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MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
OTAY WATER DISTRICT
February 2, 2000

1. The meeting was called to order by President Price at 1:33 p.m. in the District Boardroom, 2554 Sweetwater Springs Boulevard, Spring Valley, California.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Directors, Laudner, Poveda, Price, Inocentes and Watton

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: General Manager Cardenas
Attorney Harron
Operations Dept Head Mahanke
Admin Services Dept Head Alvarez
Finance Department Head Chambers
Assistant District Secretary Smith
Others as per attached list

2. After the Pledge of Allegiance, President Price stated that the Agenda had been amended with the two items from the Special Board Meeting carried over to today's agenda, District boundaries and the District Secretary position. A motion was made by Director Poveda, seconded by Director Watton, and carried with Director Laudner voting no, to approve the agenda as amended.

3. Director Laudner stated that he wanted the minutes to reflect that he voted no on approval of the Agenda because of not removing the Bilingual Pilot program. A motion was made by Director Watton, seconded by Director Poveda, and unanimously carried, to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2000, as amended.

1 ANNEXATION TO OTAY WATER DISTRICT SEWER
2 IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF THOSE LANDS DESCRIBED AS
3 "SINGING HILLS SEWER ANNEXATION" (APN 515-180-01
4 THROUGH 12) AND ANNEXING SAID PROPERTY TO OTAY
5 WATER DISTRICT SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (WO 0210-
6 20.225/DIV . 5)

7 7. President Price said the Board had met on Monday to discuss pos-
8 sible changes to balance the divisions more equally and a motion was unani-
9 mously approved to bring the matter to today's meeting. General Manager
10 Cardenas distributed maps and stated, as the Board requested, that Staff had out-
11 lined the general areas where possible changes could occur. Mr. Cardenas ex-
12 plained that the set of white maps were boundary depictions and the second set
13 of maps are the proposed boundary changes (copies attached).

14 Director Poveda said he sees on Division 2 a large section of Rolling Hills
15 Ranch has been removed yet other pieces have been added. Senior GIS Analyst
16 Russell stated it was to maintain a balance across the board.

17 Engineering Tech II Barnes said Director Poveda's request was to remove
18 everything south of Telegraph Canyon Road from Division 2 into Division 1. The
19 population there is very dense so they had to add to Division 2 in another area to
20 keep it balanced.

21 Director Poveda stated if we are having to add a large area in the lower
22 southwest portion, than maybe we need to remove less in some of the other area of
23 Division 2 so that there is less change as far as people being moved from one di-
24 vision to another. Director Price said that when you add parts of Division 1 to Di-
25 vision 2, those constituents just had an election and will be very confused when
26 they see another election.

1 Director Watton said at the Special Board Meeting no one had any particu-
2 lar streets or areas that they wanted in or out of their divisions so that the Board's
3 basic instruction to Staff was to balance within 2% and keep the geographic areas
4 as close as possible to the same. He asked if the densities in these areas were
5 such that it required moving the additional areas.
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7 Mr. Russell said as Staff subtracted areas and tried to balance between
8 Division 2 and Division 1 they had to counterbalance between Division 2 and Divi-
9 sion 4.
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11 Director Watton said what we are seeing is a three-dimensional chess
12 game laid out on a flat plain. General Manager Cardenas said Staff tried to move
13 the boundaries where it didn't affect three or four divisions but as Mr. Russell
14 stated, when you add and delete in one division, there are effects in other divi-
15 sions.
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17 Director Laudner said Division 5 has the same problem He asked why
18 they took some out of the top that originally has been in his division and add some
19 that hasn't been a part of his division. He stated that the Board needed a map that
20 shows specifically where the area is. Director Laudner stated in the Staff Report
21 Staff used meter count for population but that half of his division is on wells so he
22 feels that not all of the population in his division is being counted.
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25 Mr. Russell said the direction was to come within two percent. He stated
26 that Staff can move the information any way the Board instructs but Staff's criteria
27 was to keep a 2% balance and try to get as close as possible to that.
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1 Director Watton stated that a more detailed map is needed before giving
2 further instructions to Staff. General Manager Cardenas said Staff could prepare
3 a more detailed map.
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5 Director Inocentes asked if there was a legal problem regarding people
6 who were previously in Division 2 being moved to Division 1 not being able to vote
7 for six years. Attorney Harron stated it was not.
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9 Director Poveda said he is a proponent of trying to keep the divisions in
10 terms of natural features and major corridors that people can identify and said if
11 that can be done he wants to maintain those kinds of boundaries. He stated the
12 boundaries in terms of his division were everything east of Otay Lakes Road and
13 north of H Street going into Spring Valley.
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15 President Price said the Board is asking Staff to return with larger maps
16 that indicate some of the major thoroughfares so that it is easily distinguishable as
17 to what areas would be in the recommended new divisions. She thanked Mr. Rus-
18 sell and Ms. Barnes for their work. President Price said that the item would need
19 to be brought back to the next regular meeting for discussion and possible action.
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21 8. General Manager Cardenas said there was some confusion as to
22 what the budget had been for the interconnect project and what amount had been
23 approved by the Board. Principal Engineering Technician Young gave a brief
24 summary of the history of the project and how, after completion of the audit, Staff
25 was asking for a reduction in the purchase orders regarding the Central Area and
26 Otay Mesa Interconnect Pipeline Project.
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29 General Manager Cardenas said that he questioned why Montgomery
Watson consistently over-estimated the costs by over 22% and why there was a

1 cost difference between the estimated amount and the actual contract of over
2 \$5,000,000 on a \$23,000,000 project.

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4 Glenn Vita of Montgomery Watson stated in April and May of 1998 the
5 Board asked Montgomery Watson to put together a budget using left over draw-
6 ings from 1996 and a hand-drawn pencil sketch for 16,000 feet of reclaimed line.
7 He said with the information they had at the time Montgomery Watson warned it
8 would be a rough estimate that would probably be high and the Board instructed
9 them to go ahead.
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11 Mr. Vita said they didn't inflate the budget but gave the District what they
12 asked for with the design being done six months after the budget was approved.
13 Director Watton said that was his recollection and expressed his appreciation to
14 Montgomery Watson and Mr. Vita regarding the project.
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16 A motion was made by Director Inocentes, seconded by Director Watton,
17 and unanimously carried to reduce Purchase Order No. 23766 for Construction
18 Manager/Constructor to a not to exceed amount of \$1,750,000 and reduce Pur-
19 chase Order No. 24277 for construction costs to a not to exceed amount of
20 \$18,632,208.58 for the Central Area and Otay Mesa Interconnection Pipeline Pro-
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24 9. Principal Engineering Technician Young presented an update on the
25 Emerging Business Enterprises program on the Central Area Interconnect Project
26 (copy attached) and stated the District could be very proud of its EBE outreach
27 program. He said that out of a total of 52 contracts there were 24 contracts issued
28 to EBE firms in the amount of \$2,660,000 and stated that Keith McDonald, Pam
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1 Dowell, Jose Mireles and Abdur-Rahim Hameed had assisted in the District's out-
2 reach program.

3 10. Engineering Manager Peasley showed an overview of the District's
4 recycled water transmission lines and explained that by building the three seg-
5 ments of the pipe it will energize 104 meters in the system. He stated that all of the
6 new construction at Otay Ranch and Sunbow will have reclaimed water because of
7 this project.
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10 President Price said she was pleased that finally the dual pipe areas will be
11 supplied and that it should help with some of the criticism regarding double plumb-
12 ing. She asked if the contractor would be sensitive to time as far as road closures
13 and Mr. Peasley said it would be. .
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15 Director Poveda asked when the project would begin and Mr. Peasley
16 stated March 1st with completion in nine months. Director Poveda asked if there
17 had been any outreach done on the project as with the Interconnect and General
18 Manager Cardenas stated that Charlie Cassens still serves in that role and the
19 District plans to notify the public.
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21 Director Watton asked what the differential to work at night might be since
22 working in a main street such as this impedes traffic flow. There was a discussion
23 regarding the cost and possible time savings due to less traffic interruptions.
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25 General Manager Cardenas stated that with Board consensus, Staff could go
26 back to the contractors and ask for an addendum on their bids for a differential for
27 night work. Mr. Peasley stated the bids had already been open but would confer
28 with Attorney Harron about a way that this question might be addressed. Attorney
29 Harron said that since they have seen each other prices, if we ask for an adden-

1 dum with the possibility of going to nighttime there would be a problem with each
2 of them having inside information on the other's proposal. He said that in order to
3 protect the integrity of the process we would need to rebid. Director Watton asked
4 if we could request a sealed-bid addendum to shift to a night schedule. Mr. Harron
5 stated we could ask the No. 1 bidder if his bid is good for night work as well. After
6 further discussion it was suggested that Staff will investigate the possibility of hav-
7 ing the work done at night.
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10 12. Operations Department Head Mahanke said Staff is asking for ad-
11 ditional funds to continue the program for plastic service and steel saddle re-
12 placements since they replaced more services and saddles than originally antici-
13 pated. Utility Maintenance Superintendent Henderson made a short presentation
14 regarding service and saddle replacement. Director Laudner asked how many
15 services needed to be replaced. Mr. Henderson said it was estimated to be up to
16 5,000 and to date Staff have replaced approximately 700. Director Price asked if
17 this increase would cover the 5,000 to be replaced and Mr. Mahanke said that it
18 was just the amount needed for the replacements for the remainder of the fiscal
19 year.
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22 A motion was made by Director Watton, seconded by Director Poveda,
23 and unanimously carried to approve additional funds for the plastic service re-
24 placement program (CIP 101) in the amount of \$246,000 and steel saddle re-
25 placement program (CIP W261) in the amount of \$199,000.
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27 13. The Board went into closed session at 2:45 p.m. to discuss person-
28 nel matters and reconvened in open session at 2:54 p.m.
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1 14. A motion was made by Director Laudner, seconded by Director
2 Poveda, and unanimously carried, to appoint Nancy Smith as District Secretary.

3 15. Director Poveda left at 2:55 p.m.

4 16. General Manager Cardenas said he had received an Invitation from
5 the Latino Chamber of Commerce's First Installation Dinner on February 24th. Di-
6 rectors Price and Inocentes stated that were planning on attending.
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8 17. Government Affairs Analyst Bartlett-May presented her monthly re-
9 port and mentioned the table summarizing current Assembly and Senate bills.
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11 18. Director Watton stated that the Met and CWA meetings were all in
12 the future and he had nothing to report at this time.

13 19. Director Laudner said he had received a letter from LAFCO and he
14 personally wanted to thank Nancy Smith for hosting LAFCO when it met at the Dis-
15 trict. He said he also had some complaints from his constituents, he talked to Mr.
16 Mahanke about the complaints and Staff got right on it and Dave Duff finished the
17 project up on his own time and he really appreciated that.
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19 Director Laudner stated he was at Metro and there were some complaints
20 as to why the North County plant also goes through the Point Loma plant and
21 doesn't go directly to the outfall. He said Mr. Schlesinger stated that the discharge
22 requirements state that 75% of the water has to go through both plants. Director
23 Watton stated there was a similar comment at CWA and people seemed to have
24 forgotten that the Consent Decree dictated those plants and by building those
25 plants we avoided six billion dollars in improvements.
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28 Director Inocentes said he attended 2000 Urban Water Management Plan
29 Workshop at Central Basin and found it very interesting as far as what has to be

1 done to the plan every five years. He stated there are other workshops going on
2 throughout the state. Ms. Bartlett-May stated that Ed Herring was sponsoring the
3 workshop that will be held at Eastern.
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5 Director Price said she distributed the JPIA prospective to the Directors,
6 which includes the history of JPIA, and feels it will be very interesting to the newly-
7 formed ad hoc committee. She stated she attended the Best, Best & Kreiger new
8 employment law challenges seminar and mentioned several things to Administra-
9 tive Service Department Head Alvarez including making sure the sexual harass-
10 ment policy is disseminated annually to the employees.
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12 20. The Board went into Closed Session at 3:05 p.m. to discuss real
13 property transactions. The meeting was reconvened at 3:55.
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15 21. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was
16 adjourned at 4:00 p.m.
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District Secretary
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