

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY
GROUP MEETING
OF THE
EL TORO WATER DISTRICT

February 5, 2015

Mr. Hill called the meeting of the Community Advisory Group of the EL TORO WATER DISTRICT to order at 12:00 o'clock p.m. on February 5, 2015 at the El Toro Water District Administrative Offices, 24251 Los Alisos Boulevard, Lake Forest, California.

Director Vergara led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Directors WILLIAM H. KAHN, JOSE F. VERGARA, and FREDERICK J. ADJARIAN were present.

Also present were ROBERT R. HILL, General Manager, MICHAEL P. GRANDY, Chief Financial Officer/Assistant Treasurer, DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, Director of Operations/Engineering, NEELY SHAHBAKHTI, Controller, JUDY CIMORELL, Human Resources Manager, SHERRI SEITZ, Public Relations/Emergency Preparedness Administrator, STEVE WINGEN, Customer Service Manager, RON HIGHTOWER, Crew Chief, and POLLY WELSCH, Recording Secretary.

Directors SCOTT GOLDMAN and MARK MONIN were absent.

SELF INTRODUCTIONS

Self introductions were made around the room.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Mr. Hill welcomed new attendees.

Open Forum

There were no comments.

Water Supply Conditions, Drought Response & Water Rationing

Mr. Hill provided an update on the Statewide Reservoir conditions, drought regulations, and mandates for conservation.

Mr. Grandy stated that the Governor declared emergency cutbacks with the potential for water rationing and allocations. He further stated that implementation could come as early as April or May of a 15-20% cutback with significant monetary penalties.

Mr. Hill stated that looking to the future, there is an Orange County Water Reliability Study, the Recycled Water Expansion project, the Baker Filtration Plant, and Ocean Desalination.

Questions

A guest of Mr. Tung asked why new development is allowed if we are in a water shortage. Mr. Hill replied that the water agencies have statutory mandates to supply water to customers and are not land use planning agencies.

Marty Rhodes stated that during the last drought the city of Goleta put a moratorium on building, and he suggested that we contact them to see how they were able to pass the moratorium on new development in less than 30 days.

Carol Moore thanked the District for planning ahead, and stated that she is interested in hearing more about how satellites measure surface water.

Roslyn Rhodes stated that drip lines should be installed for plants.

James Tung stated that something needs to be done so customers don't have to wait for hot water. He further stated that customers need to be aware of rebates.

Jerry Werner stated that the audience should speak to what they are doing to conserve water.

Ken Hammer stated that he doesn't understand why Congress is supporting Delta Smelt instead of the population and food.

ETWD's New Website

Ms. Seitz provided a brief tour of the District's new website, which is easier to read and navigate. She further stated that it is anticipated to be live by the end of February.

Recycled Water Expansion Project

Mr. Cafferty provided an update on the Recycled Water Expansion Project.

Meeting Conclusion/Other Business

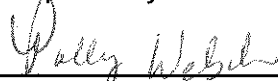
There were no comments.

Adjournment

Mr. Hill asked if there were any other questions.

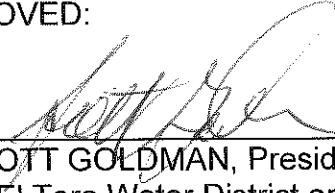
There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 o'clock p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

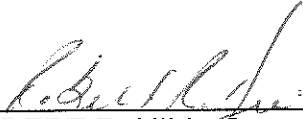


POLLY WELSCH
Recording Secretary

APPROVED:



M. SCOTT GOLDMAN, President of
of the El Toro Water District and the
Board of Directors thereof



ROBERT R. HILL, Secretary
of the El Toro Water District and
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