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MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
OTAY WATER DISTRICT  
April 5, 2000

1. The meeting was called to order by President Price at 1:40 p.m. in the District Boardroom, 2554 Sweetwater Springs Boulevard, Spring Valley, California.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Directors Price, Laudner and Watton

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Director Inocentes  
Director Poveda (arrived 1:47 p.m.)

STAFF PRESENT: Acting General Manager Harron  
Operations Department Head Mahanke  
Admin. Services Department Head Alvarez  
Finance Department Head Chambers  
Government Affairs Admin. Bartlett-May  
District Secretary Smith  
Others as per attached list

2. Upon conclusion of the Pledge of Allegiance, President Price stated the Board had been provided with an Amended Agenda where the item regarding Directors' travel was moved from the Consent Calendar to an Informational/Action item. A motion was made by Director Laudner, seconded by Director Watton and unanimously carried, to approve the Amended Agenda.

3. President Price asked if there were any corrections to be made to the Minutes of March 15, 2000. Director Watton said that he would like page 12, lines 19 and 20 corrected to reflect that Met will reimburse whatever the submitted claim is but that the Water Authority Directors have determined that they won't claim more than \$25 for a meal.

Director Price said there was a statement made by Director Inocentes about making a loan to Auld Goff for \$600,00. She stated the reason for the loan would be strictly for the upgraded irrigation system, which the District de-

1 terminated would benefit our customers. She added that due to the requirement  
2 of the upgraded irrigation system, that is why the Board is willing to entertain  
3 the request for a loan in that amount. Director Price said that Mr. Inocentes  
4 made a statement that he didn't feel it appropriate to loan ratepayers' money to  
5 a private enterprise and certainly that is not the case. She also stated that  
6 speaking of free loans, Mr. Inocentes still owes the District in excess of \$100 for  
7 personal expenses incurred over a year ago.  
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9 Director Laudner said the golf course is a partner of the District and the  
10 District will benefit from it. He said the District has loaned money to developers  
11 for capacity fees and received interest on that money and he doesn't see that  
12 it's anything outside of normal operations.  
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14 A motion was made by Director Watton, seconded by Director Laudner,  
15 and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of March 15, 2000, as  
16 amended.  
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18 4. A motion was made by Director Watton, seconded by Director  
19 Laudner, and unanimously carried to approve the Demands as listed.

20 5. President Price inquired if anyone in the audience desired to ad-  
21 dress the Board on any item not on the Agenda. She stated she had a request  
22 by Mr. Ruben Rodriguez to speak.  
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24 Ruben Rodriguez stated he was President of the Otay Ratepayers' Alli-  
25 ance. He stated the association is extremely concerned with the eligibility and  
26 residency of one of the Directors, Mr. Poveda. Mr. Rodriguez distributed a  
27 document to the Board (copy attached). He stated there was an issue regard-  
28 ing whether Mr. Poveda was in fact a resident in the area at the time he took  
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1 office and he claimed that Mr. Poveda lived out of the Division for almost a year  
2 after taking office.

3 Mr. Rodriquez requested that an investigation by the District's Attorney  
4 and other people be made. He stated that he would urge the Board to consider  
5 looking at this very serious matter and prevent any further votes that may be  
6 tainted.  
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8 Mr. Rodriquez said an additional matter was a community meeting he  
9 attended on January 24<sup>th</sup> which Mr. Poveda was scheduled to attend and he  
10 never saw him there. He stated that Mr. Poveda claimed that meeting on his  
11 Per Diem form and he nor other public officials saw him at that meeting. Presi-  
12 dent Price asked what meeting he was referring to and Mr. Rodriquez stated it  
13 was the State of the Community Address at Southwestern College. He stated  
14 that these are both serious matters that need to be looked into.  
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17 Mr. Rodriquez said he received a copy of a newsletter as he was walking  
18 in (copy attached) and he is concerned with the issue regarding alleged use of  
19 interest-free loans. He said if that is the case, the Ratepayers have concerns  
20 about that.  
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22 President Price said the computer loan program is a District program for  
23 all of its employees and the Directors are employees of the District. She stated  
24 to enable the Staff Members to be current with technology, the Board author-  
25 ized a reserve fund for this purpose and the loans are paid back through payroll  
26 deductions. She stated that there have not been any defaulted loans.  
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28 Mr. Rodriquez strongly urged the District's Attorney to look into the resi-  
29 dency issue and requested an audit be done for January on the Directors' Per  
Diems. President Price thanked Mr. Rodriquez.

1 Director Laudner asked who the officers are of the Otay Water Ratepay-  
2 ers' Alliance. Mr. Rodriguez said he was the President. Mr. Laudner asked him  
3 to provide that information in writing for submittal to the Board. Mr. Rodriguez  
4 said he wanted his committee to meet with the District's Attorney. President  
5 Price said they would like the information in writing. Mr. Rodriguez said he  
6 would respond in writing, provide a copy of the by-laws and also wished to meet  
7 with the Attorney.  
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9 Mr. Gene Haden, former Director, stated he wished to speak. He said he  
10 spent 16 years on the Board and during that period there was a large amount of  
11 growth and changes in the District. He said as a result of his service, he has an  
12 interest and loyalty to Otay and its customers. He stated that he is concerned  
13 about things that have happened during the past year regarding the General  
14 Manager's position and the costs involved. Mr. Haden summarized the events  
15 regarding the search for a new General Manager and stated the Board selected  
16 Alfredo Cardenas who left after a short period of time. He continued stating he  
17 was concerned about the cost to the District for severance packages and costs  
18 of the search.  
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21 Mr. Haden said that while looking at his bill recently he saw the system  
22 expansion fee had increased. That the cost had been \$.03 per unit in 1997,  
23 \$.04 per unit in 1999 and in 2000 it had tripled to \$.12 per unit.  
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25 President Price stated that there have not been any increases due to the  
26 contracts with the former General Managers.  
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28 Mr. Gary Wyma, 14418 Wildwest Place, Jamul, requested an opportunity  
29 to speak. He said he owns six homes in Skyline Ranch Estates. He recently  
received a letter from the District regarding the program allowing a payment of

1 up to \$4,000 for installation of a pressure pump and booster pump for the resi-  
2 dents in that area and stating the program would be ending soon. Mr. Wyma  
3 said according to his plumber, out of his six properties only two needed a pump.  
4 He stated that due to the length of his driveways, it would cost approximately  
5 \$6,500 for installation of the facilities.  
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7 Mr. Wyma said since the letter was sent to an address in Pasadena, he  
8 didn't receive the letter in a timely fashion and couldn't install the facilities prior  
9 to the deadline and the \$4,000 amount allowed wouldn't cover the cost.

10 Acting General Manager Harron said in 1997 the District replaced a  
11 booster pump with a reservoir and as a result, the water pressure went down to  
12 some existing homes. He said the District still met the requirements of the  
13 Water Code and Plumbing Code, but there was a drop in pressure. He said the  
14 Board in 1997 authorized Staff to finance individual booster pumps for the  
15 homes in that area up to \$4,000 per home. He said there was an informal cut-  
16 off date on the program, but Staff had received some requests after that time  
17 which were subsequently approved. Mr. Harron stated recently it was called to  
18 his attention that this program was still in existence and instructed Staff to send  
19 letters to the residents who hadn't taken advantage of the program informing  
20 them of the cut-off date of the program.  
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24 Mr. Harron said that according to the minutes in 1997, General Manager  
25 Lewinger had stated if someone had a cost over \$4,000 they would bring it to  
26 the Board for consideration as to whether the District would finance more than  
27 \$4,000. Mr. Harron suggested that the Board refer the matter to Staff to see if  
28 Mr. Wyma's installation can be done less expensively and Staff will report at the  
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1 next meeting. Mr. Wyma requested that the time period be extended for his  
2 property. The Board approved an extension past April 15<sup>th</sup> for Mr. Wyma.

3 6. President Price stated that Jeanne Flemish had been selected  
4 Employee of the Quarter, and due to her being on vacation, she will be officially  
5 recognized at the next meeting.

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7 7. President Price presented the Consent Calendar. Director Laud-  
8 ner requested that Item 8-i be pulled and Director Price requested that Items 8-  
9 d and 8-e be pulled

10 A motion was made by Director Poveda, seconded by Director Laudner,  
11 and unanimously carried to adopt the remaining items on the Consent Calen-  
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14 a) RESOLUTION NO. 3852

15 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
16 OTAY WATER DISTRICT EXPRESSING APPRECIATION  
17 TO R. JACKSON LANDRUM FOR THIRTY YEARS OF  
18 SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT

19 b) DENIAL OF STANTON CLAIM

20 c) REQUEST TO EXPAND THE DESIGN SCOPE TO WINZLER &  
21 KELLY FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$74,200 FOR THE  
22 DESIGN OF DISINFECTION FACILITIES AND CORROSION  
CONTROLS (1004-2 RESERVOIR PROJECT/CIP:098)

23 f) REQUEST TO PURCHASE SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING  
24 APPARATUS (SCBA) AND FIVE-MINUTE AIR PACKS IN AN  
AMOUNT OF \$21,218.57 TO L.N. CURTIS AND SONS

25 g) APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT TERMINATING AGREEMENT  
26 PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTION OF LAND FROM WATER  
27 STANDBY CHARGES (IMMENSCHUH)

28 h) REQUEST FOR AMICUS CURIAE PARTICIPATION IN  
29 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, HASTINGS V. CITY AND  
COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

1           8.       Director Price said her question on Item 8-d was why Staff would  
2 remove and stockpile the old fencing. Principal Inspector Kreuiter said the  
3 Operations Department uses old fencing for miscellaneous stock on an emer-  
4 gency basis.

5           Director Price stated that she would like to recommend a change to the  
6 other item she pulled, 8-e. She said that on the top of page two, she would like  
7 to remove the word "area" in line 2.  
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9           Director Laudner said he removed item 8-i because he wanted Staff to  
10 come back to the Board before final negotiations with Cox to show what their  
11 plans are regarding the antenna they are placing on the roof of the Administra-  
12 tion Building. Acting General Manager Harron said that the item could be  
13 brought back to the Board for their approval.  
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15           A motion was made by Director Watton, seconded by Director Laudner,  
16 and unanimously carried to approve the following items that were removed from  
17 the Consent Calendar:  
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19           d)       REQUEST TO INCREASE THE BUDGET AUTHORIZATION TO  
20                 \$135,000 AND AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR  
21                 THE CENTRAL AREA FENCING PROJECT TO ALCORN  
22                 FENCE COMPANY IN AN AMOUNT OF \$96,059.18

23           e)       ADOPTION OF POLICY 33, REVIEW OF DIRECTORS'  
24                 DIVISION BOUNDARIES

25           i)       CONTINGENT APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH COX PCS  
26                 ASSETS, LLC FOR A COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT OTAY'S  
27                 "HEADQUARTERS" SITE

28           9.       Mr. Ed Batchelder, Senior Planner of the City of Chula Vista gave  
29 a brief presentation regarding the growth in Chula Vista. He thanked the Dis-  
trict for their ongoing cooperation and work with the Growth Management  
Commission. He stated in the South Bay area, including Chula Vista, there are

1 some profound growth-impacts on the immediate horizon. Mr. Batchelder said  
2 that his presentation is based on information from SANDAG's recently released  
3 Region 2020 Forecast.

4 Mr. Batchelder said growth is now largely due to births, not from migra-  
5 tion. He said that growth patterns are shifting due to north county nearing their  
6 build-out limits. He also said that the South Bay will increase its population by  
7 91% in the next 20 years and add approximately 256,500 people. Otay Ranch,  
8 as well as the other major development projects, play a large part of the  
9 increase. Mr. Batchelder said in the past that Chula Vista had an average of  
10 874 new dwelling units per year and the projections for the next five to ten years  
11 are in excess of 2,000 to 2,500 new dwelling units per year. He also stated that  
12 there is a large influx of people coming in to the area due to the many multiple  
13 family units that are being developed in conjunction with the single-family  
14 homes. He stated that SANDAG's study suggests that the major master plans  
15 in the Chula Vista area will be largely built out by 2020.

16 Mr. Batchelder stated that cooperation between the City and Otay had  
17 been very positive. President Price stated she looked forward to a continued  
18 good working relationship with the City and thanked Mr. Batchelder for his  
19 presentation.

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24 10. Acting General Manager Harron said the groundwater issue had  
25 been discussed at previous Board Meetings but since that time Staff has  
26 become aware of the community concern about the impact of our groundwater  
27 study on existing private wells. He said Staff wanted to give the public an  
28 opportunity to address the Board on the issue. Staff's position is that we think  
29 we should study groundwater and if the study shows there is excess ground-

1 water that could be harvested that wouldn't affect these wells, that the District  
2 should take advantage of that. Staff feels if any program of the District would  
3 damage private owners, then it wouldn't be recommended to the Board. He  
4 reiterated that the District is at the study stage and a long way from extracting  
5 any groundwater.

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7 Director Laudner said after reviewing it very carefully and with the  
8 opposition and the possibility of problems he wanted to make a motion that the  
9 District withdraw from any further investigation of the Jamul/Dulzura/Daley  
10 Ranch area. He also questioned the estimated budget of \$4,200,000. Acting  
11 Engineering Department Head Peasley said that amount would include if the  
12 District developed a well. Director Laudner said his motion would include that  
13 that amount be removed from the study also.

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15 Director Watton said he would second the motion for the purposes of dis-  
16 cussion. He said he was wondering where the District was with Fish and Game  
17 since they were such a critical piece. Engineering Manager Mumford said Fish  
18 and Game has slowed down significantly with their work due to funding and  
19 they are also waiting for our input into their planning in that area. Acting Gen-  
20 eral Manager Harron said they made it clear that they are in the preservation  
21 business and they won't let us take any water that would be needed to make  
22 the preserve work but they were willing to entertain the idea if there was excess  
23 water they would be willing to give us rights to the excess. He stated by doing  
24 that they would earn money for the preserve that would allow them to maintain  
25 it at a higher level.

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29 Director Watton noted that there is community opposition due to their  
dependency on the wells. He said there is a lot of misinformation going on and

1 the District could end up spending a lot of money to get the correct information  
2 out. He stated he felt it might be a good idea to put the project off until such  
3 time as Fish and Game perceives they need to do it for economic reasons and  
4 that they could be the leaders. He said with that partnership the community  
5 could support it as more of a direct linkage for maintenance of the property  
6 instead of the water district taking something away. He continued saying he  
7 thinks it's a viable project, with the plans for protecting the community resource,  
8 but politically doesn't know if we could make it work without Fish and Game.  
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10           Acting General Manager Harron said they have to plan for the preserve  
11 and Fish and Game hasn't done that. Director Watton said maybe the District is  
12 getting in too early. He also said that the yield looks like it is just a few thou-  
13 sand acre feet per year and maybe it's time to redirect the assets to something  
14 that is closer to fruition.  
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16           Director Poveda said he wanted to be sensitive to the community's con-  
17 cerns, and at this point the District is only talking about investigating and  
18 exploring. He said that every time the issue of groundwater exploration comes  
19 up we seem to keep postponing it and he thinks the time is right. He said all  
20 the District is talking about is assessing the viability of ground water, what's  
21 there and how much. He continued saying that if we keep putting it off, the  
22 timing will never be right. Director Poveda said it is important to talk about the  
23 entire District's need for water, not just one area.  
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25           Director Poveda said he is sensitive to the residents of Jamul and no one  
26 is saying that Otay is going to take their groundwater, only saying that the Dis-  
27 trict needs to do an assessment. He stated for that reason he disagrees with  
28 the motion and supports Staff's recommendation.  
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1 Director Laudner said there is a lot of misinformation circulating. He said  
2 we started the study at the request of Fish and Game when they acquired the  
3 property, but that Fish and Game still doesn't know what they want to do. He  
4 said he agreed with Director Watton, that Fish and Game should be out front  
5 because it's their property. He stated he felt the matter should be discontinued  
6 at this time.  
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8 Director Price said one benefit if the Board moved ahead at this time  
9 would be the identification of resources there for the homeowners' benefit. She  
10 said an eventual study would give them some reassurance on how reliable the  
11 groundwater is in Jamul. She stated that she also understands Mr. Laudner's  
12 and Mr. Watton's concern about the Fish and Game issue and because of that  
13 feels it would be prudent to postpone the Daley Ranch Groundwater Basin  
14 Study until we have an idea of the direction from Fish and Game.  
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17 Engineering Manager Mumford asked about the other components of the  
18 groundwater investigation, the Otay Mesa Well and the District-wide review.

19 Director Launder said he had no problem with any of the other plans. He  
20 said he feels if the District is going to tap a well on Otay Mesa we should do it  
21 on our own property and shouldn't research somebody else's property.  
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23 President Price said that Director Laudner had made a motion, seconded  
24 by Director Watton, to approve the authorization to proceed with the ground-  
25 water investigations with the exception of the Daley Ranch groundwater explo-  
26 ration, which should be postponed until we have more certainty as to what is  
27 going to happen in that region with Fish and Game. The motion carried, with  
28 Director Poveda voting no.  
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1 Ms. Chambers said one of the positions she wished to change was the  
2 office assistant who had been on staff for two years and is extremely valuable.  
3 She said if she brings in a temporary person or another intern person, she will  
4 need to invest additional time to train these individuals. She stated that for the  
5 next budget year she is asking to change the part-time positions to include the  
6 PERS benefits. Director Watton asked if these were permanent, part-time posi-  
7 tions. Ms. Chambers stated they were.  
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9 Director Price asked if the Board approved the PERS payment if it  
10 stopped at the end of the fiscal year and she was told it does not. Once an  
11 employee is in PERS they remain in PERS. Director Price stated that this  
12 would be a long-term commitment on the District. Director Watton said if these  
13 are permanent part-time positions, having the benefits extended to those posi-  
14 tions make sense in that you don't make two tiers. Ms. Chambers said in the  
15 Finance Department they have four part-time positions, two in PERS and two  
16 that are not.  
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19 Director Poveda said philosophically he would agree but with the fact  
20 that the new General Manager starts on the 10<sup>th</sup>, he would like to have him take  
21 a look at this subject since it is a long-term commitment for the District. He  
22 asked Ms. Chambers if there was a reason to expedite today. Finance  
23 Department Head Chambers said only because they need to accomplish these  
24 things by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Director Poveda asked that it be brought to the next meeting  
25 after review by the new General Manager. The Board concurred.  
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28 14. Director Price said the next item was the review and possible  
29 adoption of amendments to Policy 8 and Policy 15. She said she has made it  
her project since becoming President because she felt there was certainly a

1 need to contain some expenditures that were being submitted and there was a  
2 need for clear guidelines on what is reimbursable.

3 Director Watton said he thinks the Policy seems to accomplish what was  
4 discussed at the last meeting. He stated on Page 3 where it deals with auto-  
5 mobile insurance, it states that proof of such insurance will be submitted two  
6 times a year. He said that he would prefer that it say at renewal dates.  
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8 Administrative Services Department Head Alvarez said if it were more  
9 convenient to submit at times of renewal that could be done.

10 Director Poveda said the policy requires that attendance at any meeting  
11 be approved by the Board in advance. He said he had a question on how they  
12 were going to handle meetings with the General Manager or Staff. Direct Price  
13 said the policy requires approval in advance for anything outside the County.  
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15 Director Poveda said since there isn't anything listed regarding meetings with  
16 the General Manager or Staff he would ask that it be added. Director Watton  
17 said he agreed with meetings with the General Manager or the Attorney since  
18 they are the two that reports to the Board. Director Poveda said he would also  
19 like to include the Department Heads as well.  
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21 President Price said she proposes the Board adopt the policy and that it  
22 become effective today. She said she also proposes that Staff come back with  
23 a similar policy for Staff travel. President Price stated there needs to be a  
24 recurring Agenda item for Board and Staff travel authorization and that item  
25 should not be under "Consent."  
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27 A motion was made by Director Watton, seconded by Director Laudner  
28 and unanimously carried to approve Policy 8 and Policy 15, as amended.  
29 President Price thanked Staff for all of their hard work on the amendments.

1 Director Poveda commended Director Price for her work and effort on  
2 the travel policy. He said he appreciated receiving copies of the individual  
3 Directors' Per Diem sheets and feels that its necessary to have quarterly, if not  
4 monthly expense reports. He said it was important for the public to see what  
5 the expenses were on the part of the Directors. President Price said she had  
6 asked Staff to include, as part of the monthly agenda item, copies of the Per  
7 Diem and Expense Reports of each Director.  
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9 15. President Price stated the next item was approval of Directors'  
10 travel requests. Director Poveda said he was appalled at the amount of money  
11 proposed to be spent for travel and that he didn't support those meetings listed  
12 for Urban Water, NWRA, Metropolitan Water District and Law of Colorado River  
13 Seminar. Director Poveda asked Director Price about the Central Valley trip  
14 and Director Price stated she and General Manager Griego would be attending.  
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17 Director Poveda said he didn't support the first four meetings listed,  
18 including the Urban Water Institute. Director Price said since the District wasn't  
19 a member of NWRA, she didn't see a need to attend their federal water  
20 seminar.  
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22 A motion was made by Director Poveda, seconded by Director Watton  
23 and unanimously carried to approve all travel except the first four items listed  
24 consisting of the Urban Water Spring Conference, MAD Meetings on 4/10 and  
25 4/11, NWRA Federal Water Seminar and Law of the Colorado River on the  
26 amended Staff Report (copy attached).  
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28 15. Acting General Manager Harron said the City of San Diego had a  
29 major break in the vicinity of 805 and Palm Avenue on April 4th. He said the

1 District was helping to supply water at a rate of 6,000 gem and the City is hop-  
2 ing to have it repaired today.

3 15. Governmental Affairs Administrator Bartlett-May said that she  
4 would be attending the CSDA Legislative Affairs Conference on Monday and  
5 the ACWA Legislative Committee on Friday. Ms. Bartlett-May gave the Board a  
6 summary of the matrix which she provided to the Board.  
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8 Ms. Bartlett-May said that she and Director Price met with quite a few  
9 Legislative Staff Members at the ACWA Legislative Affairs Day.  
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11 16. Director Price said she wasn't approved to go to the ACWA  
12 Legislative Committee Meeting on Friday and asked for approval to attend.  
13 After a brief discussion, Director Price said that there was approval by consen-  
14 sus.

15 17. Director Watton presented a map depicting the California/Mexico  
16 border area. He said that CWA is involved with looking at alternative convey-  
17 ance facilities and that Proposition 13 had funding available to allow further  
18 study for wheeling. He stated the Mexican government is taking the situation  
19 seriously because it is a positive for international relations but more importantly  
20 Mexico City has realized they have a water conveyance problem in the Tijuana  
21 area. He said that this item is getting attention on the federal level as well as  
22 the state level. He stated the intent is to have a signature page on the study  
23 and the coordination of the study so that as people change office, the study has  
24 durability.  
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28 Director Watton summarized the opportunities that have recently arisen  
29 with Governor Davis, the State Department and the President of Mexico.

1 Director Watton showed on the map the location of the current facilities  
2 and explained the relationship of the facilities, including those shown in Mexico.  
3 He stated that the Mexican aqueduct is severely undersized and that their gov-  
4 ernment is motivated to do something to remedy the situation.

5 Director Watton stated that a firm was hired by CWA to kick off the study  
6 and that the Mexican Government will be doing a similar study on the one reach  
7 of the aqueduct. He stated that it is a positive way to interact with Mexico and  
8 the U.S. but one aspect will be whether it will entirely be a government project  
9 or have some privatization. He said some private enterprises are interested in  
10 doing some of the financing and that the combination of the dollar and peso  
11 makes it attractive on the world financial scene. He stated that the Mexican  
12 government is talking about a time frame of 2006.

13 Director Price stated she had seen in the San Diego Business Journal on  
14 March 27<sup>th</sup> that the Met Board had voted to hold the line on rates. Director  
15 Watton said that with Met's rate structure it appears the Board will ignore CWA's  
16 issues for the rate structure or strategic plan and he wouldn't be surprised if  
17 CWA sued Met because the rate structure is so disadvantageous to our area.  
18 He said another issue is the Board composition. In January, 2001, the Board  
19 will be reduced to 37 members and Senator Kelly has current legislation to drop  
20 the number of Directors on the Board to 13.

21 18. President Price congratulated Director Poveda on the birth of his  
22 baby girl. Director Fernando thanked President Price and expressed his appre-  
23 ciation for the well wishes from staff and the flowers they received.

24 19. Director Poveda thanked Director Watton for the informative  
25 report on the bi-national/trans-border affair which highlighted the importance of

1 thinking regionally. He stated that he had brought in a copy of an article in the  
2 San Diego Union which stressed the importance of the bi-lingual employees  
3 and how valuable of an asset these employees are to their employers.

4 Director Laudner stated he attended LAFCO and they had annexed San  
5 Miguel to Chula Vista which will contain 1,500 units. He stated they were going  
6 to allow 625 units to be built prior to Highway 125 being built. Director Laudner  
7 said that they also took action to dissolve the Lower Sweetwater Fire Protection  
8 District. He continued saying this was an action initiated by the County and this  
9 area was put in the County service area with possible annexation to the City of  
10 National City. He stated that he is concerned whether this action has set a  
11 precedent for the County dissolving special districts.  
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14 Director Laudner said he toured the golf course and it is progressing rap-  
15 idly.  
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17 Director Price said she received some updated information on ACWA  
18 USA that the District may possibly take advantage of what is being offered.  
19 Operations Department Head Mahanke said they will offer a program this sum-  
20 mer for load curtailment and Staff is investigating what loads the District can  
21 shed during the specified period.  
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23 Acting General Manager Harron introduced the District's new Assistant  
24 District Secretary, Connie Sanders.

25 20. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting  
26 was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.  
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District Secretary