

1 MINUTES OF THE  
2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
3  
4 OTAY WATER DISTRICT

5 January 21, 1998  
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8 1. The meeting was called to order by President Poveda at 1:30 p.m.  
9 in the District Boardroom, 2554 Sweetwater Springs Boulevard, Spring Valley,  
10 California.

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

13 DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

14 STAFF PRESENT: General Manager Lewinger  
15 Operations Dept Head Mahanke  
16 Engineering Dept Head Stanton  
17 Finance Dept Head Chambers  
18 Attorney Harron  
19 District Secretary Bartlett-May  
20 Others as per attached list

21 2. After the pledge of allegiance, a motion was made by Director  
22 Poveda, seconded by Director Laudner, and unanimously carried, to approve the  
23 agenda as presented.

24 3. A motion was made by Director Price, seconded by Director  
25 Laudner, and unanimously carried, to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting  
26 of January 7, 1998 and the Regular Adjourned meeting of January 12, 1998.

27 4. A motion was made by Director Inocentes, seconded by Director  
28 Poveda, and unanimously carried, to approve the Demands as listed.  
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1           5.       President Poveda inquired if anyone in the audience desired to  
2 address the Board on any item not on the agenda. No one wished to be heard.

3           6.       General Manager Lewinger presented the Employee of the Quarter  
4 award to Tom Buhl. He stated comments made about Mr. Buhl included how he  
5 helped others perform their jobs, especially during the move into the new building.  
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7           7.       President Poveda presented

8                               RESOLUTION NO. 3706

9                               A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OTAY  
10 WATER DISTRICT EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO LILIAN  
11 ULLOA DE LENTES FOR TEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE  
12 DISTRICT

13                              A motion was made by Director Watton, seconded by Director Laudner,  
14 and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 3706.

15                              Finance Department Head Chambers presented the resolution to  
16 Ms. Ulloa De Lentes and thanked her for her years of service.  
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18           8.       President Poveda presented

19                               RESOLUTION NO. 3707

20                              A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OTAY  
21 WATER DISTRICT EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO JIMMY R.  
22 DODGE FOR TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT

23                              A motion was made by Director Inocentes, seconded by Director Price,  
24 and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution No. 3707.

25                              Operations Department Head Mahanke presented the resolution to Mr.  
26 Dodge and thanked him for his years of service.  
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1           9.       Mr. Bob Campbell, representing the County Water Authority, made a  
2 presentation to the Board regarding the water transfer agreement with Imperial  
3 Irrigation District. The agreement is for a maximum transfer of 200,000 acre feet  
4 of water per year to be distributed in 20,000 acre foot increments each year over a  
5 ten year period. Additional water may be obtained if it is available up to 100,000  
6 acre feet. The initial term of the agreement is 45 years with a 30 year extension by  
7 either party. The water to be transferred must come from extraordinary  
8 conservation and not land fallowing. The base price schedule included the MWD  
9 rates and charges, minus the wheeling costs with a declining discount starting at  
10 25 percent reduced to 5% by year 17 and thereafter. Contingencies included  
11 satisfying environmental concerns, participation of at least 130,000 acre feet by  
12 Imperial Valley farmers, approvals by the proper federal and state agencies, and  
13 securing authority for the transportation of the water. He reviewed Water  
14 Resources Director Dave Kennedy's recommended wheeling rate of \$80 per acre  
15 foot. There are still unresolved issues such as water quality but when resolved, the  
16 agreement will provide a long term reliable water supply, protect an \$87 billion  
17 dollar economy from threats posed by drought and other prolonged water  
18 shortages, protect water rights and provide affordable water conservation without  
19 land fallowing and boost the economy for Imperial Valley. Mr. Campbell stated a  
20 public hearing will be held February 3 with a CWA Board vote on the agreement  
21 scheduled for February 17.

22           10.       President Poveda called for a recess at 2:09 p.m. The meeting was  
23 reconvened at 2:14 p.m.

1           11.    A motion was made by Director Price, seconded by Director  
2    Watton, and unanimously carried, to table Agenda Item 10, District Committee  
3    Appointments.

4           12.    President Poveda left the meeting at 2:15 p.m. and Vice-President  
5    Price assumed the Chairmanship.

6           13.    General Manager Lewinger stated Staff has prepared the  
7    assessment regarding the population in each Director's division that was  
8    requested by the Board.  
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10           Mr. Keith Russell, District GIS Manager, stated he used the registered voter  
11    roles to determine the approximate percentage of population in each division.  
12    This was the same method used five years ago. The estimated distribution of  
13    population is as follows:  
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15	Division 1	14%
16	Division 2	24%
17	Division 3	22%
18	Division 4	17%
19	Division 5	23%

20           Mr. Russell stated there are three methods that could be employed to  
21    produce a significantly higher quality data source based on population. The first  
22    and most accurate method would be a complete parcel base map and updates to  
23    specific fields in a tabular data set representing the District' s parcels in that map.  
24    The second method would use only tabular parcel data. The third method would  
25    be to determine population by use of the County Registrar of Voters data.  
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1 General Manager Lewinger stated Staff is recommending the complete  
2 parcel base map method because it would be the most accurate. He stated this  
3 would take one year to complete.

4 A motion was made by Director Inocentes, seconded by Director Laudner,  
5 and unanimously carried, to direct Staff to realign division boundaries to balance  
6 population by use of a complete parcel base map method and bring this back to  
7 the Board in one year.

9 14. General Manager Lewinger presented the monthly Administrative  
10 Services Department Report for December, 1997. He stated the interview panel  
11 formed to help hire an Administrative Services Department Head will meet to  
12 discuss the resumes of the top 20 candidates along with their responses to some  
13 specific questions. Oral interviews will be conducted with the top five or six  
14 candidates. Two or three will then be interviewed by Mr. Lewinger. He estimated  
15 it would be another four to six weeks before a candidate is chosen.

18 15. Operations Department Head Mahanke submitted the monthly  
19 Operations report. He reported that Sweetwater Authority had some reservoirs  
20 out of service and the District provided service to a portion of their area as part of  
21 the shared resources agreement.

23 16. Engineering Department Head Stanton submitted the monthly  
24 engineering and planning report and the status report for CIP projects. He stated  
25 meter sales are still above the projected sales this year.

27 17. Attorney Harron presented his monthly General Counsel Report. He  
28 stated regarding the Xeriscape Garden, the Labor Code provides an exception  
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1 from the prevailing wage requirement where all of the work is done by volunteers.  
2 He stated the question arose when contractors or subcontractors volunteer the  
3 labor of their employees. He is seeking an opinion from the Department of  
4 Industrial Relations on this issue.

6 18. General Manager Lewinger reported that he and Tim Stanton have  
7 been involved in the negotiations regarding construction of the garden. He will  
8 come back to the Board to discuss Staffing the garden at a later date.

10 Public Affairs Manager Charlie Cassens reported that he has done a  
11 customer feedback survey through the Communique on the IID transfer. He stated  
12 there has been a good response but he has not tallied the results yet. He stated  
13 his next task will be to provide definitions of the various types of water since he  
14 feels the public may be getting confused with the recent media attention on  
15 repurification.  
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18 19. Director Watton reported that quite a few new people have been  
19 inducted into the Metropolitan Water District Board. He stated an item that will be  
20 generating some discussion soon is water treatment within the County. Currently,  
21 MWD has an \$80 an acre foot surcharge and he feels once this is delved into, it  
22 may be possible to increase existing treatment plants or even build other treatment  
23 plants to increase treatment capacity in San Diego County for less than \$80 an  
24 acre foot.  
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27 20. Director Inocentes reported radio station 1049 called him about  
28 placing some antennas at the District's Use Area. He took them on a tour of the  
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1 area and they are interested in discussing this further. He also attended the Chula  
2 Vista Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner and an Engineering Committee.

3 Director Laudner reported he attended the public forum on the sewer  
4 district consolidation where the only opposition voiced was from the planning  
5 groups.  
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7 Director Price reported on her attendance at the CSDA workshop on the  
8 Practicalities of District Management and Governance. She feels the District has  
9 already implemented many of the public relations, employee relations and Board  
10 governance suggestions. She requested a simple outline of the District's strategic  
11 plan or goals for what it plans to accomplish during a specific time period.  
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14 General Manager Lewinger stated this would be a good issue for a retreat  
15 or workshop.  
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17 Director Price also reported that she has been elected to the ACWA  
18 Legislative and Communications Committees. She is not sure she will participate  
19 on both. She commended Jan Tubiolo for the excellent article she wrote for the  
20 *Urban Horticulturist*. She suggested it be printed again in other publications.  
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22 Director Watton reported on his attendance at the Binational Regional  
23 Water Commission. The question raised there is how large should the governing  
24 board be. The City of Tijuana and the County Water Authority were given the task  
25 of discussing this issue and bringing back a recommendation at the next meeting.  
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21. The Board went into Closed Session at 3:16 p.m. to discuss a property transaction. The meeting was reconvened at 4:25 p.m.

22. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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President

ATTEST:

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Secretary