Loder, Murray and Schriebman.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

BOARD REQUESTS:

- A. Board Meeting Attendance Requests – No requests.
- B. Board Agenda Item Requests – No requests.

ADJOURNMENT:

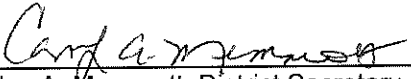
ACTION:

Board approved (M/S Loder/Schriebman 5-0-0-0) the adjournment of the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

AYES: Clark, Greenfield, Loder, Murray and Schriebman.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None


The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. at the District's office.

ATTEST:



Carolyn A. Memmott, District Secretary

APPROVED:



Craig K. Murray, Board President

