

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**May 15, 2007**

The Board of directors of the Vandenberg Village Community Services District met for a Special Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at the District Office Conference Room.

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Rowland who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 2. ROLL CALL:** Directors Blair, Brooks, Fox, Rowland, and Wyckoff were present.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Joe Barget, General Manager; Patty LeCavalier, Finance Administrator; Martin Damwyk, Operations & Maintenance Manager; and Susie Fulton, of Shell Beach, were present.

**3. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions or deletions to the Agenda.

**4. PUBLIC FORUM:**

President Rowland opened the Public Forum at 7:01 p.m. There were no comments from the public. President Rowland closed the Public Forum at 7:02 p.m.

## 5. OPERATIONS REPORT

The General Manager reported the District pumped 46.5 million gallons of water in April and the average daily demand was 1.6 million gallons.

The rainfall for April was .7 inches bringing the total for the year to 6.8 inches.

The field crew replaced one polybutylene service line on Titan Avenue. There was a 200-gallon sewer spill at manhole 330 on May 3. New sanitary sewer overflow reporting requirements went into effect on May 2 requiring agencies to designate an official to electronically report all spills to the California Department of Water Resources.

The Demonstration Garden Project was completed on May 1.

Central Automation is scheduled to provide training on May 25 to wrap up the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Project.

The Sewer Rehabilitation Project and the Filter Media Project are scheduled to begin the week of May 29.

To conclude his report, the General Manager recognized Martin Damwyk for 32 years with the District and Cindy Allen for 14 years with the District.

## 6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes of the April 3, 2007 Regular Meeting

B. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports

C. Approval of Disbursements through April 30, 2007

**Motion by Director Wyckoff seconded by Director Blair to approve the consent calendar as presented.**

**Unanimous**

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Water Tank 5B

**Motion by Director Brooks, seconded by Director Wyckoff to award a contract to Spiess Construction for \$63,225 to recoat damaged areas on Water Tank 5B. The General Manager is authorized to sign and manage the contract. Increase expense budget by \$25,000 to \$65,000 to cover this project.**

**Unanimous**

B. Economic Adjustments

There was a lot of discussion regarding this subject before the following motion was made.

**Motion by Director Wyckoff, seconded by Director Fox to continue using Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Salary & Benefits Surveys but also include the Department of Labor Consumer Price Index (CPI) when considering annual salary adjustments.**

**Unanimous**

8. REPORTS

A. Committees

No committee's met in April.

## B. District Representatives to External Agencies

Director Wyckoff attended the Lompoc Valley Committee meeting and distributed minutes to each Director.

## C. Board President

President Rowland recognized Martin Damwyk for his 32 years of service with the District.

## D. General Manager

The auditors, Moss, Levy & Hartzheim, will conduct their preliminary audit of the District on May 17-18.

Staff prepared and mailed Prop 218 notices of proposed rate increases on April 20. Although the proposition only requires notification to property owners, the District mailed 2,644 notices which included approximately 300 tenants. The notices announce a June 5 public hearing advising property owners that they may submit written protests against rate increases and state that if written protests are received by more than 50 percent of the property owners, the District cannot increase rates. As of May 15 the District has received nine written protests.

The Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) cooperating partners met on May 14 to determine \$25 million in projects for initial Prop 50 funding. Seventeen agencies each described their top-priority project but total amount of grant funds requested exceeded \$50 million. The General Manager requested a \$5 million grant with an \$11.5 million match for the District's \$16.5 million share of the Lompoc Regional Wastewater Reclamation Plant upgrade project. There is another meeting scheduled for May 18.

Peter Martin, USGS Hydrologist, will give a presentation on Lompoc Groundwater Basin hydrology and aquifer recharge at a special board meeting on Friday, June 22 at 2 p.m.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Barbara County High School Video Contest Awards Ceremony will be held on May 22 at the Library in Santa Barbara. Brandon LeDuc, an actor from the Cabrillo High School Video, will be there to receive the award on behalf of Jeff Monteleone. Tina McManigal is obtaining a \$200 savings bond for the board to present to Jeff at the June 5 board meeting.

9. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

Proposed LAFCO Budget for FY 2007-2008

Letter Dated April 26, 2007 from Chas. V. Eckert, III:

It was unanimous among the Directors to have staff prepare a letter to Mr. Eckert.

10. DIRECTORS' FORUM:

Director Blair recognized Martin Damwyk for his years with the District.

11. ADJOURN

**President Rowland declared the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.**

**Unanimous**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Approved as to form,**

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**Stephanie Vlahos-Rivera**  
**Secretary, Board of Directors**

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**Don Rowland**  
**President, Board of Directors**