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

April 22, 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 Nicole Genzale, Administrative Analyst I

- 1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>
- 2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG
- 3. <u>ROLL CALL</u> Members: Benson, Duarte, Halket, Howard, Vonheeder-Leopold
- 4. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIVITIES
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT (MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC) 6:01 p.m.
- 6. REPORTS
 - A. Reports by General Manager and Staff
 - Event Calendar General Manager Michalczyk reported on the following:
 - o In partnership with the Dublin Police Department, the District will host a free prescription drug drop off at the Dublin Civic Center on Saturday, April 26, 2014 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is a "no questions asked" collection effort to help prevent medications from entering the environment. He thanked City of Dublin Acting City Manager Chris Foss for the City's assistance to hold this event.
 - Correspondence to and from the Board None
 - B. <u>Agenda Management</u> (consider order of items) The Board skipped Items 4 and 6 proceeding through Item 9A, then went back to Items 4, 6 and then 9B.
 - C. Committee Reports

Water - Zone 7/DSRSD/Livermore/Pleasanton/Cal Water Liaison Finance Water

March 26, 2014 April 16, 2014 April 17, 2014 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> – Regular Meeting of *April 1, 2014*

Director Howard MOVED for the approval of the April 1, 2014 minutes. V.P. Duarte SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Benson MOVED for approval of the items on the Consent Calendar. Director Halket SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

A. Upcoming Board Calendar – Approved

9. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Adopt the San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update

Engineering Services Manager Biagtan reviewed the San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (BAIRWMP) Update and reported that the Plan was originally adopted in 2006. This water management planning document was cooperatively updated in 2013 by nine Bay Area counties, including the District, to meet revised plan standards as set forth in the State's Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Plan published in 2010. The District's Central Dublin Recycled Water Distribution and Retrofit Project is part of the BAIRWMP and the District was awarded \$1.13 million in Proposition 84 grant funds in 2011. The Board's adoption of the BAIRWMP update is required to receive the \$1.13 million awarded, which should be distributed to the District by June of 2014, and to have the ability to qualify for future State grant funds for future District recycled water projects, including recycled water system expansion to western Dublin and Federal and County facilities. About \$72 million in Proposition 84 grant funding is available for the participating Bay Area agencies in the Round 3 Implementation Grant. The District will be applying for Round 3 Implementation Grant for its Stage 2 Recycled Water Treatment Plant expansion and for the extension of its recycled water distribution to western Dublin, and Federal and County Facilities. Phases of the recycled water distribution system expansion are also being proposed for inclusion in the expedited 2014 Drought Grant Solicitation funded by Proposition 84.

Director Halket MOVED to adopt <u>Resolution No. 20-14</u>, adopting the San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update. Director Benson SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

B. Approve Water System Master Plan & Capacity Reserve Fee Study (CIP 14-W007): Approval of a Master Agreement for Consulting Services and Task Order No. 1 with West Yost Associates

Engineering Services Manager Biagtan reviewed the District's Water System Master Plan & Capacity Reserve Fee Study project and explained that it is being conducted in accordance with Strategic Plan Elements 1.1 to prepare a foundation for the District's long term planning, and 2.3 to ensure that reliable and safe service is delivered to the District's current and future customers in a timely manner. The study is normally completed every five years but the economic downturn caused a delay. The last Master Plan was adopted in 2005. This is an opportune time to conduct the update due to the District's continual service area expansion and numerous land use changes. The District is currently at 65% of build out and experiences operational challenges due to the expansion. The Plan will provide guidance to staff as the expansion continues. The Plan update will be done in conjunction with the Capacity Reserve Fee Study and the capital improvement plan that comes from the study that will be incorporated into the fee study. West Yost Associates was selected per a quality-based consultant selection process. The District has worked with West Yost on various projects and has been very satisfied with their work. This project is funded 100% from the Water Expansion fund. June 2015 is the expected completion date of the Plan, in time to implement new capacity reserve fees.

Director Halket referred to the Fee Estimate and inquired if HDR, the firm conducting the Capacity Reserve Fee Study, will be a subcontractor to West Yost Associates. Financial Services Manager Archer confirmed that was correct and affirmed that only one agreement will be required.

Director Halket MOVED to adopt <u>Resolution No. 21-14</u>, approving a Master Agreement for Consulting Services with West Yost Associates for the Water System Master Plan & Capacity Reserve Fee Study (CIP 14-W007) Professional Engineering Services. Director Benson SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

Director Howard MOVED to authorize the General Manager to execute Task Order No. 1 with West Yost Associates for the Water System Master Plan & Capacity Reserve Fee Study (CIP 14-W007) Professional Engineering Services in an amount of \$570,700. V.P. Duarte SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

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

General Manager Michalczyk gave a presentation titled "Status of the District Water Supply." He prefaced his presentation by advising the Board that they would not be making any decisions at this meeting on the various drought related items outlined in the Summary and Recommendation, but rather discuss and provide input in order for staff to prepare the items for formal consideration at the Special Board meeting on Monday, May 5. Handouts of the presentation were made available to the Boardmembers, staff and meeting attendees.

Mr. Michalczyk's presentation addressed the following topics:

- Precipitation;
- Water Content and Snowpack;
- Long Term Forecast;
- Lake Oroville Storage;
- DWR (Department of Water Resources) Water Delivery Allocations;
- Policy Level Actions Taken (local, state and federal agencies);
- Local Water Agency Actions Status as of April 16, 2014;
- Regional Water Agency Current Positions;
- 2014 Water Supply Prior to and after April 18 announcement (Department of Water Resources announced that the State Water Project will increase entitlement and allocation to 5% from 0% but no deliveries until after 9/1/14);
- 2014 Supply and Demand Prior to and after April 18 announcement;
- Tri-Valley System Wide Demand 2013 demand vs. 2014 supply, with 5% allocation and overall percent curtailment, interior and exterior usage and curtailment;
- Allocation Planning; and
- Upcoming DSRSD Actions.

At the conclusion of Mr. Michalczyk's presentation, the Board and staff discussed the following topics:

- The significance of the announcement by DWR for 5% allocations after September 1. It was confirmed that the Zone cannot receive any banked water while the pumps are not running. There are a few transfer proposals being discussed around the state but there is no guarantee that any of those transfers will actually occur; if they did it is not certain if and to what extent the District would benefit.
- Use of recycled water for fire storage. Fire protection is an allowed use of recycled water. However, the District does not operate the recycled water reservoirs in a way that allows for fire protection. Also there are only very limited numbers of recycled water hydrants. Also, with aggressive use of recycled water by customers, it is uncertain if they are maintained to

provide adequate pressure necessary for fire protection. The quantity of water needed for fire protection was also discussed. The quantity is unknown as this is set on a volumetric basis and depends on pressure zones and other variables.

 <u>Lake Del Valle.</u> Lake Del Valle is currently full with carry over water that the State moved from Los Banos Grandes. Not all of this water is available to Zone 7 as some is earmarked for Alameda County Water District and Santa Clara Valley Water District.

V.P. Duarte MOVED to accept the Water Supply Report through April 1, 2014 and Receive Briefing on Programmatic Actions Needed in Response to the Drought. Director Benson SECONDED the MOTION, which CARRIED with FIVE AYES.

D. Discuss Updated Declaration of a Community Drought Emergency and Budget Adjustment

General Manager Michalczyk reported that on February 18, 2014 the Board declared a Community Drought Emergency that called for 20% voluntary conservation. The updated declaration incorporates the provisions of the previous declaration with four proposed changes for the Board to formally consider on May 5:

- Update findings for action which include key developments since February 18, 2014;
- Revise conservation goal of 25% overall, 5% inside and 50-60% outside as directed by Zone 7;
- Authorize the General Manager to initiate appropriate actions; and
- Approve a budget adjustment of \$150,000 to fund drought actions such as a rebate program, outreach efforts and water conversion projects.

Director Halket asked for clarification on item 3 in the resolution which proposes a 25% water usage curtailment.

Mr. Michalczyk clarified that the intent is to achieve a 25% curtailment for the system overall not for individual customers.

Mr. Michalczyk also reported that the Community Drought Emergency would continue until one of the following three things occur:

- 1) District rescinds the District's declaration of emergency; or
- 2) Zone 7 rescinds their declaration of emergency; or
- 3) December 31, 2014. This timeline is based on the assumption that the proposed District actions accomplish the desired objectives.

The Board reached consensus on this item and directed staff to update the language in resolution item 3 to make clearer that the 25% curtailment is an aggregate number.

E. Discuss Mandatory Water Use Prohibitions and Restrictions

General Manager Michalczyk introduced a handout provided to the Board, staff and attendees called 2014 Drought Response Coordination Matrix. The matrix was created in cooperation with the Tri-Valley Water Retailers to assess the level of consistency regarding prohibitions to be considered across the Tri-Valley. He advised the Board that the matrix is a work in progress and was used at the April 17 Water Committee meeting in preparation for tonight's discussion and consideration of proposed actions. The Board and staff reviewed and discussed the various prohibitions included in the matrix, in conjunction with the presentation that followed.

Director Benson stated that the City of Dublin uses recycled water for 66% of the water demand for City facilities.

Operations Manager Gallagher explained that two proposed urgency ordinances are before the Board for discussion tonight (Items 9E and 9F). They address prohibitions and restrictions, and enforcement and penalties for water usage during the declared state of emergency. If approved, the ordinances would go into effect immediately in an effort to achieve the 25% overall system curtailment desired. He gave a presentation called "Urgency Ordinances Discussion Topics" and discussed the following topics:

- Comparison of Accounts versus Water Use
- Prohibitions and Restrictions
- Policy Direction Needed:
 - o Prohibition for Using Potable Water when Recycled Water is Available
 - o Prohibition for Decorative Fountains and Water Features
 - General Prohibition and Restriction
 - Exemptions for Hand Watering
 - Exemptions for Landscaping Irrigation
 - o Exemptions for Vehicle Washing
 - Exemptions for Topping Off Pools
 - o Enforcement Procedures, Violations and Appeal Process

Prohibition for Using Potable Water when Recycled Water is Available

Operations Manager Gallagher reviewed using potable water when recycled water is available.

The Board and staff discussed the conversion process, specifying that new projects have purple recycled water lines installed, whereas conversion projects have the fixtures above ground changed out to purple fixtures to identify them as recycled water. The District will pay all conversion fees for customers and residents converting to recycled water. Archstone apartments and Dublin High School are currently undergoing the conversion process.

V.P. Duarte commented that he could not conceive of any responsible user resisting conversion to recycled water.

President Vonheeder-Leopold stated that the District must insist that resisting users convert to recycled water.

The Board reached consensus on this portion of the item and indicated support for conversion to recycled water.

Prohibition for Decorative Fountains and Water Features

Mr. Gallagher reviewed the prohibition for decorative fountains and water features.

Speaker: Acting City Manager of City of Dublin Chris Foss stated that the City is discussing not turning play fountains on at Emerald Park and Shannon Park unless it is 90 degrees or more. Fountains located at the Civic Center, Fallon Sports Park and Shannon Center are no longer operational. He reported that the City's recycled water use will be 75% after further conversion efforts.

President Vonheeder-Leopold acknowledged and thanked the Dublin City Council for working with the District as a partner for many years regarding recycled water use.

The Board and staff further discussed public and private fountains, recirculated and recycled water, as the ordinance as written allows running of recycled or potable water. The Board reached consensus on this portion of the item agreeing that all fountains, excluding water play fountains, should be turned off in response to the drought conditions and that the use of play fountains should be limited to hot days.

General Prohibition and Restriction/Comparison of Accounts versus Water Use

Mr. Gallagher reviewed the general prohibitions and restrictions proposed.

Mr. Michalczyk reviewed a graphical slide showing accounts and water use during the peak summer season.

The Board and staff discussed the pros and cons of instituting monthly customer billings during this crisis. Financial Services Manager Archer reported that the billing system could be converted to do so, though it would take some time. Additional costs would be incurred to produce and send monthly bills. This change could also send a mixed message to customers seeing a lower billing amount each month. A customer portal will be made available by Customer Services to allow customers to see their use "live."

President Vonheeder-Leopold and Director Benson remarked that they would be happy to serve as testers of a monthly water use billing system.

Speaker: Dublin Resident Jeff Knobbe commented that a customer portal allowing daily usage monitoring would be very helpful, as he already monitors his usage on a monthly basis. He also shared his water usage reduction strategies and volunteered to be a tester for monthly water use as well.

The Board and staff discussed the proposed allowable use level and the probability that there will be a small group of users who choose not to reduce water use and be subjected to a penalty.

The Board reached consensus on this portion of the item establishing an allowable use level at 50 ccf which is about 50% above Tier 3 level.

Hand Watering

Mr. Gallagher reviewed the exemptions for hand watering.

The Board and staff discussed how this language as currently written would impact businesses such as nurseries and home improvement stores that irrigate products that are not landscaping.

The Board reached consensus on this portion of the item and directed staff to clarify in the language that this does not apply to nurseries, or similar businesses, that water products that are for sale.

Landscaping Irrigation

Mr. Gallagher reviewed the proposed exemptions for landscape irrigation, noting that irrigation during the winter months would be prohibited.

The Board and staff discussed various aspects of this topic including:

- Possible schedules by which to permit landscape irrigation number of days per week, time of day, duration of water running;
- Monitoring usage and flagging excess water use, i.e., staff drive-bys, AMI system reporting;

- Survivability of landscaping with reduced irrigation;
- How best to balance competing priorities to achieve system-wide savings;
- Concept of setting water budgets a complicated system that the District's billing, operations and rate structure does not support;
- Clarity of proposed prohibition language;
- Thresholds for sending violation letter to customers;

Mr. Michalczyk remarked that this prohibition springs from the Zone 7 prohibition on irrigating and is consistent with that. He also commented that this prohibition may likely be the single key to achieving success through the drought crisis if everyone complies.

Speaker: Dublin Resident Jeff Knobbe inquired about how those who have already reduced irrigation will be impacted versus those that are habitual offenders.

Speaker: Dublin Resident Cliff Daw wondered if the District's proposed restrictions may conflict with each other. He stated that he still carries over practices from the drought of 1976-77.

Speaker: Kellie Campbell, Manager of The Terraces at Dublin Ranch, stated that she is unsure that the development could comply with irrigating one or two days a week due to the many valves that are used.

Mr. Michalczyk responded that the intent would be that only one area gets watered twice a week. He acknowledged that one meter could have multiple sprinkler systems.

Director Howard inquired if it is possible to encounter water delivery problems during peak demand times.

Mr. Michalczyk confirmed that that is a real possibility and is the worst case scenario.

Speaker: Dublin Resident Paul Ternullo stated that based on the District's goal of overall water usage, the restrictions should be suggestions not mandatory actions. He is concerned about penalizing those customers already making reductions.

Speaker: Dublin Resident Jeff Knobbe recommended that the Board set an obtainable goal of 25% above Tier 1 for customers to be able to achieve, as this gives room for reduction and incentivizes those to reduce.

The Board reached consensus on this portion of the item and directed staff to:

1. Determine the schedule for exemptions of irrigation - a certain number of days per week and time of day; and

- 2. Delineate more clearly what the prohibitions are for each area of concern and effectively tie the ordinance restrictions together; and
- 3. Consider a usage level below which the violations will not apply.

Vehicle Washing

Mr. Gallagher reviewed the proposed exemptions for vehicle washing when done at a commercial facility that recirculates water. This would prevent car dealerships from washing cars on the lot and any car wash business that does not recirculate water.

Mr. Michalczyk commented that this would significantly impact any self-serve coin operated car washes.

President Vonheeder-Leopold expressed concern that the prohibitions would essentially force this type of business to close.

The Board reached consensus on this portion of the item to essentially require recirculation systems at car washes.

Pool Covers

Mr. Gallagher reviewed the proposed exemptions for topping off pools.

The Board and staff discussed the proposed restrictions for topping off pools and pool cover usage regarding:

- Who is responsible for covering the pools;
- Safety issues;
- Hours of pool usage and cover usage; and
- Common sense application of the restrictions for home and public use;
- Language clarification.

Speaker: Kellie Campbell, Manager of The Terraces at Dublin Ranch, stated that it would be difficult to implement pool covers as there is no staff to do this work daily. Spas are refilled with potable water weekly.

Speaker: Acting City Manager of City of Dublin Chris Foss stated that Dublin pools will be covered every night.

Speaker: Dublin Resident Jeff Knobbe conveyed concern regarding how residents would abide by the restrictions and safety issues that could arise as a result. He recommended covers be used during certain hours.

President Vonheeder-Leopold thanked the speakers for attending and bringing ideas to the Board that had not yet been considered.

The Board reached consensus on this portion of the item agreeing that clarification of the existing language is necessary to better define "...not in use..."

President Vonheeder-Leopold explained that the restrictions can be appealed to the District's Drought Coordinator Dan Gallagher. Appeals will be reviewed by the Drought Coordinator and the Board on a case-by-case basis. She stated that she felt that the District's objective regarding this item is to create awareness for customers during this situation, not discomfort.

F. Discuss Enforcement Provisions and Penalties for Violations of Mandatory Potable Water Use Prohibitions and Restrictions

Operations Manager Gallagher reviewed the proposed enforcement provisions and penalties as outlined in this item and confirmed that the penalties being presented tonight are not newly-created and were established previously in the District Code.

The Board and staff discussed the following areas regarding this item:

- Proposed violations and corresponding penalties;
- Timing intervals between violations;
- Enforcement and violation scenarios;
- Violation application for waiver and appeals process;
- Customer drought awareness and compliance; and
- Community outreach efforts.

Speaker: Dublin Resident Jeff Knobbe asked for clarification on the approval process of the emergency actions and the violation timeline and process.

General Counsel Nelson confirmed that, per the California Special District and County law, urgency ordinances can be approved at a special meeting with the usual and special noticing provisions, which do not require the customary multiple meeting review and approval schedule. The actions will be considered for approval at the Special Board meeting on May 5, 2014.

Speaker: Dublin Resident Cliff Daw expressed concern about spiking showing on customer bills when unusual usage occurs, such as when customers host guests.

General Manager Michalczyk affirmed that the system can show daily activity levels in small time intervals and the customer portal will assist customers in seeing their usage in real time.

The Board reached consensus on this item noting that enforcement efforts need to be common sense and first focus on blatant and repeated misuse of water during the drought emergency.

G. Discuss Adopting Stage 3 Water Supply Shortage Rates

Financial Services Manager Archer reported that the proposed Stage 3 rates, which would become effective on June 1, 2014 if adopted, are consistent with the level of conservation needed during the summer months. The item shows impact on customers at different levels of consumption. Those conserving should see their bill stay the same or decrease.

General Manager Michalczyk advised the Board that the concerns of Tier 1, low water users, are addressed in the next agenda item Adoption of 2014 Drought Affordability Program – Low Usage Credit.

President Vonheeder-Leopold commented that it is also important for the District to keep revenue steady as consumption drops to pay for conservation programs but also in order to meet coverage ratios specified in various bond covenants and to comply with the law.

The Board reached consensus on this item, agreeing to support Stage 3 Water Supply Shortage Rates.

H. Discuss Adoption of 2014 Drought Affordability Program – Low Usage Credit

Financial Services Manager Archer reviewed the recommended 2014 Drought Affordability Program – Low Usage Credit program information. He explained that the program criteria included that customers could qualify for the credit if water usage remained the same or decreased.

Director Benson suggested changing the name of the program to better reflect the program's intent, which is to mitigate the cost of Stage 3 rates on low volume customers for whom it is very hard to achieve further significant conservation of the percentages being discussed. She stated that she feels the name may imply that is a low-income program, which is a regular program already offered by the District.

The Board expressed support in changing the program name to Water Wise Users.

Director Halket reiterated that the intent of this program is to make low water users financially whole.

The Board reached consensus on this item and directed staff to add wording to make clear when the program would cease to be in effect.

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

Operations Manager Gallagher reviewed the recommended Enhanced Rebate Program information including eligible items and the associated rebate amounts the proposed program would offer. This program would enhance the existing rebate program currently offered by Zone 7 Water Agency. He explained that funding for the rebates given to customers would be provided by the drought rates. The rebate program's maximum payout is \$30,000. The program would grant qualified rebates until the maximum payout is reached.

Director Halket requested that staff notify the Board when the rebate program's total payout amount comes close to the \$30,000 maximum in order to allow the Board the opportunity to reconsider the program's maximum rebate amount.

The Board and staff then discussed:

- Water conservation incentives:
- Water conservation devices; and
- Consumer self-audit kits offered by the District.

The Board reached consensus on this item in support of the enhanced rebate program.

J. Discuss Updated District Drought Response Action Plan

President Vonheeder-Leopold referred the Board to the updated Summary and Recommendation with attached program document provided to the Board, staff and meeting attendees.

General Manager Michalczyk reported that staff has been working on updating the District Drought Response Action Plan which was approved by the Board on February 18, 2014. Since then, staff has acted upon tasks in the Plan and reported progress and developments to the Board on a regular basis. Staff is asking for input and direction from the Board tonight regarding the Plan update in light of what the District is facing in light of the drought situation.

President Vonheeder-Leopold inquired about the wait for grant funding for recycled water projects at Santa Rita Jail and Camp Parks.

Engineering Services Manager Biagtan responded that the District is currently pursuing funding under the Proposition 84 State grant which entails a lengthy application process.

Operations Manager Gallagher explained proposed expanded recycled water use and referred to two charts in the handout regarding making permanent and temporary recycled water connections. The costs identified are based on dollars per acre-foot of water saved. He reviewed the staff recommendation to extend temporary recycled water piping to convert Santa Rita Jail to use recycled water for irrigation. Extending temporary piping to the Jail could be implemented quickly and in time to reduce about 216 acre-feet of potable demand off the system before summer dry weather sets in. In contrast, permanent piping to the jail could not be designed and constructed in time to reduce the demand for this summer. He stated that this action will give the District the biggest and quickest return on investment, allowing the water saved to be used elsewhere. Staff is seeking grant funding to facilitate the installation of a permanent recycled water service connection for the Jail next winter or spring. He also reviewed the staff determination that the installation of temporary recycled water piping in western Dublin would be too costly. It is recommended that the District apply for grant funding to make a permanent conversion possible.

Mr. Gallagher reported that in regards to outreach efforts, staff has met with Sorrento and Hansen Ranch HOA's and will continue to meet with more. Staff has met with Camp Park Command staff as well.

Speaker: Kellie Campbell, manager of The Terraces, reported that The Terraces would be happy to meet with staff. The Terraces has a sub-meter system through a third party. Tenants are billed by The Terraces and they have an enforcement policy.

The Board and staff further discussed drought outreach strategies and target audiences such as schools, HOAs and the farmers' markets. Director Benson offered to meet with The Terraces to discuss the drought.

President Vonheeder-Leopold and Director Benson expressed interest in attending outreach venues to support the drought efforts and meet constituents.

The Board reached consensus on this item in support of the updated action plan.

10. BOARDMEMBER ITEMS

V.P. Duarte reported that he recently visited with the City of San Ramon. It was agreed with the City Manager's office that a town hall meeting for Dougherty Valley regarding drought status will be scheduled for some time in May. He also noted that he attended a Contra Costa Special District's Association meeting on April 21, 2014 which included a presentation and the election for the LAFCo alternate seat.

Director Benson reported that she recently attended a Pacific Institute meeting held at EBMUD. Water Program Director Heather Cooley gave a presentation on the current water situation pertaining to rain, runoff and snowpack.

President Vonheeder-Leopold reported that she and V.P. Duarte made a presentation to the City of San Ramon. She commented that although most of the City is served by EBMUD, they were very receptive to the information since the District serves the Dougherty Valley.

11. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

President Vonheeder-Leopold adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Submitted by,

Nicole Genzale Administrative Analyst I

For: Nancy G. Hatfield District Secretary