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MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OTAY WATER DISTRICT
JANUARY 3, 2001

1. The meeting was called to order by President Price at 1:30 p.m. in the District Boardroom, 2554 Sweetwater Springs Boulevard, Spring Valley, CA.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Directors Price, Laudner, and Watton

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Director Inocentes and Poveda

STAFF PRESENT: General Counsel Harron
Acting Dir. Water Op. & Maint. Gunstinson
Human Resources Manager Sarno
Chief Financial Officer Chambers
Dir. Engineering & Contracts Peasley
Gov. & Comm. Relations Off. Bartlett-May
District Secretary Smith
Others per attached list (4 public members)

2. Upon conclusion of the Pledge of Allegiance, a motion was made by Director Laudner, seconded by Director Watton and unanimously carried to approve the Agenda.

3. A motion was made by Director Laudner, seconded by Director Watton and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2000.

4. A motion was made by Director Watton, seconded by Director Laudner and unanimously carried to approve the demands as listed.

5. President Price asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard on an item not on today's Agenda. No one wished to be heard.

6. General Counsel Harron presented the Thomas R. Buhl Employee of the Quarter Award to Richard Shackley. He gave a brief summary of Mr. Shackley's history with the District and some of the comments made by

1 employees in Mr. Shackley's nomination. Mr. Shackley thanked the Board and
2 the employees of Otay for the award.

3 7. A motion was made by Director Watton, seconded by Director
4 Laudner and unanimously carried to adopt the following service resolutions:

5 RESOLUTION NO. 3891

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7 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
8 OF OTAY WATER DISTRICT EXPRESSING
9 APPRECIATION TO KENNETH E. JAMES FOR
TEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT

10 Acting Director of Water Operations and Maintenance Gunstinson
11 presented Resolution No. 3891 to Mr. James, gave a brief history of his
12 experience with the District and thanked him for his service..

13 8. General Counsel Harron said he had attached a copy of the
14 opinion prepared by the General Counsel for Met with his Staff Report
15 regarding proposed water supply contracts and preferential rights. He stated
16 the general law is that you cannot contract away preferential rights.
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18 There was a discussion regarding Water Code Section 350, declaring
19 permanent shortages to circumvent contractual rights and the definition of an
20 emergency. There was also discussion about litigating preferential rights to find
21 out what they are and then go from there regarding contracts.
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23 9. David Burpeau, Safety and Risk Administrator, presented the
24 confined space video which featured Otay employees. He stated that in order
25 to deal with the Cal-OSHA regulations requiring organizations to provide rescue
26 services internally or by an outside provider, the District had decided it would be
27 more prudent to develop their own program. He also stated the video was
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1 made in order to help other districts with their own programs and will be given to
2 ACWA/JPIA members. Director Price congratulated all employees involved.

3 10. President Price asked if there were any requests for Directors
4 travel. There were no requests.

5 11. General Counsel Harron stated that General Manager Griego was
6 attending the Congressional swearing-in ceremonies in Washington, D.C.

7 12. Director Watton stated he had nothing at this time to report
8 regarding Metropolitan or County Water Authority.

9 13. Director Price reflected on the accomplishments of the Board
10 during her tenure which included the conservation programs, Water
11 Conservation Garden, interconnect, expansion of recycled water service and an
12 improved relationship with the City of Chula Vista. She also thanked Staff for
13 their support during her term.
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16 14. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting
17 was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.
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President

22 ATTEST:

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25 District Secretary

26 Minutes were not approved by the newly elected Board on 1/17/01.
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