

MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
January 15, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Merced Irrigation District met on the above date, pursuant to notice, at 10:00 A.M. in the City Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Roll call showed the following Board members present:

Directors:

Tim Pellissier	<i>President - Division 1</i>
Dave Long	<i>Vice President-Division 3</i>
Kevin Gonzalves	<i>Division 4</i>

The following MID Employees were also present:

General Manager	John Sweigard
General Counsel	Phillip McMurray
Deputy General Manager, Water Resources	Hicham Eltal
Deputy General Manager, Energy Resources	Don Ouchley
Director of Administrative Services	Jennifer Carter
Director of Finance	Brian Stubbert
Director of Parks and Recreation	James Mills
Director of Regulatory Compliance	Bryan Kelly
Public and Government Relations Officer	Mike Jensen
Administration Coordinator	Ann-Marie Felsing
Information Technology Manager	Jesse Kilgore

The following Board members were absent:

Scott Koehn	<i>Division 2</i>
Billy Pimentel	<i>Division 5</i>

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Anthony Roggero expressed concern regarding a meeting that took place on January 7, 2013 with MID's legal counsel, Phil McMurray. Mr. Roggero does not feel MID has ownership rights to a portion of his property and would like to work with staff to resolve the issue. Mr. Roggero presented the Board with a letter summarizing his position.

Mr. David Farmer informed the new Board members that the SOI group of El Nido (Representing 63 members and approximately 30,000 acres) would like to continue its good standing relationship with MID and continue to purchase water from MID.

Mr. Stan Morimoto expressed to the Board his feeling from a grower's standpoint how important water is to local agriculture and how imperative it is that MID and growers work together to protect our water resources.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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On motion by Director Long, seconded by Director Gonzalves, the Board present unanimously approved the consent calendar items.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Director of Energy Resources Ouchley requested the Board of Directors review and consider authorizing execution of a fifteen-year lease renewal with the County of Merced for facilities and land at the Castle Aviation Center. Mr. Ouchley summarized the proposed lease terms, additional facilities and land, and why the lease was needed to support MID's Energy Resources operations. Mr. Ouchley answered a number of questions from the Board.

After discussion, President Pellissier stated he would like to table the item until the next Board meeting so that further information can be considered. He indicated that the Board would like to see a comprehensive analysis of other available properties, as well as a cost estimate to utilize District facilities at Franklin Yard for the District's Energy Resources operations needs. Director Long suggested he work with a local real estate property manager for assistance in obtaining analysis figures.

Director of Parks and Recreation Mills requested the Board of Directors review and consider approving the 2013-2014 Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule, as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Committee.

After a detailed explanation and discussion of the 2013-2014 Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule changes, Director Gonzalves made a motion to approve the 2013-2014 Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule as presented, which was seconded by Director Long. The Board unanimously approved the 2013-2014 Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule.

REPORT ITEMS

Deputy General Manager of Water Resources Eltal presented the monthly Water Statistics Report. The water level of Lake McClure has not changed much since the last Board meeting. Mr. Eltal reviewed the monthly inflow, diversion to system, groundwater pumping and storage for Lake McClure. Storage is currently at 438,000 feet ("AF"), or 92% of average for this time of the year. The current inflow is approximately 300 cubic feet per second ("CFS"). The rainfall is currently at 5.73 inches, or 125% of average. The snow water content for Gin Flat is at 11.88 inches and Tenaya Lake is at 12.77 inches.

Mr. Eltal explained to the Board that total available stored water behind New Exchequer Dam in addition to probable runoff from existing snowpack at this time of the year is lower than the volumes last year at this time.

DIRECTOR REPORT

None

CLOSED SESSION

At 10:50 A.M., President Pellissier announced that the Board would adjourn to closed session. General Counsel McMurray reported that the Board would meet with counsel to discuss two (2) matters of anticipated litigation as described on the agenda pursuant to Government Code §54956.9. There was no public comment on any item listed on the closed session agenda.

At 11:00 A.M., President Pellissier convened the closed session with Board members Gonzalves, Long and Pellissier present. At 1:15 P.M., the Board returned to open session. Mr. McMurray reported that the Board met with counsel in closed session but took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

President Pellissier adjourned the meeting at 1:16 P.M.

The next scheduled Board of Directors meeting is Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at 10:00 A.M.



 Dave Long, Vice President

APPROVED:



 Tim Pellissier, President