

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
WATER SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

May 7, 2009

A Meeting of the Water Sustainability Committee of the Vista Irrigation District was held on Thursday, May 7, 2009, at the offices of the District, 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, California.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Directors present: Director Miller, Chair, and Director MacKenzie

Staff present: Roy Coox, General Manager; Eldon Boone, Assistant General Manager/Treasurer; Brett Hodgkiss, Administrative Services Manager; Marian Schmidt, Assistant Board Secretary.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT TIME**

There were no members of the public present.

5. **WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM FUNDING**

See staff report attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Mr. Roy Coox reported that the meeting was scheduled per the request of Director MacKenzie at the April 15, 2009 Board meeting, to discuss whether the tiered water rate structure (currently being developed) should include a surcharge, in excess of the District's cost to purchase and distribute water, in order to fund additional conservation programs.

The Committee discussed the concepts of including a surcharge on high water consumption and a surcharge on capacity fees when new water meters are issued to fund additional conservation programs. The Committee also talked about the types of programs that could be funded with a surcharge.

In conclusion, the Committee requested that staff continue on developing a surcharge on capacity fees to fund additional conservation programs. The Committee also asked staff to proceed with the following:

- Maximize the District's participation in existing conservation programs through MWD and CWA;

- Request that the San Diego County Water Authority increase funding for conservation programs in order to maintain effective program levels;
- Implement additional public outreach (distribution of faucet aerators, low-flow showerheads, etc. as part of a conservation “packet”);
- Investigate new conservation outreach opportunities.

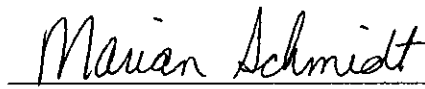
The Committee will provide to the Board of Directors the Water Conservation Program Funding alternatives for discussion at the May 13, 2009 Board meeting.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

  
Marty Miller, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Marian Schmidt, Assistant Secretary  
Board of Directors  
VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT



**WATER SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
STAFF REPORT**

**Agenda Item: 5**

**Board Meeting Date: May 7, 2009**  
**Prepared By: Brett Hodgkiss**  
**Approved: Roy Coox**

**SUBJECT:** WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM FUNDING

**RECOMMENDATION:** Discuss funding alternatives for water conservation programs.

**PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTION:** None.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Unknown. Required funding levels would be tied to the type of programs (e.g. rebates, direct install, surveys, etc.) to be offered by the District. These programs would supplement those already offered by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and the San Diego County Water Authority. It is anticipated that a corresponding amount of revenues would be generated through new District fees or rates in order to offset the cost of these programs.

**SUMMARY:** At the April 15 Board meeting, Director MacKenzie requested that an item be placed on the May 13 Board agenda to discuss whether the tiered water rate structure (currently being developed) should include a charge, in excess of the District's cost to purchase and distribute water, for high water consumption in order to fund additional conservation programs.

The Water Sustainability Committee has scheduled a meeting for May 7 to discuss this issue in advance of the May 13 Board meeting.

**DETAILED REPORT:** Staff is preparing a list of programs and their associated costs for the Committee's review and discussion. The list will be provided at the May 7 meeting.