

**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF THE
OTAY WATER DISTRICT
July 3, 2013**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Lopez at 3:46 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Gonzalez, Lopez, Robak, and Thompson

Directors Absent: Director Croucher

Staff Present: General Manager Mark Watton, Attorney Richard Romero, Asst. GM German Alvarez, Chief Financial Officer Joe Beachem, Chief of Engineering Rod Posada, Chief of Information Technology Geoff Stevens, Chief of Administration Rom Sarno, Chief of Water Operations Pedro Porras and District Secretary Susan Cruz and others per attached list.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Director Thompson, seconded by Director Gonzalez and carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Gonzalez, Lopez, Robak, and Thompson
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Director Croucher

to approve the agenda.

5. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2013
AND SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 14, 2013

A motion was made by Director Thompson, seconded by Director Gonzalez and carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Directors Gonzalez, Lopez, Robak, and Thompson
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Director Croucher

to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 5, 2013 and special meeting of May 14, 2013.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION BUT NOT AN ITEM ON TODAY'S AGENDA

No one wished to be heard.

CONSENT CALENDAR

7. ITEMS TO BE ACTED UPON WITHOUT DISCUSSION, UNLESS A REQUEST IS MADE BY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OR THE PUBLIC TO DISCUSS A PARTICULAR ITEM:

Director Robak pulled Items 6c, APPROVE THE WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT AND VERIFICATION REPORT DATED MAY 2013 FOR THE OTAY RANCH PLANNING AREA 12 FREEWAY COMMERCIAL PROJECT, for discussion.

Upon a motion by Director Gonzalez, seconded by Director Robak and carried with the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors Gonzalez, Lopez, Robak and Thompson
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Director Croucher

to approve the following consent calendar items:

- a) APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH BASILE CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,289.50 FOR THE 12-INCH POTABLE WATER PIPELINE IN ORANGE AVENUE I-805 CROSSING PROJECT
- b) APPROVE UTILITY AGREEMENT NO. 33592 WITH CALTRANS FOR SR-11, SEQUENCE I UTILITY RELOCATIONS PROJECT
- d) APPROVE LEASE AMENDMENTS WITH SPRINT PCS ASSETS, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (SPRINT PCS) FOR MODIFICATIONS TO SIX (6) EXISTING COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT
- e) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4211 TO CONTINUE WATER AND SEWER AVAILABILITY CHARGES FOR DISTRICT CUSTOMERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 TO BE COLECTED THROUGH PROPERTY TAX BILLS
- f) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4212 TO ESTABLISH THE TAX RATE FOR IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 27 AT \$0.005 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

- g) ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4215 FOR THE ELECTION OF FOUR (4) CANDIDATES FOR THE SPECIAL DISTRICT RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY'S (SDRMA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- h) APPROVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONTRACTS FOR PHONE SERVICES, MANAGED SERVICES FOR THE DATA CENTER AND GPS TRACKING

President Lopez presented item 6c for discussion:

- c) APPROVE THE WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT AND VERIFICATION REPORT DATED MAY 2013 FOR THE OTAY RANCH PLANNING AREA 12 FREEWAY COMMERCIAL PROJECT

Engineering Manager Kennedy presented the Water Supply Assessment and Verification Report dated May 2013 for the Otay Ranch Planning Area 12 Freeway Commercial Project for the Board's approval. Please reference the Committee Action notes (Attachment A) attached to staffs' report for the details of his report.

Director Robak commented on the variance between the District's original demand estimate and current demand estimate. Mr. Kennedy stated that although the demand for this Project is 127 AFY, which is higher than the demand estimate in the District's 2010 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), the increase is accounted for through the Accelerated Forecasted Growth demand increment of the San Diego County Water Authority's (CWA) 2010 UWMP. It was noted that based on the findings from the District's and CWA's 2010 UWMPs, this Project will result in no unanticipated demands.

In response to a question from Director Robak, Mr. Kennedy stated that the Rosarito Desalination Project and the Rancho del Rey Groundwater Well Project are not factored into the District's water supply mix at this time. Both Projects are included in the District's 2010 UWMP, but only to provide an update on their status. General Manager Watton stated that as projects get closer to completion and are more defined, they are considered "fully entitled" and are then factored into the water supply mix.

Director Thompson inquired with regard to the Carlsbad Desalination Project, if a financial commitment determines a project's inclusion in the supply mix. Mr. Kennedy stated that all of the environmental documents approved related to the Carlsbad Desalination Project have been approved. Therefore, it was felt that the project was far enough along to be included in CWA's 2010 UWMP supply portfolio. General Manager Watton stated that a financial commitment to a project does not determine if the project should be included in a supply mix, a project just needs to be identified as a supply resource.

Director Robak inquired about the water supply plans for the next 20 years and industry discussions regarding the uncertainty of water supply for California in the future. General Manager Watton stated that California's water supply from the

Colorado River is pretty much secure through transfer rights that include water supply from a reliable source, the Imperial Irrigation District. As to Director Robak's concerns with climate impacts that may affect water supply, General Manager Watton stated that there will likely be more agriculture to urban transfers in the future. He believes that 20 years of water supply is secure as CWA, MWD, and other resources from water districts in the region are prepared to provide supply.

Upon a motion by Director Robak, seconded by Director Gonzalez and carried with the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors Gonzalez, Lopez, Robak and Thompson
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Croucher

to approve staffs' recommendation.

ACTION ITEMS

8. ENGINEERING AND WATER OPERATIONS

- a) APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE REGULATORY SITE ACCESS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Environmental Compliance Specialist Lisa Coburn-Boyd provided a report on the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Regulatory Site Access Road Improvements Project. Please reference the Committee Action notes (Attachment A) attached to staffs' report for the details of her report.

General Manager Watton indicated that the District had quite a bit of interaction with the Valle de Oro Planning group regarding the project and had addressed their concerns. Mr. Watton also indicated that the District plans to pay a portion of the MND costs from its Mitigation Bank allocation.

Legal Counsel Richard Romero indicated that at the June 19, 2013 Engineering, Operations and Water Resources Committee meeting, Director Croucher recused himself from discussing this item because of his employment with the San Miguel Fire Protection District (SMFPD) and the agency's involvement with the Regulatory Site Access Road Improvement Project.

General Manager Watton indicated that SMFPD plans to fund the access road once it is approved by all parties involved with this Project. He stated that the road will provide better access for District staff as it will not require staff to make a u-turn in order to access the regulatory site.

In response to a question from Director Robak, General Manager Watton stated that the construction of the access road will be placed on hold until SMFPD is

able to fund it. SMFPD is looking for charitable contributions that will go towards the construction of the access road.

In response to several questions from Director Robak, Environmental Compliance Specialist Lisa Coburn-Boyd stated that although SMFPD did not participate in the cost for the preparation of the MND, they plan to pay for the remaining construction of the access road. Ms. Coburn-Boyd stated that construction of the access road has also been delayed to avoid disturbing migrating birds during the nesting season.

Upon a motion by Director Gonzalez, seconded by Director Thompson and carried with the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors Gonzalez, Lopez, Robak and Thompson
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Croucher

to approve staffs' recommendation.

- b) **APPROVE THE WATER SUPPLY ASSESSMENT AND VERIFICATION REPORT DATED MAY 2013 FOR THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO OTAY MESA COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE**

Engineering Manager Kennedy provided a report on the Water Supply Assessment and Verification Report dated May 2013 for the City of San Diego Otay Mesa Community Plan Update. Please reference the Committee Action notes (Attachment A) attached to staff's report for the details of his report.

In response to Director Robak's inquiry about shifting water use from single-family to multi-family units, Mr. Kennedy stated that SANDAG maintains its projections for each planning area and also assigns density to each community. It is not certain what the water use is for Multi-family, but the District's per capita use is approximately 135. Director Robak indicated he believes that the District's projection is generous and stated that he felt the figures were good because it is better to calculate more than less with the uncertainty of the future projection for the number of people residing in a household.

Director Thompson indicated that he agreed with Director Robak that it is better to be generous with the District's per capita use estimates to assure that the District meets water supply needs. He inquired if estimated projections are updated at some point in time to reflect actual water usage. Mr. Kennedy stated that the District updates project estimates in its Water Resources Master Plan every 5 years and makes adjustments based on development. He also shared that the District revisits population data as well.

In response to several inquiries from Director Robak, General Manager Watton stated that the Otay Water District would be the responsible party to construct the pipelines and provide water service to the Otay Mesa Community Plan Area . He

indicated that there was a possibility that the City of San Diego could acquire the District's jurisdictional boundary after the District has constructed its portion of the infrastructure. However, such action would be time-consuming as it would need to go through LAFCO for approval and would involve de-annexing from the District and annexing to the City. He noted that there are areas in Otay Mesa (in the area of Brownfield) that the District is providing water service to the City of San Diego through a mutual agreement as the City did not have adequate water supplies. The City then serves this water to their customers and handles the billing services.

Upon a motion by Director Robak, seconded by Director Gonzalez and carried with the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors Gonzalez, Lopez, Robak and Thompson
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Croucher

to approve staffs' recommendation.

- c) CERTIFY THE FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SPEIR) FOR THE 2013 WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (WWMP) AND FIND THAT THE POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS OF THE DISTRICT'S WWMP WILL BE AVOIDED THROUGH THE ADOPTION OF FEASIBLE MITIGATION MEASURES SHOWN IN THE SPEIR; AND APPROVE THE 2013 WWMP AS A FINAL PLAN AND DOCUMENT

Both Environmental Compliance Specialist Lisa Coburn-Boyd and Engineering Manager Bob Kennedy provided a report on this agenda item. Please reference the Committee Action notes (Attachment A) attached to staffs' report for the details of their report.

Ms. Coburn-Boyd noted that the District decided to perform a Supplemental PEIR for the 2009 WRMP because the planning area for the WWMP was covered in the previous PEIR plan and the environmental impacts analyzed in that plan have not changed, however, it required coverage for the waste water projects that were identified in the WWMP. Thus, most of the existing PEIR is incorporated by reference in the Supplemental PEIR. The changes are in the list of projects in the waste water collection and treatment projects.

Director Thompson had several inquiries regarding the partnership with the City of Chula Vista and the possibility of a regional Water Reclamation Facility as an option for potential additional recycled water supply. In response, Mr. Kennedy stated that the District and the City of Chula Vista have equally contributed to the cost of drafting a study for a potential 2MG/day MBR Plant that would provide recycled water supplies to the District and provide additional capacity to the City of Chula Vista. General Manager Mark Watton indicated that the City of Chula Vista's original purpose for considering the MBR Plant was to obtain additional

capacity for increasing development years ago. Now that development has slowed, the City wants to preserve the option to use it as a potential resource.

He stated the City of Chula Vista's preferred option is to have additional capacity in the City of San Diego's Metro system. The Otay WD then would get additional recycled water capacity from the City of San Diego's South Bay Water Reclamation Plant. Mr. Watton stated that if the preferred option did not work out, then Plan B is the MBR Plant. In order for the MBR Plant to be feasible, it would need to produce 4 MGD. The water produced would go into the District's existing recycled distribution system and the additional capacity for sewer processing would be provided to the City of Chula Vista. Currently, recycled water is used by new development in the City of Chula Vista and it is anticipated that it will be used by future new development in the City of Chula Vista and recycled services would be expanded to the Otay Mesa area. In summary, General Manager Watton stated that the City of Chula Vista is researching the cost for additional capacity from the Metro system versus the cost of establishing a new MBR Plant. The nexus/partnership between the City and the Otay Water District is the possibility of utilizing the recycled water from the new MBR Plant in the District's service area.

Director Thompson commented that the District's projection for water supply included a conservation estimate and inquired if recycled water was included in that estimate. Engineering Manager Kennedy stated that conservation is considered to be more of an offset and structural element that forces customers to use less water. However, the District is considering the use of recycled water at institutional establishments for toilet/urinal flushing which will offset potable water use.

Director Robak indicated that he reviewed the District's WWMP options and commented that, at one point in time, he thought there was discussion of pushing at the state level the possibility of Direct Potable Reuse (DPR). He stated that he was disappointed that this possibility was not considered as a supply option in the District's WSA. Mr. Kennedy stated that there is an incremental cost each time you treat IPR and DPR water. He stated that if the water will be utilized outside for landscaping purposes, it is much less expensive to take it off tertiary treated water than to treat it through an RO system, etc. to potable level. It would be best to utilize the water through the recycled system as it would save a lot of money. General Manager Watton also noted that the region does not have the facilities to distribute DPR and if an IPR pipe is connected to San Vicente, it would cost approximately \$200 million. Director Robak indicated that such a pipe would be a waste of money. It would be more cost effective to distribute DPR water directly into the raw water system.

Director Thompson inquired about the purpose of DPR when there is a demand for recycled water. He stated that he felt it would be more cost effective to use purple pipelines. Director Robak indicated that it is anticipated that purple pipes will go away in the future and that he felt that there was no need for the District to continue building them. He stated he believes that the District should start

looking into DPR as an option as it is heading in that direction in the future. Eventually it will become all one system.

General Manager Watton stated that in the South Bay area, the opportunity to go to an IPR or DPR system is much more limited for the foreseeable future. Continuing to construct purple pipe and utilize recycled water still make sense. In the North City area, the City of San Diego wishes to build a 15 million gallon system, and the region is suggesting 80 million gallon system.

Upon a motion by Director Thompson, seconded by Director Lopez and carried with the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors Gonzalez, Lopez and Thompson
Noes:	Director Robak
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Director Croucher

to approve staffs' recommendation.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE, FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- a) RECEIVE THE DISTRICT'S INVESTMENT POLICY (POLICY 27) FOR REVIEW, AND ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4213 AMENDING THE POLICY AND RE-DELEGATING AUTHORITY FOR ALL INVESTMENT RELATED ACITIVITIES TO THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION §53607

Finance Manager Kevin Koeppen provided a report for this agenda item. Please reference the Committee Action notes (Attachment A) attached to staff's report for the details of his report.

Mr. Koeppen indicated that at the last Finance, Administration and Communications (FA&C) Committee meeting, there was a discussion to consider if the District should implement a restriction for government agencies (section 8.03) whose government implied guarantee has been reduced or eliminated. Subsequently, staff recommended adding the following statement to the District's Policy 27 in relation to government agencies (section 8.03):

"Government agencies whose implied guarantee has been reduced or eliminated shall require an "A" rating or higher by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization."

It was noted that the condition requiring an "A" rating or higher is consistent with the limitations governing commercial paper and medium-term notes set forth in California Government Code Section §53601

Mr. Koeppen noted that a slide was added to staff's PowerPoint presentation with information about investments allowed/not allowed under the District's current Policy (California Government Code vs. OWD).

Mr. Kevin Koeppen shared that the FA&C Committee discussed the possibility of reducing the short-term commercial debt limit to 10% (the current limit is 15%) and review all limitations for their alignment with Management's current practice. In response to the Committee's comments, staff added two alternative options for investment limits:

Alternative Option A: Reduce the allowable investment in commercial notes and debt categories to 10%

Alternative Option B: Remove commercial notes and debt instruments as allowable investments (Policy Section 8.05 and 8.06)

Director Thompson indicated that the FA&C Committee felt that the risk in investing in commercial notes is higher than other investment options and recommended that the District's allowable investment in commercial notes be reduced to a level that is lower than what is allowed by State Code (State Code allows 15%) as the Committee believes that the District should be more restrictive. Director Thompson also shared that the Committee and staff discussed concerns with government sponsored enterprises (GSE) investments which the Federal Government does not support. With the Federal Government considering reducing guarantees and partial guarantees, and weaning itself off the GSE investments, the Committee and staff felt the need to look into alternative investment options. If the Federal Government reduced its guarantees, it is believed that the District would still maintain its investment objectives and a good credit rating. Director Thompson thanked staff for their alternative option that makes sense for the District's investment policy.

With no further discussion by the Board, staff recommended the following:

- 1) Select Alternative Option A (Reduce the allowable commercial notes and debt categories to 10%)
- 2) Adopt Resolution No. 4213 to amend Investment Policy No. 27 using the selected Alternative Option A
- 3) Re-delegate authority for all investment related activities to the Chief Financial Officer

Upon a motion by Director Thompson, seconded by Director Gonzalez and carried with the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors Gonzalez, Lopez, Robak and Thompson
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Director Croucher

to approve staffs' recommendation.

10. BOARD

- a) CONSIDER CASTING A VOTE TO ELECT A MEMBER TO THE CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

General Manager Mark Watton provided a report on this item and indicated that the Finance, Administration and Communications Committee recommended that the District's vote be cast for Mr. George McManigle, a Rainbow Municipal Water District board member.

Upon a motion by Director Gonzalez, seconded by Director Thompson and carried with the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors Gonzalez, Lopez and Thompson
Noes:	None
Abstain:	Director Robak
Absent:	Director Croucher

to approve staffs' recommendation.

- b) DISCUSSION OF 2013 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

There were no changes to the board meeting calendar.

REPORTS

11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Mark Watton shared that there were discussions in Sacramento as to how the water bond should be configured. He stated that CWA drafted its *2014 Water Bond Priorities* and a copy has been provided to each member of the board. He suggested that the board support CWA's *Water Bond Priorities*.

General Manager Watton provided an update on the latest City of San Diego Recycled Water Cost of Service Study (COSS) which was released on June 20, 2013 without notice from city staff. The study was reviewed at an IROC Committee meeting held June 24, 2013. He stated that District staff had a limited review of the COSS and drafted a list of comments which was brought to the IROC Committee meeting. Mr. Watton indicated that the IROC Committee made a motion for the COSS to be brought back at a later time for further review. The COSS will also be considered at a meeting of the City of San Diego Committee on Natural Resources and Culture (NRC) on July 10, 2013. District staff plans to bring forth the District's issues with the COSS at that meeting as well. Mr. Watton stated that it was a surprise to District staff that the City did not honor its promise to allow time for review and comments by affected parties; it was also a surprise that the COSS was not done at industry standard level. Mr. Watton

indicated that the COSS was completed by Raftelis Financial Consultants. He stated that the City is proposing a recycled rate increase of 180%, effective January 1, 2014; which means the District would see its recycled services rate increase from \$350 to \$1,500 in a year's time. It is likely that this proposed rate increase will encourage less recycled water use. Mr. Watton also shared, to further complicate this issue, that Mr. Roger Bailey, the City's Director of Public Utilities, will be leaving the City to take another position.

In response to a question from Director Robak, General Manager Watton stated that the District would prefer to work through the necessary steps prior to taking any legal actions concerning the COSS.

In response to a question from Director Thompson, General Manager Watton stated that the following individuals are on the NRC Committee: City Councilmembers David Alvarez, Scott Sherman, Lorie Zapf, and Marti Emerald.

General Manager Watton presented additional information from his report that included the District's Landscape Contest, 2012 CAFR Award, and that the California Water Environment Association (CWEA) – San Diego Section had hosted a meeting at the Otay WD on June 20, 2013. He indicated Otay WD staff provided several presentations to CWEA on several of the District's projects and also provided a tour of the Chapman Facility to its members.

General Manager Watton stated that CWA is continuing with routine business, and is starting to move forward with contracts and activities related to the Poseidon Desalination Project. He reminded the board that the District had taken a "no" position on the Project and that he and Director Croucher would like to be consistent with the District's decision. As the minority on CWA's board with regard to this project, both have decided to leave CWA meetings prior to voting on the Project's contracts to avoid any discord.

12. DIRECTORS' REPORTS/REQUESTS

Director Robak commented on the low pressure incident in his Division and thanked staff for resolving the incident. He also inquired about the copy of the Proposition 218 Notice provided to the board on the dias, which Communications Officer Armando Buelna stated was an additional Notice sent to individuals who own land within the District's service area, but who do not currently have an account, but may potentially have one in the future. Mr. Buelna also indicated that at the request of the board, additional information was added to the Notices to include conservation information and impacts (i.e. Carlsbad Desalination Project) that impacted the District's rates.

Director Thompson thanked staff for the facilities tour held last month and for all their efforts and good work.

Director Gonzalez reported that he attended a Metro Commission meeting where they discussed potable water alternatives. He stated that the meeting was very informative and he anticipates positive outcomes from the meeting.

President Lopez requested a briefing on the Metro Commission meeting the Director Gonzalez attended.

13. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Lopez reported on meetings he attended during the month of June 2013 (a list of meetings he attended is attached).

He also noted that he attended a Water Conservation Garden Board Meeting on June 12, 2013, where they considered the Garden's financials for FY 2014. He shared that one of the agencies has indicated that they may terminate their membership with the Garden. President Lopez stated that the Garden is a great institution that is prioritizing its long-term strategic plan.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

14. CLOSED SESSION

The board recessed to closed session at 5:42 p.m. to discuss the following matter:

- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION [GOVERNMENT CODE §54956.9]

1 CASE

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

15. REPORT ON ANY ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION. THE BOARD MAY ALSO TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEMS POSTED IN CLOSED SESSION

The board reconvened at 6:37 p.m. and Attorney Richard Romero indicated that no reportable actions were taken in closed session.

16. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, President Lopez adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.



President

ATTEST:



District Secretary

President's Report
July 3, 2013 Board Meeting

A) Meetings attended during the Month of June 2013:

- 1) **June 5: Attended the District's Regular Board Meeting**
- 2) **June 12: Water Conservation Garden Board Meeting**
- 3) **June 13:**
 - a. **Special Board Meeting.** The members of the board were provided a tour of the Ralph W. Chapman Water Recycling Facility and the Hillsdale and Cops Lane Pump Stations.
 - b. **Committee Agenda Briefing.** Met with Director Thompson and General Manager Watton to review items that will be presented at the June Committee meetings.
- 4) **June 24: Attended the District's Finance, Administration and Communications Committee.** Reviewed, discussed, and made recommendation on items that will be presented at the June Committee Meetings.
- 5) **June 25:**
 - a. **Attended the District's Desalination Project Committee Meeting.** Discussed the Rosarito Desalination Project. Also in attendance were the various consultants for the project:
 - i. Dr. Michael Welch who is a prominent expert on water quality
 - ii. Mr. Pete Silva, Silva-Silva International, former Presidential appointee to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). He also has connections with the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) and will assist the District with the Federal permitting process.
 - iii. Mr. Dan McFarlan, AECOM Project Manager, who is involved with the planning and design of the District's facilities in the United States, the permitting process, and preparation of Project Environmental Impact Report.

b. **Board Agenda Briefing.** Met with Director Thompson, General Manager Watton, General Counsel Dan Shinoff and Attorney Richard Romero to review items that will be presented at the July Board Meeting.

6) **June 26: Completed a Webinar on Sexual Harassment Training.** The District is working to attain the designation as a "District of Distinction" from the Special District Leadership Foundation. One of the criteria is all board members must receive Sexual Harassment Training. All board members have been tasked to take the online training.