

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TRABUCO CANYON WATER DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 9, 2016**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Trabuco Canyon Water District (TCWD) was called to order by President Stephen Dopudja at 6:00 PM, in the Board Room at the District Administrative Facility, located at 32003 Dove Canyon Drive, Trabuco Canyon, California. Mr. Michael Perea, District Secretary, recorded and transcribed the minutes thereof.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

President Stephen Dopudja
Vice President Glenn Acosta
Director James Haselton
Director Edward Mandich
Director Michael Safranski

STAFF PRESENT

Hector Ruiz, General Manager
Michael Perea, District Secretary
Lorrie Lausten, Engineer

DISTRICT CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

District General Legal Counsel – Rob Anslow (Bowie, Arneson, Wiles & Giannone)
Brett Paulson, Cornerstone

PUBLIC PRESENT

There were no members of the public present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Mandich led the Board and District staff in the pledge of allegiance.

VISITOR PARTICIPATION

No visitor participation was received.

ORAL COMMUNICATION

No oral communication was received.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director Mandich had no comments.

Director Safranski commented on his attendance at the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) Special Board Meeting on February 3, 2016, and mentioned that the MWDOC Board of Directors reviewed the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 Budget Development process and a current rate study performed by Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. Mr. Safranski highlighted the matters discussed at the Meeting, including rate study adoption schedule and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MET) proposed untreated and treated water rates for Calendar Years 2017 and 2018. Mr. Safranski reviewed the Tier One and Tier Two proposed costs, and mentioned that the average increase is approximately 4% for agencies. Mr. Safranski commented on

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his attendance at the Water Advisory Commission of Orange County (WACO), and mentioned that Mr. Tim Quinn, Executive Director of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) was the Guest Speaker. Mr. Safranski added that Mr. Quinn reviewed the significant water-related issues in California, including the current Statewide Drought's comparisons with the 1991 Drought, proposed solutions to the Bay Delta challenges, and the possibility of a ballot initiative concerning tiered rates. Mr. Safranski mentioned that the South Orange County Agencies have scheduled a joint meeting with representatives from MWDOC and Orange County Water District for February 16, 2016.

Vice President Acosta had no comments.

Director Haselton commented on a recent emergency water pipeline break in the City of Oceanside which affected an acquaintance over the weekend, and asked Mr. Ruiz about the District's Emergency Preparedness Plans in the event of a significant emergency service disruption; Mr. Ruiz highlighted the District's interties with neighboring agencies, and reviewed past emergency repairs when District staff have provided water service via temporary connections to fire hydrants and bottled water provisions.

President Dopudja commented on his attendance at the ACWA Spring Conference in 2015, and referenced comments made by Governor Brown concerning the impact of the Statewide Drought and the State Water Board's mandatory emergency regulations.

REPORT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Mr. Ruiz reported on the following matters:

- Mr. Ruiz reported that Moulton Niguel Water District has scheduled a Special Board Meeting for the South Orange County Agencies joint meeting with MWDOC and Orange County Water District (OCWD) on February 16, 2016, and that any Directors that are interested in attending this meeting can coordinate with Mr. Perea.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Directors, through President Dopudja, recessed the Open Session portion of the Meeting at 6:19 PM. The Board met in Closed Session as set forth in the Meeting Agenda.

The Board, through President Dopudja, reconvened the Open Session of the Meeting at 6:55 PM.

ITEM 1: REPORT OF ACTION(S) TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Action: The Board of Directors provided direction to the District's Real Property Negotiator. There was no other announcement at that time.

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ACTION CALENDAR

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

**ITEM 2: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION(S) CONCERNING THE ALTERNATE RAW WATER TRANSMISSION
LINE PROJECT – PW79**

Mr. Ruiz presented this matter for Board review, and mentioned that he has met with Assemblyman Bill Brough and the staff of Senator Pat Bates to provide status updates on the project and to garner support for the project. Mr. Ruiz added that he has met and reviewed the project with Congresswoman Mimi Walters' staff, as well. Mr. Ruiz commented that District staff will be meeting with Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD) staff at the end of the week to review the project and required easement from IRWD.

Action: The Board received the information concerning the matter. There was no action taken.

END ACTION CALENDAR

ADJOURNMENT

President Dopudja adjourned the February 9, 2016, Regular Board meeting at 7:03 PM.