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MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
OTAY WATER DISTRICT
February 17, 1999

1. The meeting was called to order by President Poveda at 1:31 p.m. in the District Boardroom, 2554 Sweetwater Springs Boulevard, Spring Valley, California.

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Director Inocentes (arrived at 4:05 pm)

STAFF PRESENT: General Manager Lewinger
Admin Services Dept Head Alvarez
Engineering Dept Head Stanton
Finance Dept Head Chambers
Operations Dept Head Mahanke
Attorney Harron
District Secretary Bartlett-May
Public Affairs Administrator Cassens
Others as per attached list

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

3. A motion was made by Director Price, seconded by Director Laudner, and unanimously carried, to adopt the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 20, 1999, and the Regular Meeting of February 3, 1999.

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

1 specifications. References were checked and site visits were made. Staff is
2 recommending the District accept the package submitted by Wausau because the
3 Ease 4U equipment uses an OS2 operating system that is dated while Nausau
4 uses a current NT operating system. District Staff has no experience or training in
5 the OS2 operating system. The other issue to consider is the implementation
6 plan. Wausau pre-stages the equipment at their site and estimates 270 hours for
7 this phase while Ease 4U does in-house staging and estimated 184 hours. Staff
8 did look at a lease option and outsourcing but the cost was greater for both
9 options.
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12 A motion was made by Director Poveda, seconded by Director Laudner,
13 and unanimously carried to authorize Staff to award the purchase of the remittance
14 processor equipment without rebidding, approval an additional budget amount of
15 \$20,185 and accept the negotiated bid from Wausau Financial Systems for an
16 amount to exceed \$98,264.
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19 10. General Manager Lewinger stated the Personnel Committee
20 interviewed three firms which submitted proposals for the District's classification
21 and compensation study. The Committee is recommending that The Epler
22 Company in partnership with Livingstone Associates be awarded the contract.
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24 Director Price thanked everyone who worked on this.

25 A motion was made by Director Poveda, seconded by Director Price, and
26 unanimously carried, to award a contract to The Epler Company for a not-to-
27 exceed amount of \$24,000 to perform the District's Classification and
28 Compensation Study.
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1 11. General Manager Lewinger stated Director Watton had requested
2 discussion of the Economic Study Group be placed on today's agenda. He stated
3 he met with Gordon Tinker, General Manager of Fallbrook, and Mr. Tinker
4 indicated that a public relations firm had been hired to try to figure out how to
5 present the data and what direction the group should take. Fallbrook and Rainbow
6 Water Districts are in a different position from the other agencies in the group
7 because they take their water before the CWA pipeline. Mr. Tinker also indicated
8 there had been discussions with MWD regarding secession from CWA.
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11 Director Watton pointed out that an agency cannot just walk away from
12 CWA without continuing to make payments on debt, etc. He stated this subject will
13 be discussed tomorrow at the Joint Board Meeting with Helix and Padre Dam. A
14 discussion will be held at CWA regarding the report prepared by the Economic
15 Study Group. He stated there are many issues that were not addressed in the
16 report that need to be discussed and he hopes these can be discussed in the
17 CWA Boardroom.
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20 12. General Manager Lewinger stated Staff has made an effort to adjust
21 the Directors' division boundaries to take existing and future population into
22 account. He stated the population was obtained by using the 1990 census and the
23 County parcel data and determined to be 4.76 people per parcel. The future
24 population was determined by multiplying the dwelling unit figures from the sub-
25 area master plans by the 4.76 and adding this to the existing population. He
26 stated population can also be determined by registered voters but it would not be
27 possible to know how many registered voters there would be in the future. He did
28 a survey of other local agencies and discovered that most do not have policies,
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1 they adjust their boundaries whenever they feel the population has changed
2 significantly.

3 Director Price stated since Director Inocentes is not here, she would like to
4 hold this discussion until the next Board meeting. She requested a more detailed
5 map of her division so she can determine exactly where the new boundaries would
6 be.
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8 General Manager Lewinger stated he would like to know if the Board would
9 like to continue estimating population based on number of meters or change to
10 basing it on number of registered voters.
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12 Director Laudner stated he did not think using registered voters would be
13 as accurate.
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15 General Manager Lewinger stated he checked the numbers and,
16 surprisingly, the number of registered voters in each division is about the same as
17 a percentage of population.
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19 Director Poveda stated he would like time to digest the boundary changes
20 and requested Staff place this item on the next agenda. He suggested any
21 Director who might want to make changes contact General Manager Lewinger.
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23 13. President Poveda called for a recess at 2:55 p.m. The meeting was
24 reconvened at 3:17 p.m.

25 14. Administrative Services Department Head Alvarez presented his
26 Department's monthly report. He reported that the computer loan program
27 currently has 57 participants. He also reported that the equipment will be
28 delivered for the wellness center in 30 to 60 days.
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1 15. Operations Department Head Mahanke presented his Department's
2 monthly report.. He stated there would be a progress report on the SCADA
3 system at the next Board Meeting.
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5 Director Price stated she would like to see the system in operation.

6 16. Engineering Department Head Stanton presented his monthly
7 Engineering and Planning Department Report and the monthly status report for
8 CIP projects.. He pointed out that District Staff made a presentation to the City of
9 Chula Vista's Growth Management Oversight Commission regarding our
10 cooperation with the City and Sweetwater Authority for high water reliability and
11 the ability to meet future growth. The presentation was well received and Staff was
12 praised for a job well done. He also reported on meetings held with U.S.
13 Generating regarding the proposed power plant planned for the Otay Mesa.
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16 17. Finance Department Head Chambers presented the monthly
17 finance report. She reported that excess revenues over expenses is \$794,814 for
18 the six months ended December, 1998.
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20 18. Attorney Harron presented the monthly General Counsel report. He
21 reported that Central Basin MWD was offering its Directors a "split insurance"
22 policy benefit that would be comparable in value to the benefits found in PERS.
23 He asked them if they had considered the sections of the Government Code that
24 prohibits Districts from providing PERS coverage to directors and prohibits a
25 District from providing for health and welfare benefits to retired directors unless the
26 director pays the full cost. Central Basin Staff indicated they had not taken this into
27 consideration. He requested they provide him with the results of any further
28 evaluation they do in light of this information. H also reported that Otay authorized
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1 EastLake to build a temporary water line to serve the Olympic Training Center until
2 Olympic View Parkway was completed. The plans are now complete and
3 EastLake wants assurance that the District will agree to the vacation of the
4 easement when the permanent line is accepted. Staff does not believe this is the
5 type of vacation for which compensation should be required since it was always
6 contemplated that this substitution would be allowed.
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8 19. Public Affairs Administrator Cassens reported he and several other
9 Staff members attended the Sweetwater Water Shed Summit where protecting the
10 watershed and groundwater were the main topics.
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12 General Manager Lewinger stated he would place the East Mesa Detention
13 Facility reclaimed water system on the next agenda for discussion.
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15 General Manager Lewinger reported that the Chula Vista Resources
16 Conservation Committee recommended during their review of the KURS radio
17 antennas, that the City make the remainder of the District's property open space.
18 This is unacceptable to the District but it appears it is unlikely that the City will
19 support that recommendation.
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21 Director Watton inquired why the District is carrying a balance that has not
22 been paid by KURS.
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24 General Manager Lewinger stated arrangements have been made for
25 KURS to make payments until the total amount due is paid.
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27 General Manager Lewinger also reported that he received a letter from
28 Ramona Water District asking if the District would be interested in purchasing
29 storage in Lake Ramona. He stated he would need to know how they propose to
get the water to the District. He stated there has also been a proposal from

1 Western Water to broker 5,000 acre feet at a rate \$25 below the CWA charge.
2 He stated this would be a one-time deal over a 12 month period and would be
3 delivered at the District's turnout. He stated this issue would be agendized for a
4 future meeting.
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6 20. Director Watton reported on the Metropolitan Water District meeting
7 and the discussion regarding their request for Secretary Babbitt to look at
8 reallocation of the Colorado River. He also reported on the Senate hearings
9 where it appears every Senator is of a mood to do something about Metropolitan.
10 He stated no decisions were made at the hearing but it is clear something is going
11 to happen and he is just waiting to see who sponsors a bill.
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13 He reported the search for a new general manager is continuing. The first
14 consultant hired to find a new general manager was fired and now the second
15 consultant is getting a list of names.
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17 Director Poveda stated he would like to see the short list when it is
18 compiled along with some resumes or background so the Board could have a
19 discussion.
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21 21. It was concluded there was no need to hold the Closed Session
22 scheduled for discussion of a real property transaction.
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24 22. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was
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