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3 MINUTES OF THE  
4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
5 OTAY WATER DISTRICT  
6 APRIL 21, 1999

7 1. The meeting was called to order by President Poveda at 1:33 p.m.  
8 in the District Boardroom, 2554 Sweetwater Springs Boulevard, Spring Valley,  
9 California.

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

13 DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

14 STAFF PRESENT: Acting General Manager Harron  
15 Admin Services Dept Head Alvarez  
16 Engineering Dept Head Stanton  
17 Operations Dept Head Mahanke  
18 District Secretary Bartlett-May  
19 Public Affairs Administrator Cassens  
20 Others as per attached list

21 2. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Acting General Manager Harron  
22 stated he would like to add an item to the agenda regarding the sale of reclaimed  
23 water from Pond 9 to Signs and Pinnick. He stated this item came up after the  
24 posting of the agenda and must be dealt with before the next meeting.

25 President Poveda stated he would place this item on the agenda before the  
26 department reports.

27 A motion was made by Director Price, seconded by Director Laudner, and  
28 unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as amended.  
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1           8.       A motion was made by Director Laudner, seconded by Director  
2 Inocentes, and unanimously carried, to adopt the following items on the Consent  
3 Calendar:

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5           a)                               RESOLUTION NO. 3799

6                               A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OTAY  
7 WATER DISTRICT CANCELING THE REGULAR BOARD  
8 MEETING SET FOR MAY 5, 1999 AND SCHEDULING A  
9 REGULAR BOARD MEETING FOR MAY 12, 1999

10           b)       REPORT ON ENERGY SAVINGS

11           c)       STATUS REPORT ON WESTERN WATER

12           Director Price inquired when Director Watton felt the District should be  
13 considering a deal with Western Water considering SB 506.

14           Director Watton stated Senator Peace has a plan to get the parties  
15 together within the next two weeks. The legislation should gel within a week or two  
16 after that so maybe in a month the legislation will be finalized.

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18           Director Watton requested Acting General Manager Harron contact Larry  
19 Gardner at the City of San Diego again because he spoke with George Loveland  
20 who stated the Western Water deal has been put on ice at the City.

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22           Acting General Manager Harron stated he would talk to Mr. Gardner again.

23           9.       Acting General Manager Harron reported that Signs & Pinnick has  
24 made a request to purchase ten million gallons of water from Pond 9 for a grading  
25 operation. The water quality in Pond 9 is a lower quality than the District's  
26 reclaimed water but it is suitable for grading. It needs to be pumped out of the  
27 pond and so in consideration for the cost involved in pumping, Staff is proposing  
28 that the cost be reduced to \$1 per unit from \$1.51 per unit for regular reclaimed  
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1 water. He stated this is a good opportunity to distribute this water which otherwise  
2 would not be sold.

3 Director Laudner inquired if this was all right with the Regional Water  
4 Quality Control Board.

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6 Mr. Harron stated since it is reclaimed water, they have no problem with the  
7 sale.

8 Director Price inquired if there would be any health risk.

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10 Operations Department Head Mahanke stated they will be required to mark  
11 all their tanks and trucks appropriately. The District will police them to make sure  
12 this is done.

13 Director Price inquired how much water would remain in Pond 9.

14 Mr. Mahanke stated Signs & Pinnick will take about 90% of the water.

15 Director Price asked if this would have an impact on the golf course.

16 Mr. Mahanke stated Pond 9 is intended to be used as one of their water  
17 features.

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20 Engineering Department Head Stanton stated Staff met with golf course  
21 staff this morning and this issue is being resolved because it is the District's  
22 position that it does not have to fill the pond. The golf course has the option of  
23 buying water to fill them or filling them with dirt wholly or partially.

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25 Director Inocentes inquired where Signs & Pinnick would be using this  
26 water.

27 Mr. Stanton stated it would be used at Pacific Bay Homes Rolling Hills  
28 project next to the Use Area.  
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1 A motion was made by Director Inocentes, seconded by Director Laudner,  
2 and unanimously carried, to approve the sale of ten million gallons of reclaimed  
3 water from Pond 9 to Signs & Pinnick at \$1 per unit.  
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5 10. Administrative Services Department Head Alvarez presented his  
6 Department's monthly report. He updated the Board on the Wellness Center and  
7 stated it is being used by many employees. He reported that the Classification  
8 and Compensation Study is on schedule. There has been good communication  
9 with the employees about the process. The District participated in the Career Fair  
10 held at Southwestern College on April 20.  
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12 Director Price inquired about the YMCA water conservation program.  
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14 Mr. Alvarez stated he will have more detailed information in his next monthly  
15 report but at this time it is not planned to integrate it any further with the District's  
16 program because of the age of the children.  
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18 Director Poveda inquired if the Engineering Manager position was still  
19 open.  
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21 Mr. Stanton stated an offer was made but the person could not report as  
22 soon as was originally anticipated. It now appears they will report early May.  
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24 Director Poveda stated the ultra-low flow toilet program at Southwestern  
25 College on April 10 was very successful and he commended Jan Tubiolo and the  
26 others who put it together.  
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28 11. Operations Department Head Mahanke presented his Department's  
29 monthly report. He stated Staff did an excellent job preparing for the shut down.  
The rain helped considerably and the District's customers felt no effect. He  
reported there were leaks on a 21" steel line in ID 7. The pipeline is almost 40

1 years old and will be replaced by the interconnect project. The interconnect project  
2 will also eliminate the need for pumping at Telegraph Canyon during aqueduct shut  
3 downs.

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5 12. Engineering Department Head Stanton presented his monthly  
6 Engineering and Planning Department Report and the monthly status report for  
7 CIP projects. He reported that KURS is moving along in development of the  
8 access road. The District completed a pipeline replacement project between  
9 homes in a narrow easement on Dictionary Hill and there was a concern that the  
10 community would be upset. Staff met with the residents and kept communications  
11 open and everyone was happy with the result. Staff has met with a member of the  
12 Jamul Planning Group regarding the possible development of 100 acres across  
13 from Simpson's Nursery. The group is concerned because the developer has  
14 obtained County approval to install a recycled water plant with the condition that  
15 the district operate the plant and manage the sludge disposal. It was explained  
16 that any decision to operate and maintain such a facility would be subject to Board  
17 approval.

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21 Director Laudner stated he thought the Board had previously indicated it  
22 would not be involved with these types of plants.

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24 Director Watton stated the Board had taken an aggressive stance and  
25 indicated it would not say no but it would be so much more expensive than  
26 connecting to the sewer that the developer would not want that option.

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28 Director Laudner stated the monthly fees for the homeowners would be  
29 prohibitive also.

Director Watton stated the County's Urban Limit Line is still a factor.

1 Mr. Stanton also reported that the chief engineers and operating managers  
2 of local agencies are meeting monthly and have made a lot of headway. Out of  
3 116 identified items, they have agreed on 47 that are common. The group has  
4 committed to agreeing on the remaining items within the next several meetings.  
5 He stated the cooperation of the Padre Dam, Helix and Otay Boards was a great  
6 help.  
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8 Director Price inquired what the next step will be for the group.  
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10 Mr. Stanton stated there are two options; one to branch out to other water  
11 agencies, and the other to go into the County-wide Regional Standards  
12 Committee. He stated he chairs that committee so he has some leverage and  
13 would hope to be able to get a set of common standards that would be used  
14 County wide.  
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16 Director Price stated she noticed the wall out front is getting uglier each  
17 time she sees it and she thought there was discussion about having something in  
18 this report regarding the status of the last few projects that were identified to be  
19 cleaned up.  
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21 Mr. Stanton stated he had gotten some quotes to perform a number of  
22 tasks but a few things were left out so additional pricing is being obtained that  
23 could be brought forward to the Board. He stated stucco had been put on the wall  
24 but it was not properly water sealed or capped so the water is getting in and  
25 causing the damage. He stated he would bring back options regarding the wall.  
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27 Director Watton stated he had spoken with a consultant for U.S. Generating  
28 and he mentioned that they are now looking at a dry plant.  
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1 Mr. Stanton stated he has been told they would like to go with a wet plant  
2 but they are nervous about the community response. They are currently on hold  
3 because the biggest issue is the resolution of the air quality issues and the ability  
4 to acquire NO<sub>x</sub> credits. They had originally thought they could pay the District to  
5 convert diesel engines into gas units and acquire them that way but they found out  
6 they would actually have to take an equal type of plant out of service which would  
7 bring them to a standstill. He stated they had hoped to acquire the South Bay plant  
8 but they were outbid.  
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11 Director Poveda inquired about fencing at the radio antennae property.

12 Mr. Stanton stated he thinks they are being required to fence the acreage  
13 the District leased them.  
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15 Director Poveda asked if the District is planning to fence the remaining  
16 property.  
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18 Mr. Mahanke stated the property has been disked to keep the weeds down.  
19 He wants to look at existing fence lines to see what needs to be fixed and maybe  
20 look at putting up a two strand barbed wire fence to keep people off the property.  
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22 Director Inocentes stated he would be concerned about claims with a  
23 barbed wire.  
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25 Mr. Mahanke stated maybe a single strand wire without barbs would be an  
26 option.  
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28 Director Poveda requested a report on the fencing at the next meeting.

29 13. Acting General Manager Harron reported April 29 is the last Water  
Conservation Garden Board meeting before the opening of the Garden. A  
summary of what will be done by then will be presented at that meeting. It appears

1 that 95% of the material will be planted and signs will be installed even if they are  
2 not the permanent ones.

3 He reported that Jim Swanson, the District's insurance broker, is getting  
4 bids from Hartford and Coregis and JPIA will be bidding as well.

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6 Director Price asked if the Board thought an ad hoc insurance committee  
7 should be formed to review the proposals and clarify lingering questions.

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9 Director Poveda stated the entire Board should hear the proposals and  
10 requested the item be placed on the next agenda.

11 Mr. Harron stated it could be placed on the agenda for the May 12 and May  
12 19 meetings to provide adequate time to discuss the issue and make a decision.

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14 Director Price stated she wants a JPIA representative to attend the  
15 meeting and if there is a problem, Mr. Harron should contact Director Poveda to  
16 see about setting up a special meeting.

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18 Director Poveda inquired if the Veteran's Home agreement has been  
19 executed.

20 Mr. Harron stated the agreement had been drafted and sent to the City of  
21 Chula Vista but has not been returned. The City will be coming back to the Board  
22 in the future to request a waiver of the fees or some form of relief.

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24 Director Poveda also inquired if the golf course representatives have  
25 resolved the issue of fees with the City of Chula Vista.

26 Mr. Harron stated they had and they would be doing actual traffic counts  
27 since the issue was with the fees for those facilities. They will pay the fee but after  
28 the traffic counts are verified, they will adjust the fee up or down based on actual  
29 use.

1           14.     Public Affairs Coordinator Cassens reported that the new and  
2 improved annual water quality/consumer confidence report required under the  
3 Safe Drinking Water Act was distributed. Next year it will be called a consumer  
4 confidence report and be created under a new set of regulations making it a  
5 longer two page report.  
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7           Director Price inquired who contracted with Katz and Associates on the  
8 outreach for the new 803 Reservoir site.  
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10           Mr. Cassens stated Katz and Associates was hired as a subcontractor  
11 under John Powell and Associates who is assisting Larry Rega, the Project  
12 Manager for this project.  
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14           Director Price inquired if it was Katz and Associates hired for the  
15 repurification project for the City of San Diego.  
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17           Mr. Cassens stated they worked on the emergency storage project but he  
18 is unsure if they worked on the repurification project.  
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20           15.     Director Watton reported that the CWA meeting is tomorrow. He  
21 stated it seems to him that the Economic Study Group has dropped out of sight.  
22 The CWA is working through the rate study that they are doing. They got back to  
23 the Economic Study Group with a lot of questions and all of a sudden they seem to  
24 have pulled the report and aren't saying much so he was curious where they might  
25 head with this whole issue. He stated some of the CWA directors spent time with  
26 the North County Times discussing the rate issues and how the CWA member  
27 agencies are so interconnected.  
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1 He reported that the Senate and the Assembly are having a joint hearing on  
2 April 27 for the 4.4 plan and the next day is the Metropolitan hearing with the  
3 Senate Select Committee.  
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5 He reported that Joe Tate has been hired to be the Assistant General  
6 Manager at Metropolitan Water District.

7 16. Director Inocentes reported on his attendance at the Water  
8 Agencies Dinner last week where Juan Vargas spoke.  
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10 Director Price stated she also attended the Water Agencies Dinner and  
11 was impressed with Councilman Vargas. She reported on her attendance at the  
12 grand opening at Otay Ranch which was a top-notch event. She stated Otay was  
13 thanked for their cooperation and efforts toward getting the project off the ground.  
14 She attended the P&M Breakfast where Mike Gotch spoke regarding the funds  
15 taken from special districts. She attended the Water Conservation Garden  
16 Steering Committee which is being broken down into three subcommittees. She  
17 was asked to serve on one of the committees.  
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20 She stated it is her understanding that in the past the Directors' Divisions  
21 were done by precinct and it was not done this way this time. She requested that  
22 some consideration be given to using precincts again.  
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24 Director Poveda stated this should be discussed at the April 28<sup>th</sup>  
25 workshop.

26 Director Price stated she would not be prepared to move until she can see  
27 her division boundaries done by precinct.  
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29 Director Poveda stated population is what needs to be taken into  
consideration.

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Director Inocentes stated he was told previously that precincts were not used.

Director Watton stated he would be fully prepared Wednesday to have the discussion and if it requires a look at population or precincts, it can be discussed further at a later date.

Director Price stated it is Secretaries Day and she extended her appreciation to all the secretaries and clerical workers.

Director Laudner stated he would also like to thank the secretaries for their hard work.

Director Poveda also said happy Secretaries Day.

17. The Board went into Closed Session at 2:50 to discuss real property transactions and personnel matters.

18. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

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President

ATTEST:  
  
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District Secretary