

MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT
APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
March 18, 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>
Scott Koehn	<i>Division 2</i>
Dave Long	<i>Vice President-Division 3</i>
Kevin Gonzalves	<i>Division 4</i>
Billy Pimentel	<i>Division 5</i>

The following MID Employees were also present:

General Manager	John Sweigard
General Counsel	Phillip McMurray
Deputy General Manager, Water Supply/Rights	Hicham Eltal
Deputy General Manager, Water Resources	Bryan Kelly
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
Public and Government Relations Officer	Mike Jensen
Financial Analyst	Rigoberto Guzman
Administration Coordinator	Ann-Marie Felsing

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Anthony Roggero expressed interest in the Mariposa County Water update item on the agenda. President Pellissier asked Mr. Roggero to hold his comment until the Mariposa Water Agenda item is discussed.

Mr. Joe Scoto asked about the deadline that SED comment letters had to be delivered to the SWRCB. General Counsel McMurray informed Mr. Scoto and the public that all comment letters need to be submitted to the SWRCB on or before March 29, 2013.

Mr. Bob Weimer expressed concern to the Board about District revenue declines. Mr. Weimer indicated that if the District is not cautious during upcoming labor negotiations with the IBEW, the District could see layoffs and furloughs like other agency and municipalities around the state. Mr. Weimer indicated that he would like to see the negotiations result in a MOU that is sustainable for both the District and its employees.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Board Meeting Minutes March 5, 2013

On motion by Director Long, seconded by Director Koehn, the Board unanimously approved the consent calendar item.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

REPORT ITEMS

Deputy General Manager of Water Resources Bryan Kelly indicated that in addition to presentations from the San Joaquin Tributaries Authority and the District's partner agencies on the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers, he will be presenting MID's opposition to the SWRCB's Substitute Environmental Document (SED) at the SWRCB's public hearings, scheduled for Tuesday, March 20th and Wednesday, March 21st in Sacramento. MID has chartered a bus for anyone from the public that would like to attend and participate in the hearings on March 20th.

Mr. Kelly presented the Board with an update of the available surface water supply and the Supplemental Water Supply Pool Program. Mr. Kelly explained that in February, DWR projected that the expected inflow of runoff into Lake McClure between March and July was anticipated at 370,000 AF. At the March 5 Board meeting, DWR had reduced its projections to 310,000 AF, and based on DWR's most recent information, DWR is projecting approximately 210,000 AF.

Mr. Kelly continued that the District currently has approximately 30,000 AF of subscription into MID's Supplemental Water Supply Pool Program, and that staff will continue taking subscriptions until May 1 or until we hit the 64,000 AF limit. A second letter is going out to MID customers to provide additional subscription information.

Director of Parks and Recreation Mills presented the Parks and Recreation update for February 2013. Mr. Mills provided a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the department's operations update which included a financial summary, maintenance, and upcoming special events.

General Counsel McMurray provided the Board with a general update on the litigation between the District and Mariposa County pursuant to requests from the public and the Board. Mr. McMurray indicated the date that the District had filed pleadings with the California state Superior Court, and the status of the litigation in Federal District Court in Fresno. Mr. McMurray indicated that since the matter involved ongoing litigation, no additional comments could be provided.

DIRECTOR REPORT

None

CLOSED SESSION

At 10:40 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 existing litigation regarding the Gallo Cattle Company as described on the agenda pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, as well as to confer with the District labor negotiators pursuant to Government Code §54956.6. There was no public comment on any item listed on the closed session agenda.

At 10:50 A.M., President Pellissier convened the closed session with all Board members present. At 1:05 P.M., the Board returned to open session. Mr. McMurray reported that the Board met with counsel in closed session regarding two (2) matters of existing litigation, and also with the District's labor negotiators. The Board provided staff with direction in each of the matters discussed, but took no action.

ADJOURNMENT


President Pellissier adjourned the meeting at 1:06 P.M.

The next scheduled Board of Directors meeting is Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 10:00 A.M.



 Dave Long, Vice President

APPROVED:



 Tim Pellissier, President