

**SOUTH BAY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
January 15, 2007**

The Board of Directors of South Bay Irrigation District held a regular meeting on Monday, January 15, 2007, at the Sweetwater Authority Administrative Office, 505 Garrett Avenue, Chula Vista, California. President Pocklington called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

- **ROLL CALL**

Directors Present: Alkire, Doud, Pocklington, Thomas, and Welsh.

Directors Absent: None.

Others Present: General Manager Bostad, Operations Manager Rogers, Legal Counsel Akins, Treasurer Delegatee Farrow, and Board Secretary Schoonderwoerd. Sweetwater Authority staff: Kevin Kasner and Cynthia Berndt.

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Director Alkire conducted the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

- **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (Government Code Section (54954.3))**

There was no comment from the public.

- **PRESIDENT'S PRESENTATION**

President Pocklington noted that there was no presentation scheduled for this meeting, but he asked Operations Manager Rogers to provide the Board with an update on a main break that occurred at approximately 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 14th at the intersection of "H" Street and I-805. Mr. Rogers stated that an eight-inch steel pipeline broke, it pushed sideways north into a dirt area, and forced mud into the backyards of three homes, flooding two pools and damaging some interior areas of one of the homes. Sweetwater Authority crews responded immediately, were on site by 7:45 a.m., and isolated the point of the break. As of this date, clean-up crews are currently working the site.

Mr. Rogers explained that the pipe that broke was a 1958 eight-inch, steel pipeline. The nature of the break cannot be determined until the pipe is dug out and examined more closely. The plan is to have the water back on and the pipe fixed by the end of today. KUSI television news responded and reported that the homeowners were quoted as saying that the Authority's quick response prevented more damage. Insurance adjusters are on the scene assessing the situation. Mr. Rogers explained that the lifetime of steel pipes can be anywhere from 40-100 years depending on soil conditions and temperatures. General Manager Bostad added that approximately 15 years ago, installation procedures were changed whereby pipes were put in a bed of decomposed granite, which provides strong support, a neutral or non-corrosive environment, and a longer pipe life. President Pocklington applauded Sweetwater Authority crews for the positive public response in this situation. A full report of the break will be provided once the problem is resolved and assessed.

ACTION AGENDA

1. **ITEMS TO BE ADDED, WITHDRAWN OR REORDERED TO THE AGENDA**
There were none.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Director Thomas made a motion, seconded by Director Doud, that the Board approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 18, 2006. The motion carried.

3. **APPROVAL OF DEMANDS AND WARRANTS**

Director Alkire made a motion, seconded by Director Thomas, that warrant numbers 10479 through 10486 be approved. The motion carried.

4. **APPROVAL OF DIRECTORS' ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no meetings presented for approval.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

Consideration of nominations of Directors interested in appointment to the Region 6 vacancy on the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Board and adoption of supporting resolutions. Director Doud expressed interest in placing his name in nomination for this position and requested the Board's support. He stated that his appointment to the CSDA Planning Committee was confirmed by the Board of Directors on January 12th, and that the CSDA San Diego Chapter Board supported his nomination.

President Pocklington made a motion, seconded by Director Thomas, that the Board approve the nomination of Director Doud to the Region 6 vacancy on the California Special Districts (CSDA) Board and the adoption of Resolution 573. The motion carried.

Upon said motion, the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 573

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH BAY IRRIGATION DISTRICT PLACING IN NOMINATION JAMES F. DOUD AS A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION BOARD REPRESENTING REGION 6

was passed and adopted by the following vote, to wit:

Ayes:	Directors Alkire, Doud, Pocklington, Thomas, and Welsh
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

6. REPORT BY DIRECTORS ON EVENTS ATTENDED

There were none.

7. QUARTERLY REPORT OF DIRECTORS' EXPENSES – 2ND QUARTER FY 2006-07

There were no comments from the Board on this informational report.

8. REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

General Manager Bostad reported that he met with Bob Johnson, the new Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, to discuss a South County water supply strategy and the use of brine lines and brackish groundwater plants to extend and expand potential groundwater use. He stated that Sweetwater Authority will host a meeting with the U.S. Geological Survey, Otay Water District, the City of San Diego, the San Diego County Water Authority, and San Diego State University to discuss this water supply strategy further. Proposition 50 funding and other opportunities will be discussed and evaluated. One advantage to putting this together in a stakeholder approach is to develop additional funding sources, the USGS groundwater studies in the San Diego Formation being an example. Additionally, this will help to strengthen Sweetwater Authority's fundraising position at the state and federal levels as well. The state is stressing integrated regional water management planning, and presenting this as an integrated stakeholder approach strengthens the Authority's funding position.

General Manager Bostad introduced Cynthia Berndt, the new Administration Office Assistant, who will provide clerical support to Sweetwater Authority's Engineering Department as well. Ms. Berndt provided background on her previous six-year history at the Chula Vista Elementary School District where she worked in Instructional Services and Support. She has been a part of the Chula Vista community since childhood and is a graduate of Hilltop High School. The Board welcomed Ms. Berndt to the Authority's team.

General Manager Bostad announced that staff is researching available dates for a tour and update on the Poseidon Resources pilot desalination plant in Carlsbad. Mr. Bostad added that Peter MacLaggan, Senior Vice President of Poseidon Resources, is scheduled to make a presentation to the Council of Water Utilities in February. Javier Saunders, City of San Diego representative to the CWA, has been nominated as Mr. Bostad's replacement as Chair of the Council of Water Utilities, and Chuck Muse as Vice Chair, effective March 2007.

9. REPORT OF LAFCO SPECIAL DISTRICTS REGULAR MEMBER

President Pocklington reported that there was no meeting in January. However, the February meeting was scheduled to cover the upgrading of county fire districts.

10. REPORT OF LAFCO ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Director Alkire reported that the January 19th meeting was cancelled, but a meeting was scheduled for February 16, 2007.

11. REPORT OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVE

President Pocklington reported that the CWA Board will meet on January 25th. He was unable to attend the Special Board Meeting on January 11th, where extensive discussion was held on the proposed 6.9 percent increase currently being considered by the Metropolitan Water District. Additional updates will be forthcoming in February and March. The year 2007 will be a year to look closely at rate increases not only at MWD, but also CWA and local agencies, with many projects in the works. MWD had no rate increase in the seven years between 1997 and 2003. In 2004-06, rates were raised 5 percent, which did not cover all costs. Solar energy options and the availability of subsidies from the state were discussed.

12. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Director Welsh welcomed Director Thomas and Ms. Berndt.

Director Doud shared a quote from American folklorist Zora Neale Hurston (1903-1960): "Don't you realize that the sea is the home of water? All water is off on a journey unless it's in the sea, and it's homesick, and bound to make its way home someday."

Director Thomas suggested that Sweetwater Authority consider membership in the State Local Government Commission. President Pocklington recommended that Director Thomas provide staff with background information to bring to the Authority's Board through its Finance and Personnel Committee.

In response to Director Thomas's request for various Board member related publications, Director Doud commented that often this material is provided as part of the attendance fees for workshops and conferences.

13. CLOSED SESSION

There was none.

14. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, President Pocklington adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m., to the hour of 3:30 p.m., on February 19, 2007.

W.D. "Bud" Pocklington, President

Attest:

Rita Schoonderwoerd, Board Secretary