DUBLIN SAN RAMON SERVICES DISTRICT MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 5, 2014

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Georgean M. Vonheeder-Leopold. Boardmembers present: President Georgean M. Vonheeder-Leopold, Vice President Edward R. Duarte, Director D.L. (Pat) Howard, Director Richard M. Halket, and Director Dawn L. Benson. District staff present: Bert Michalczyk, General Manager; Rhodora Biagtan, Interim Engineering Services Manager; John Archer, Interim Financial Services Manager/Treasurer; Dan Gallagher, Operations Manager; Michelle Gallardo, Interim Organizational Services Manager; Carl P.A. Nelson, General Counsel; and Nancy Gamble Hatfield, District Secretary.

- 1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>
- 2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG
- 3. ROLL CALL Members: Benson, Duarte, Halket, Howard, Vonheeder-Leopold
- 4. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIVITIES
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT (MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC) 6:01 p.m.
- 6. <u>REPORTS</u>
 - A. Reports by General Manager and Staff
 - Event Calendar General Manager Michalczyk reported on the following:
 - Correspondence to and from the Board

Date	Format	From	To	Subject
4/30/14	Email	Ezio A. Moresi	Board of Directors	Sewer Charges
5/5/14	Letter	Gale Starsiak	DSRSD	Drought

- B. Agenda Management (consider order of items) No changes were made
- C. <u>Committee Reports</u> Special External Affairs

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President Vonheeder-Leopold invited comments on recent committee activities. Directors felt the available staff reports adequately covered the many matters considered at committee meetings and made a few comments about some of the committee activities.

7. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> – Special Meeting of *April 22*, 2014

Director Howard MOVED for the approval of the April 22, 2014 minutes. Director Benson SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Howard MOVED for approval of the items on the Consent Calendar. V.P. Duarte SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

- A. Endorse FYE 2015 Strategic Work Plan and Modify Strategic Goal Approved
- B. Award Construction Agreement to JMB Construction, Inc., for the Vactor Receiving Station (CIP 13-P007) Approved Resolution No. 22-14
- C. Approve Technical Services Agreement with National Plant Services, Inc. for Condition Assessments of Large Diameter Sanitary Sewer Lines – Approved – Resolution No. 23-14
- D. Upcoming Board Calendar Approved
- E. Report of Checks and Electronic Disbursements Made Approved

Date Range	Amount	
03/24/14 - 04/27/2014	\$4,194,913.84	

9. <u>BOARD BUSINESS</u>

A. Approve Operating Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Years Ending 2014 and 2015

Financial Services Manager Archer briefed the Board on the proposed Operating Budget adjustments for Fiscal Years Ending 2014 and 2015. He explained that as is customary after January 1 of the first year of the two year budget cycle that staff reviews the budget for any needed material changes. The Finance Committee reviewed and supports the proposed adjustments.

Mr. Archer reviewed highlights of the budgets noting that there is an expense reduction of \$534,942 in FYE 2014 with \$529,500 of that being carried forward to FYE 2015. In FYE 2015, there is a proposed increase in expenses of \$611,200 but given the carryover this represents a net increase of only \$81,700. None of the increase includes anticipated drought-related costs as those will be addressed later in Agenda Item 9.K. In compliance with procedures for staff travel, out-of-state conference attendance must be identified as a line item to the budget and so attendance at the CASA/ACWA conferences in Washington, D.C. for R. Biagtan and S. Delight has been identified as has attendance to the ABPA Western Regional Backflow Conference in Las Vegas for S. Olson and F. Khaw. No

additional budget is required. Mr. Archer stated that overall fund balances are in good shape and within targets set by the Board with the exception of the Water Replacement fund that is outside of working capital targets. Water Replacement is lower due to approved spending for the Central Dublin Recycled Water project and balances are in line with previous estimates. However, the District's finances are strong, stable, and sustainable moving forward.

Director Benson MOVED to adopt <u>Resolution No. 24-14</u> approving Operating Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Years Ending 2014 and 2015. Director Howard SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

B. Approve Mid-Cycle Budget Adjustments to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Two-Year Budget for Fiscal Years Ending 2014 & 2015

Engineering Services Manager Biagtan presented the proposed Mid-Cycle budget adjustments for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Two-Year Budget for Fiscal Years Ending 2014 & 2015. Staff is requesting to add eight projects, increase the budget for two authorized projects and revise the fund expenditures limits for FYE 2015.

Ms. Biagtan highlighted the following projects: Water Supply Contingency Plan, Corporation Yard & Administrative Facilities, Digester Nos. 1-3 Roof Recoating, and Pump Stations VFD (variable frequency drives) Replacements. Additional information about all the projects is contained in the Staff Report contained in the agenda materials.

V.P. Duarte MOVED to adopt <u>Resolution No. 25-14</u>, approving a Budget Adjustment to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Two-Year Budget for Fiscal Years Ending 2014 and 2015. Director Benson SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

C. Accept Water Supply Report through May 1, 2014 and Receive Briefing on Programmatic Actions Needed in Response to the Drought

General Manager Michalczyk stated the Board received a water supply status two weeks ago and not much has changed since then from a hydrology standpoint. However, there have been some policy and implementation developments. On April 25, 2014 Governor Brown issued an order for mandatory conservation throughout the State. On April 28, 2014 the City of Livermore took actions that parallel the proposed District actions tonight regarding rates and use limitations. Tomorrow night the City of Pleasanton will do the same at their City Council meeting. With these actions, the local agencies are well aligned with actions being taken and are consistent with Zone 7's and the Governor's actions.

This agenda item sets the stage for a series of considerations by the Board starting with the declaration of a community drought emergency and water use curtailment goals, water use limitations, penalties and enforcement provisions,

water shortage rate stage, wise water users credit, enhanced rebate program, the drought response action plan and a drought-related budget adjustment.

V.P. Duarte MOVED to accept the Water Supply Report through May 1, 2014. Director Halket SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

D. Declare Updated State of Community Drought Emergency

General Manager Michalczyk presented the updated State of Community Drought Emergency declaration. Previously, the Board adopted a State of Community Drought Emergency in February 2014. At that time a 20% system-wide reduction was anticipated for CY 2013-2014. Since that time DWR has stated that Zone 7 and the District will not receive additional water until after September 1, 2014. As a result, the valley water agencies are moving to re-adopt their declarations of community drought emergency and bumping up their system-wide curtailment levels to 25%. The Livermore-Amador Valley retail agencies remain very concerned about inadequate water for peaking period needs in the summer when demand spikes occur. Zone 7 has targeted 50-60% curtailment of outdoor watering as being needed. The updated declaration does not include a budget adjustment; that action has been separated for administrative convenience and is another action later on the agenda.

Directors and the General Manager discussed the Governor's recent order and the concerns about having adequate water supply through the warm summer months, particularly having adequate water levels in the reservoirs for fire protection and health and safety needs.

Director Halket MOVED to adopt <u>Resolution No. 26-14</u>, to update and declare a continuing Community Drought Emergency, and *Resolution No. 10-14*. Director Benson SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

E. Hold Public Hearing: Adopt Urgency Ordinance for Water Use Limitations

Operations Manager Gallagher introduced the proposed ordinance that will establish limitations on water uses and provide exemptions for certain types of water uses. The proposed ordinance was presented on April 22, 2014 and upon direction from the Board now has some revised language. A process has been included by which a customer can apply for an exemption to specific limitations based on their particular needs or conditions.

Mr. Gallagher gave a Powerpoint presentation on the following topic areas contained in the ordinance:

- Section 4 Application Procedure for Exemptions from Water Use Limitations (pages 13-14, paragraphs a d);
- Section 3 Water Use Limitations: Swimming Pools, Spas, and Water Themed Play Areas (page 6, paragraphs 7.i 7.iv) and;

• Section 3 – Water Use Limitations: Swimming Pools, Spas, and Water Themed Play Area *Exemptions* (pages 11-12, paragraphs 3.i – 3.vi).

The specific sections of the ordinance were discussed point by point with Directors asking clarifying questions throughout.

V.P. Duarte expressed concern about the process when a customer receives a violation and their ability to submit an application for an exemption. General Manager Michalczyk explained that the District wants to head off giving any violations by giving customers an opportunity to get an exemption before being assessed a violation. He also noted the warnings given prior to assessing any violation on a customer. The up-front exemption process should not be triggered after a violation is issued.

Director Halket expressed his support for the exemption procedure and stated he believes it is reasonable.

Director Howard commented that four months was a long period of time to get a pool cover and expressed some concerns about the semi-private pools and spas complying.

General Manager Michalczyk remarked that the ordinance has not changed substantively since last discussed at the April 22 meeting but some sections were reordered for clarity. Once approved by the Board, the Urgency Ordinance will be effective tomorrow.

President Vonheeder-Leopold declared the Public Hearing open.

Speaker: Ms. Yvette Hoyer, Amador Lakes Management Company – Ms. Hoyer stated that their property at Amador Lakes has three swimming pools, is located on 45 acres, has 555 units with approximately 1,000 residents. She expressed concern the ordinance limitations for landscaping will be quite challenging and that for swimming pools particularly because one pool on their property is empty for maintenance and needs to be refilled as well as the requirement of pool covers. Ms. Hoyer commented that Livermore and Pleasanton don't have the same restrictions on swimming pools nor water frequency restriction for landscape. She mentioned that the Livermore website showed that watering would be allowed more than two times per week. She requested the Board reexamine these issues. (It was later clarified at the meeting by Mr. Dan McIntyre from the City of Livermore that the City will restrict watering to two days per week and require pool covers, which is the same as the District.)

<u>Speaker: Mr. John Titus, Dublin Self-service Car Wash</u> – Mr. Titus commented that he operates the Dublin self-serve car wash on Village Parkway and learned the District is considering not supplying water to a car wash that does not have a recycle system. He stated his car wash system uses far less water than a tunnel car wash system and because of the low water use it is similar to a reclaimed system whereas a recycled system would be cost prohibitive to install at upwards to \$50,000. His car wash only uses about 15 to 17 gallons per wash. Mr. Titus

expressed concern that the limitations could shut down his business and mentioned the Governor's order did not seem to require a recycled system.

Speaker: Mr. Jeff Mello, Ducky Wash n Dry – Coin Laundry – Mr. Mello discussed many issues related to the drought, including increasing rates during the drought, and concern about the notification of the meeting date. He noted his business has high efficiency washing machines that use approximately seven gallons per load, which is about half the water used in most home washing machines per load. Since people will pay a higher price at home for water usage, they may instead use his business or the self-serve car wash. He noted people need to wash their clothes and his business has already contributed to the good of the community by reduced water consumption washers. The more he helps to reduce water with his water efficient machines, the more he believes he will be charged in the drought. Mr. Mello told the Board he believes there should be some sort of benefit to his business because of his pre-existing conservation.

<u>Speaker: Mr. Dan McIntrye</u>, <u>Public Works Director</u>, <u>City of Livermore</u> – Mr. McIntyre stated the Livermore ordinance allows irrigation only two days per week identical to that being proposed by the District in that regard but that residents will be able to choose from three designated days during the week to do so. Livermore also requires swimming pool covers.

Director Howard MOVED to CLOSE the Public Hearing. Director Halket SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

President Vonheeder-Leopold read aloud the title of the Urgency Ordinance.

Director Howard MOVED to WAIVE the reading of the Urgency Ordinance adopting Water Use Limitations during the Community Drought Emergency. Director Halket SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

President Vonheeder-Leopold invited Board discussion. She asked if coinoperated laundromats were previously discussed.

Mr. Gallagher answered that they were not.

Director Halket commented that commercial rates are not tiered like residential rates; instead there is a base rate.

Financial Services Manager Archer mentioned there is a winter and a summer rate for commercial customers.

<u>Speaker: Mr. Jeff Mello, Ducky Wash n Dry – Coin Laundry</u> – Mr. Mello asked how rates will be tiered and how fines will be assessed.

Mr. Michalczyk commented that rates will be discussed under Item 9.G and this item addresses certain activities that are prohibited and the next Item 9.F will consider penalties.

Director Halket stated the self-serve car wash is a good example of what the waiver process is for and it is not the Board's desire to put anyone out of business.

Mr. Michalczyk mentioned in regards to car washes, that on April 22 the Board reached consensus on vehicle washing to require recirculating systems at car washes and based on that direction the ordinance before the Board tonight was drafted for formal consideration.

Director Halket agreed the proposal for a four month period to obtain a swimming pool cover is generous. He agrees landscapes will be lost; however, recycled water will be available for landscape uses and is very affordable.

Mr. Michalczyk suggested the ordinance language is based on the consensus the Board reached after hearing from the public on April 22. However, he noted the ordinance could be revised tonight if so desired by the Board. Nevertheless, he urged the Board to take rather than delay action on the proposed or revised ordinance tonight.

<u>Speaker: Mr. Hudak, Dublin Resident</u> – Mr. Hudak asked if he could or could not fill his new spa with water this season.

President Vonheeder-Leopold responded that Mr. Hudak would not be able to fill his spa under the proposed limitations.

President Vonheeder-Leopold asked if there was motion to adopt the ordinance.

Director Halket mentioned that not all instances can be presupposed and he is comfortable with the exemption and appeal process. He hopes there will be zero violations.

Director Halket MOVED to adopt <u>Ordinance No. 333</u> an Urgency Ordinance of Dublin San Ramon Services District adopting Water Use Limitations during the Community Drought Emergency. V.P. Duarte SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

F. Hold Public Hearing: Adopt Urgency Ordinance for Penalties and Provisions for the Enforcement of Water Use Limitations

Operations Manager Gallagher reviewed the proposed ordinance discussed with the Board on April 22 that sets forth penalties and provisions for the enforcement of water use limitations. The ordinance has minor revisions and describes processes by which the District would enforce excessive water use or direct violations of restricted water uses. Mr. Gallagher invited questions.

Director Howard referred to a chart presented at the last meeting that showed customers who use 50% more than Tier 3. He asked if monitoring will happen more often than monthly.

General Manager Michalczyk responded that staff will monitor those accounts weekly to identify those high water users to try to be proactive while still maintaining a "commonsense" approach to enforcement.

President Vonheeder-Leopold declared the Public Hearing open.

<u>Speaker: Mr. Jeff Knobbe, Dublin Resident</u> – Mr. Knobbe commented that at the last meeting, the Board discussed the self-serve car wash business in Dublin and by enacting the ordinance, the business would be shut down. He noted the Board also discussed tiered water rates for residential customers only. He agreed that if a repair is made to a leaking swimming pool, the Board should allow an exemption for refilling the pool because of the ultimate conservation result.

<u>Speaker: Mr. Norbert Hudak, Dublin Resident</u> – Mr. Hudak asked the Board if this is the ordinance that discusses how much a customer will be penalized if they exceed water usage. He wanted to know how a customer will know when they have used too much water. He and his wife have been recently reducing water use in anticipation of this situation. He asked what the reduction will be based upon, recent use, or a comparison to last year's use.

President Vonheeder-Leopold responded that a comparison system will not be used. Furthermore, if a customer uses less than 10 ccf bi-monthly, they are already in the lowest water use tier. There are fines for water usage over 50 ccf bi-monthly. She noted that within a week customers will be able to check their bills and consumption on-line.

Speaker: Mr. John Titus, Dublin Self-service Car Wash – Mr. Titus asked, based on Mr. Knobbe's comments, if the Board discussed his specific business at the last meeting and if they agreed it should be shut down. He does not believe it is fair if he has to close his business because of the recirculation issue and particularly for the service his business provides to the community.

President Vonheeder-Leopold responded that at the last meeting the Board discussed car washes in general and in Dublin they all use recirculated water; the Board discovered his self-serve car wash is the only one not using recirculated water and that unless the ordinance changed, his car wash would be affected.

Director Howard mentioned that car dealers will also be affected.

Director Howard MOVED to CLOSE the Public Hearing. V.P. Duarte SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

President Vonheeder-Leopold read aloud the title of the Urgency Ordinance.

V.P. Duarte MOVED to WAIVE the reading of the Urgency Ordinance adopting Penalties and Provisions for the Enforcement of Water Use Limitations during the Community Drought Emergency. Director Howard SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

Since the April 22 meeting, Mr. Michalczyk reported there were no substantive changes to the ordinance.

Director Halket MOVED to adopt <u>Ordinance No. 334</u> for an Urgency Ordinance of Dublin San Ramon Services District adopting Penalties and Provisions for the Enforcement of Water Use Limitations during the Community Drought Emergency. Director Benson SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

G. Adopt Stage 3 Water Supply Shortage Rates

Financial Services Manager Archer introduced the topic of the Stage 3 water supply shortage rates developed in 2013 by HDR Engineering, Inc., consultants. He noted the District's drought stage rates were developed with the assistance of HDR and adopted at least five years ago. All rates are cost-based rates with the intent to balance District cash-flow during time of drought and to provide for outreach and other associated costs. These rates target a 35% conservation in water consumption. In agenda Item 9.H, the Board will consider a Wise Water User Credit for those low water users in Tier 1.

President Vonheeder-Leopold asked if the Board had any questions.

Director Howard stated the Board did not make any changes to this item since last reviewed.

General Manager Michalczyk added there was a refinement to the item to reflect additional revenue now expressed as \$168,000 rather than as \$300,000 of expenses. The \$300,000 of expenses for FYE 2014 and FYE 2015 is identified in a later budget adjustment item and will be covered partly through the Stage 3 rates and partly by the use of the existing Water Rate Stabilization fund—the District's water system "rainy day" fund.

Director Benson commented that due to the water shortage, the community must get through this critical summer and that the new color for lawns in Dublin is golden. She recommended everyone band together to save water so it can be used in the important places.

<u>Speaker: Mr. Jeff Mello, Ducky Wash n Dry – Coin Laundry</u> – Mr. Mello made several comments about his thoughts and concerns related to the drought and on obtaining information about this special Board meeting. He also asked if there was an exemption process for the increased drought rates.

President Vonheeder-Leopold responded to Mr. Mello's concerns and noted that California has been in a drought for seven to eight years and then further explained specifics to this water district, crisis, and what the agency has done and is doing to ensure adequate water supply.

Director Benson shared with Mr. Mello that Board meetings are recorded and are always available on the website for viewing.

Mr. Michalczyk mentioned that minutes from Board of Directors' meetings are not posted on the District's website until approved and finalized by the Board but are always presented as a draft in the next published Board agenda packet. He clarified for Mr. Mello there is not an exemption process for drought rates.

<u>Speaker: Mr. Jeff Knobbe, Dublin Resident</u> – Mr. Knobbe commented his intent was not to create conflict among speakers tonight but rather felt it important to share what the Board discussed at the April 22 meeting since Mr. Titus and Mr. Mello were not at the last meeting. He reiterated Director Benson's comments about "banding together" and "golden lawns in Dublin." Mr. Knobbe requested Directors and senior staff at the District publish their water usage on a monthly basis so customers can know if they, too, are "walking the walk" like their customers.

Mr. Michalczyk advised water consumption for Directors is public information but staff's water consumption information is confidential per State law. This type of request would be disclosed in response to a Public Records Act request.

General Counsel Nelson noted that the act exempts all customer records from disclosure including those of staff but not Directors.

President Vonheeder-Leopold acknowledged she had no problem with Mr. Knobbe's request. However, she mentioned not all Directors receive water service from the District.

Director Halket MOVED to adopt <u>Resolution No. 27-14</u>, declaring a Stage 3 Water Supply Shortage under Chapter 4.10 of the District Code and clarifying Resolution No. 11-13 and *Rescinding Resolution No. 18-13*. Director Howard SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

Mr. Michalczyk reminded the Board the Stage 3 water supply shortage rates will be effective June 1, 2014.

H. Approve Wise Water User Credit

Financial Services Manager Archer presented the Wise Water User Credit Program (formerly referred to as the Drought Affordability Program – Low Usage Credit) that will give credit to users in Tier 1. In October at the end of the summer season, customers using less than 10 ccf per bi-monthly billing cycle, will receive a credit to their accounts if they met the program requirements.

General Manager Michalczyk noted that there is a change in the program from a lump sum \$12 credit to a \$2 per month credit. The program cost will be approximately \$13,720. He noted the State of California standard of water

consumption for health and safety purposes is 50-55 gpcpd which correlates with Tier 1 usage.

Director Halket MOVED to adopt <u>Resolution No. 28-14</u>, establishing the Wise Water User Credit for low water consumption residential customers. Director Benson SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

I. Approve Enhanced Rebate Program for Water Efficient Devices and Appliances and Lawn Replacements

Operations Manager Gallagher reported this item was discussed at the April 22 meeting and remains essentially unchanged. Zone 7 offers rebates to District customers for high efficiency toilets, waterless urinals, high efficiency clothes washers, weather based irrigation controllers, and lawn replacements. Zone 7 notified the District they will drop the weather based irrigation controllers rebate and the District will instead pick up that program so it can continue. The District will also add a swimming pool cover rebate, which Zone 7 does not cover. The rebate cap will be \$30,000 and if it looks as though it will exceed this amount, the Board can decide to add additional funds later.

Director Howard was interested to know about the Zone 7 rebate program and if the District might reach the \$30,000 cap. Mr. Gallagher reported last year Zone 7 issued \$46,000 in rebates for District customers.

V.P. Duarte wanted to know how much a typical swimming pool cover might cost. Mr. Gallagher responded the cost for a solar blanket might range between \$100 to \$150.

Director Benson MOVED to adopt <u>Resolution No. 29-14</u>, establishing an Enhanced Rebate Program for identified Water Saving Devices and Appliances and Specified Landscape Conversions. V.P. Duarte SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

J. Endorse Updated District Drought Response Action Plan

Operations Manager Gallagher reviewed some details of the Updated District Drought Response Action Plan. So far, the District has spent about \$26,000 on drought-related expenses, and an additional \$56,000 is encumbered to implement various actions described in the Action Plan. A total of \$300,000 is anticipated for drought related expenses. Mr. Gallagher elaborated on several of the items contained in the Drought Response Action Plan. He noted Dublin High School will be converted to recycled water on May 14, 2014. Customers will soon have access to their accounts through the internet on a customer portal to allow them to keep updated on their water usage.

Director Halket MOVED to endorse the Updated District Drought Response Action Plan. Director Benson SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

K. Amend FYE 2014 and FYE 2015 Operating Budgets Related to District Drought Response

Financial Services Manager Archer discussed the proposed amendment to the FYE 2014 and FYE 2015 Operating Budgets. Previously, the amendment was part of the drought emergency declaration. The requested budget amounts are \$150,000 for FYE 2014 and FYE 2015 and will allow the General Manager, with the Treasurer's concurrence, authority to adjust budget amounts administratively between fiscal years provided that the total of \$300,000 for these drought related expenses is not exceeded between the two years. The expenses will be partially funded through the Stage 3 drought rates.

General Manager Michalczyk pointed out the attachment in the agenda packet materials listing drought response related expenditures.

Director Halket MOVED to adopt <u>Resolution No. 30-14</u>, amending the FYE 2014 and FYE 2015 Operating Budgets Related to the District's Drought Response Action Plan. Director Howard SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

L. Casting District's Vote for Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) Special District – Non-Enterprise District at the Independent Special District Selection Committee Meeting of May 14, 2014

General Manager Michalczyk explained this technical item deals with the Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) election. He explained that LAFCo allows special district representation including enterprise, non-enterprise, and alternate seats. This election is for a non-enterprise district seat. Currently, President Vonheeder-Leopold holds the alternate special district seat on the Alameda County LAFCo. The non-enterprise seat vote will be held May 14, 2014. At the close of the nomination period and after the production of agenda materials last week, staff received additional information about one final candidate, David Hutchinson from the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. Previously, the only candidate was Ayn Wieskamp from East Bay Regional Park District. The External Affairs Committee met today and considered the qualifications of the two candidates and recommends the District cast its vote for Ayn Wieskamp.

Director Howard MOVED to have the District cast its vote for Ayn Wieskamp from the East Bay Regional Park District for the non-enterprise seat on the Alameda County LAFCo. Director Benson SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

10. <u>BOARDMEMBER ITEMS</u>

Director Benson commented she along with Community Affairs Supervisor Sue Stephenson attended the 20th anniversary of the Rising Sun Energy Center on May 1, 2014. She reported attending a compost class last Saturday at the City of Dublin's Water

Wise Garden workshop. She also announced The Valley Children's Museum will hold a family event on Saturday, May 10, 2014 between 11 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at Ulferts Center.

President Vonheeder-Leopold reported she attended a Water Wise Workshop last Saturday that the District co-sponsored with the City of Dublin. She learned how to lose your lawn and how to preserve as much dirt as possible in the process for future use and composting. On Saturday, May 10, 2014 between 12 noon and 5 p.m. the Heritage Center will hold a Spring Faire event where President Vonheeder-Leopold, as appointed City Historian, will be available to talk with visitors.

11. CLOSED SESSION

At 8:06 p.m. the Board went into Closed Session. General Counsel Nelson announced that Interim Organizational Services Manager Gallardo would also attend the Closed Session.

A. Conference with Labor Negotiators – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Negotiators: Bert Michalczyk, General Manager

Unrepresented Employees: 1. Interim Engineering Services Manager

2. Operations Manager

3. Interim Financial Services Manager

4. Interim Organizational Services Manager

Additional attendees: General Counsel Carl P. A. Nelson

12. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

At 8:32 p.m. the Board came out of Closed Session. President Vonheeder-Leopold announced that there was no reportable action.

13. ADJOURNMENT

President Vonheeder-Leopold adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Submitted by,

Nancy Gamble Hatfield District Secretary