

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

April 16, 2008

An Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at the offices of the District, 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, California.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President MacKenzie called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Directors present: Dorey, Mendez, Jewell, MacKenzie and Williams.

Directors absent: None

Staff present: Eldon Boone, Assistant General Manager; Elaine Chan, General Counsel; Lisa Soto, Secretary of the Board; Brett Hodgkiss, Administrative Manager; Al Ducusin, Engineering Manager; Don Smith, Director of Water Resources; and Marian Schmidt, Administrative Assistant.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Jewell led the pledge of allegiance.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

08-04-52 *Upon motion by Director Mendez, seconded by Director Jewell and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors approved the agenda as presented.*

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME**

No public comments were presented on items not appearing on the agenda.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

08-04-53 *Upon motion by Director Mendez, seconded by Director Jewell and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar, including Resolution No. 08-20 approving disbursements.*

**A. Water System**

See staff report attached hereto as Exhibit A-1. Staff recommended and the Board accepted the water system for a 13-lot single-family dwelling subdivision known as Warmlands Estates, consisting of approximately 8.19 gross acres, owned by Warmlands 13, LLC, located on Warmlands Avenue, Monte Mar Road and Grandview Drive, Vista (WOI-3019; LN 2004-006; VT 2-077; APN 174-310-01 through 13, DIV. NO. 1).

B. Quitclaim of specific easement

See staff report attached hereto as Exhibit A-2. Staff recommended and the Board approved Quitclaim No. 636 quitclaiming Specific Easement No. C21 over a single-family residential lot owned by Claude and Colette Mueller, trustees of the Mueller Family Trust, located at 2179 Alessandro Trail, Vista (LN 2007-047, APN 174-090-32, DIV. NO. 3).

C. Minutes of Board of Directors meetings on 4/2/08 and 4/9/08 and Board workshop on 3/26/08.

The minutes of 3/26/08, 4/2/08, and 4/9/08 were all approved as presented.

D. Resolution ratifying check disbursements

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-20**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District does hereby approve checks numbered 32305 through 32388 drawn on the Union Bank of California totaling \$131,798.01.

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors does hereby authorize the execution of the checks by the appropriate officers of the District.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the following roll call vote of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2008.

**AYES:** Directors Mendez, Jewell, MacKenzie, Dorey and Williams  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

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**7. SANTA MARGARITA - SAN LUIS REY WATERSHED PLANNING AGENCY**

See staff report attached hereto as Exhibit B.

08-04-54 *Upon motion by Director Dorey, seconded by Director Mendez and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors decided to vote to terminate the Santa Margarita - San Luis Rey Watershed Planning Agency and to disperse Agency funds equally between all responding members of the Agency.*

**8. MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**

Director Williams reported that a drowning occurred in the All American Canal.

Mr. Boone reported that he attended a meeting of the Member Agency Advisory Team (MAAT) and a General Managers' meeting at the Water Authority the previous morning. At the MAAT meeting, San Diego County Water Authority (CWA) staff informed the group that the Metropolitan Water District will make no municipal and industrial allocations this year due to average

rainfall and snowfall for the year, and also since there are already allocations to the Interim Agricultural Water Program. At the General Managers' meeting there was a discussion concerning an item that will be considered by the CWA Board at its next meeting regarding the Lake Hodges Reservoir Regulating Manual. This manual pertains to the operation of Lake Hodges and the transfer of water between Lake Hodges and Olivenhain Reservoir to generate electricity. Olivenhain Municipal Water District, Santa Fe Irrigation District, and the San Dieguito Water District all expressed strong opposition to the plan due to concerns of wasted water when the dam spills, and water rights issues.

**9. REPORTS ON MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY DIRECTORS, AND AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECTOR ATTENDANCE AT UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

See staff report attached hereto as Exhibit C.

Director Dorey reported that he and Director Jewell attended a bi-laws meeting of the San Luis Rey Watershed Council where the group continues to make very slow and minimal progress.

Director Dorey stated that he and Director Williams attended the Council of Water Utilities breakfast meeting where there was a presentation by representatives from the Centre for Organization Effectiveness regarding "The Certified Public Manager Program".

President MacKenzie reported that she attended a CSDA Planning Committee meeting where the Committee is finalizing details for the CSDA Conference in September. She commented that some of the speakers look very good, and added that the brochure will be out soon. She encouraged Board and staff to consider attending since the venue will be in nearby Irvine. President MacKenzie stated that she also attended a CSDA Legislative Committee meeting. She handed out a list of Bills the Committee is watching and the Committee's position on each of them (attached hereto at Exhibit C-1).

Director Dorey mentioned that he and Directors Williams and Mendez attended memorial services at the Rincon Indian Reservation for the late Vernon Wright, Chairman of the Rincon Band of Mission Indians.

**10. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND/OR PRESS RELEASES**

See staff report attached hereto as Exhibit D.

President MacKenzie thanked staff for including the upcoming scheduled committee meetings to this staff report, and she added that it was a good idea.

Director Dorey inquired as to the status of the Draft Drought Response Ordinance. Mr. Brett Hodgkiss provided a brief update on the draft ordinance, and how it will be presented at the upcoming VID Water Sustainability Committee meeting on April 29.

## **11. DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

Director Jewell stated that he has been looking at other CSDA member water agencies' websites, and he noted that only 29 agencies have the word "irrigation" in their name, compared to 180 who have "water" in their names. Director Jewell commented that, as Workshop Facilitator Bob Rauch had suggested, it may be time for Vista Irrigation District to consider a name-change. Director Jewell further commented that the District's website is looking dated and may be in need of modernization. Other Board members agreed. Mr. Hodgkiss stated that it has been about five years since the website underwent a major redesign. The Board directed staff to investigate updating the District's website and to present this information to the Public Affairs Committee.

Director Jewell complimented the VID repair crew who did a great job repairing the leak on East Vista Way on Monday night.

## **12. COMMENTS BY GENERAL MANAGER**

Mr. Boone informed the Board that Director Dorey qualified as a candidate in the ACWA/JPIA Executive Committee election which will take place at the upcoming ACWA Conference in early May 2008. The Board congratulated Director Dorey.

Mr. Boone stated that Workshop Facilitator, Bob Rauch is putting together notes from the Board's last workshop and also a proposal for future workshops based on what the Board has requested. Mr. Boone added that these items will be on the agenda for the Board's consideration on April 30.

Mr. Boone reminded the Board about the upcoming Special Meeting scheduled for April 21, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Brett Hodgkiss and Mr. Al Ducusin left the meeting at this time.

## **13. CLOSED SESSION FOR CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL**

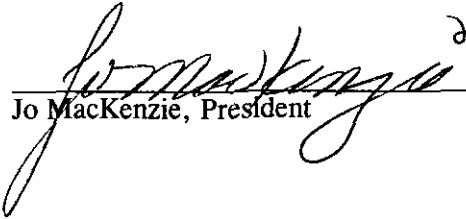
President MacKenzie adjourned the meeting to closed session at 8:55 a.m. for a conference with legal counsel to discuss the following pending litigation:

A. San Luis Rey Indian Water Rights Settlement per Govt. Code section 54956.9(a).


The meeting reconvened in open session at 9:21 a.m. President MacKenzie declared that no reportable action had been taken.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 9:21 a.m. President MacKenzie adjourned the meeting to April 30, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.

  
Jo MacKenzie, President

ATTEST:

  
Lisa R. Soto, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT