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MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
OTAY WATER DISTRICT

NOVEMBER 17, 1999

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Price at 3:00 p.m. at the District offices at 2554 Sweetwater Springs Boulevard, Spring Valley, California.

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Director Poveda

OTHERS PRESENT: General Manager Cardenas  
Attorney Harron  
Finance Dept Head Chambers  
Administrative Dept Head Alvarez  
Operations Dept Head Mahanke  
District Secretary Bartlett-May  
Others as per attached list

2. A motion was made by Director Laudner, seconded by Director Inocentes, and unanimously carried, to approve the agenda.

3. A motion was made by Director Watton, seconded by Director Laudner and unanimously carried, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 3, 1999.

4. A motion was made by Director Laudner, seconded by Director Inocentes, to approve the Demands as listed.

5. Vice President Price inquired if anyone in the audience wished to address 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.



1 NEXING SAID PROPERTY TO OTAY WATER DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT  
2 DISTRICT NO. 22 (WO 0210-20.219/DIV 1)

3 The Public Hearing was opened but no one wished to address the Board.

4 The Public Hearing was then closed.

5 A motion was made by Director Inocentes, seconded by Director Watton,  
6 and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution No 3826.  
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8 10. Vice President Price presented

9 RESOLUTION NO. 3827

10 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OTAY WATER  
11 DISTRICT FIXING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE ANNEXATION  
12 TO OTAY WATER DISTRICT SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF  
13 THOSE LANDS DESCRIBED AS "FAIRWAY VILLAS ANNEXATION"  
14 AND ANNEXING SAID PROPERTY TO OTAY WATER DISTRICT SEWER  
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (APN 515-151-17) (WO 9112/DIV 5)

15 The Public Hearing was opened but no one wished to address the Board.

16 The Public Hearing was then closed.

17 A motion was made by Director Laudner, seconded by Director Watton,  
18 and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution No. 3827.  
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20 11. Vice President Price presented

21 RESOLUTION NO. 3828

22 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OTAY WATER  
23 DISTRICT FIXING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE ANNEXATION  
24 TO OTAY WATER DISTRICT SEWER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF  
25 THOSE LANDS DESCRIBED AS "HILLSDALE RANCH ANNEXATION"  
26 AND ANNEXING SAID PROPERTY TO OTAY WATER DISTRICT SEWER  
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (APN 515-101-18) (WO 9110/DIV 5)

27 The Public Hearing was opened but no one wished to address the Board.

28 The Public Hearing was then closed.  
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1 A motion was made by Director Watton , seconded by Director Inocentes,  
2 and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 3828.

3 12. Administrative Department Head Alvarez stated a copy of the MWD  
4 calendar was distributed to the Directors. He stated the District had a winner in  
5 the calendar and the winner will be brought back during Water Awareness month.  
6 He also reported that the garden was submitted in the ACWA Theodore Roose-  
7 velt Environmental award contest and won second place.  
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10 Director Price asked that the Board be made aware of the date that Pam  
11 Rega will be going to the poster winner's school so they might attend if they wish.

12 13. Operations Department Head Mahanke submitted the Department's  
13 monthly report. He stated the City of San Diego was operating some valves in  
14 Coronado and broke a 24" valve. They called Otay to ask for a water truck to de-  
15 liver drinking water. He also reported that on November 7 near the new Skyline  
16 Wesleyan church there was a sewage blockage and Staff had to report the spill to  
17 the necessary agencies.  
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20 14. Engineer Jim Peasley reported there will be an APWA meeting to-  
21 night to discuss the plant expansion and the Helix flume project expansion. He  
22 also pointed out that there was a meeting with Ameron and they stated they would  
23 stand behind the pipe in Hunte Parkway as if it was new so it will be reused.  
24 Staff's position is that the District will not pay for any of the problem caused by this  
25 error.  
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28 Director Price asked about the pipeline that is too high and why the District  
29 is accepting that.

1 General Manager Cardenas said the issue was that the District did not give  
2 the contractor the proper information and Operations found that the District could  
3 make it work. He thanked the Engineering staff for carrying the ball while leader-  
4 less and particularly Jim Peasley for a job well done.  
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6 15. General Counsel Harron stated the joint use issue has been re-  
7 solved with Chula Vista regarding providing alternative property while working on  
8 the reservoir under the City park. He reported that Sprint and Nextel will be here to  
9 look at putting antennas on the District's roof. He reported that the District has  
10 shared its procedure for awarding annual contracts on an "as-needed" basis with  
11 CWA Staff. He believes that as long as bidders are required to list the subcon-  
12 tractors they intend to use, the procedure is in compliance with state law. The  
13 schools continue to have problems with combined contracts and he is watching  
14 this closely although the District's situation is slightly different in that the District  
15 does not give work to those who are not low bidders. He also reported that the  
16 City of San Diego has gotten requests for elected officials e-mail and cell phone  
17 records and that as long as these services are paid for by the public agency, they  
18 are subject to the Public Records Act.  
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22 16. General Manager Cardenas thanked Director Watton for the State  
23 Water Project tour. He met with Bob Campbell of CWA to discuss the rate struc-  
24 ture. He is also getting involved with the Metro Commission and he is going on a  
25 field trip to San Jose tomorrow.  
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27 17. Director Watton stated the strategic plan is being discussed at  
28 MWD but it seems no decisions are being made and he can only describe it as  
29 schizophrenic. He stated most directors understand that things are not going to

1 stay the way they are and they need to be prepared for open markets. He feels at  
2 the CWA there will also be a more regional approach to covering fixed costs.  
3 CWA will have to allow for agencies who will buy from Western Water or others.  
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5 The inland feeder was discussed at MWD in closed session which was protested  
6 because it was felt it did not qualify under the Brown Act as a closed session is-  
7 sue. The options are to abandon the project with about \$300 million into it, partner  
8 with an agency outside of Met to use some existing pipeline capacity, redo the  
9 alignment to address the forest service problems, or continue with the project as it  
10 is. The Board was originally told the inland feeder was needed to fill Eastside  
11 Reservoir. Now staff is told that the inland feeder is not necessary to fill Eastside  
12 nor for the water blend that is needed in San Diego. There will be a workshop in  
13 December to discuss what will happen with the inland feeder. He also reported  
14 that the Executive Committee had three vacancies and the nominating committee  
15 came up with three names from the list of usual suspects. Bud Lewis suggested  
16 the use of write-ins. Director Watton received about 44% of the vote, Jim Turner  
17 got 30% and Bud Lewis got the votes of the San Diego delegation. There was  
18 another item on the Consent Calendar which changed the administrative code to  
19 allow him to appoint two people to the Executive Committee. Phil Pace made a  
20 statement that those would be San Diego seats. Another item discussed was wa-  
21 ter treatment. MWD has some treatment plants and when they voted to go to ozi-  
22 nation the Engineering Department planned to install equipment for the full capac-  
23 ity of these plants but some of the plants are only using 30% capacity. This was  
24 going to be a huge bill that they were going to spread among the agencies. Ron  
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1 Gastelum is now trying to decide how to size the retrofits to the actual use of the  
2 plant which would eliminate hundreds of millions of dollars.

3 18. Director Inocentes reported on his attendance at the Mayor's Break-  
4 fast where Roger Hedgecock spoke. He also went to the NWRA conference and  
5 he won the election to be alternate to the Water Policy Committee. He feels there  
6 needs to be some changes because Oregon pulled out and even though there  
7 contribution was only \$6000 they were forced to go back into the budget. There  
8 will be a special meeting in February to look at what their future is. He also at-  
9 tended the Met meeting and he thinks they are having some healthy dialogue and  
10 he feels people are trying to work together.

11 19. Director Price stated she also feels the NWRA is an organization in  
12 flux and they need to find out what direction they should be going in. She toured  
13 the Scottsdale Water Campus while at the NWRA conference. She also attended  
14 the ACWA State legislative workshop and discussed which pieces of legislation  
15 they will back

16 20. Director Laudner stated he enjoyed the State Water Project tour  
17 hosted by Director Watton and Director Bud Lewis. He also attended WARAC  
18 where they are still discussing Tijuana buying reclaimed water through a plant be-  
19 ing built by the City of San Diego. They are also discussing desalination.

20 21. The Board went into Closed Session at 4:30 p.m. to discuss per-  
21 sonnel matters.

22 22. The Board came out of Closed Session at 5:15 p.m. A motion was  
23 made by Director Laudner, seconded by Director Watton, and unanimously car-  
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1 ried, to add \$931,000 to the GIS capital budget and have the dollar total and the  
2 goals for the project brought back to the Board.

3 23. With no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting was  
4 adjourned at 5:16 p.m.  
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