

Tualatin Valley Water District



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
1850 SW 170TH AVENUE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2010

Present: Commissioners: Richard Burke, Jim Doane, Jim Duggan, Marilyn McWilliams, Dick Schmidt

Management

Staff: Greg DiLoreto, Patty Rupp, Clark Balfour, Todd Heidgerken, Mark Knudson, Brenda Lennox, Bernice Bagnall

Staff: None

Public: Eric Squires, President CPO 6

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, the words “Motion carried” mean the action of the Board of Commissioners was unanimous.

President Burke called the Regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

REPORTS BY GENERAL MANAGER AND MANAGEMENT STAFF

General Manager DiLoreto reported that a magazine article “Training the Next Generation”, co-authored by the District’s Conservation Technician, Steve Carper, will appear in the February issue of the American Water Works Association’s (AWWA) Journal. Mr. Carper is responsible for the District’s Business, Industry and Government program, otherwise known as the BIG program.

Chief Engineer, Mark Knudson has been named an “Honorary Member” of AWWA. General Manager DiLoreto pointed out that this is a notable award and is based on contributions to the waterworks industry. This award will be presented to Mr. Knudson at the AWWA National Conference in June. General Manager DiLoreto noted that only five Honorary Member awards were given this year out of 56,000 AWWA members.

General Manager DiLoreto provided a brief update on the Tualatin Basin Water Supply Project. The seismic study has been completed on Scoggins Dam; however, it has not been signed by the Bureau of Reclamation, which is required in order to move forward with the corrective action study.

A Board Work Session is scheduled on April 6 at 6:00 P.M. This will include an update in terms of a minor change to the direction to the Information Technology Plan.

General Manager DiLoreto indicated that he and the Manager of the Office of Community and Intergovernmental Relations (OCIR), Todd Heidgerken, would be traveling to Washington DC for the American Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies annual policy week. Chief Financial Officer, Bernice Bagnall would be AIC.

General Manager DiLoreto explained that Commissioner Doane has informed him that he would be unable to attend the July and August Board meetings. Commissioner Doane indicated that he would be able to attend the July meeting if it were re-scheduled for July 14, the week before, as well as the August meeting, if it was also scheduled for August 11. He asked the Board members to check their calendars to be sure these dates would work for them.

Manager of Customer and Support Services, Brenda Lennox, provided the departmental report. She provided a summary of the District's safety program.

General Manager DiLoreto explained that at the February 17 Board meeting, citizen comment was heard regarding to water treatment, quality and standards as it relates to the Willamette River Water Treatment Plant (WRWTP) as well as the suggestion to eliminate lawn watering as a conservation tool. In response, General Manager DiLoreto explained that Mr. Knudson and Mr. Heidgerken would provide a PowerPoint presentation. General Manager DiLoreto noted the credentials of both Mr. Knudson and Mr. Heidgerken. He also reaffirmed the TVWD Board's decision of 2007, to continue with Tualatin Basin Water Supply Project (raising Scoggins Dam) to meet future long-term water needs.

A PowerPoint presentation (PowerPoint slides attached for clarity) was provided to the Board. Mr. Knudson covered the topics of:

- WRWTP in Wilsonville
- Treatment Objectives Consistent with Source, Regulations and Community
- Treatment Process Provides Effective Multi-Barrier Protection
- Intake Positioned Above River Bottom
- Actiflo (Ballasted Flocculation) Provides High Rate Settling of Solids and Some Organics
- Ozone Oxidizes Containments
- Deep-Bed GAC Filtration
- Combination of Process Provides Multiple Barriers
- Drinking Water Standards Provide Effective Protection of Public Health
- Standards Currently Don't Exist for Emerging Contaminants (PPCPs & EDC's)
- Coagulation, Ozone & GAC Filtration "Excellent" at Removing PPCP's & EDs

Mr. Heidgerken explained the testing processes during the pilot project of the Willamette River, and explained how the testing is conducted today.

- Willamette River Pilot Plant Project (Before Construction)
- WRWTP Monitoring Prior to Construction
- Coffey Labs Monitoring Program (chosen by Citizens for Safe Water)
- On-going Monitoring
- Other Water Quality Monitoring

Commissioner Duggan offered additional comments related to testing completed by Coffey Labs and the history of why Coffey Labs was chosen.

In closing, Mr. Heidgerken explained TVWD's on-going effective conservation efforts. He also covered conservation in relation to peaking factors (graph, page 12).

General comments were made by the Board members. They thanked Mr. Knudson and Mr. Heidgerken for their presentations.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Eric Squires, 17172 SW Rider, Aloha, Citizen and Volunteer CPO 6 (Chair)

Mr. Squires came before the Board to offer recognition to a TVWD employee who stopped to assist injured citizens at the scene of an accident in September 2007. Due to legal matters involving the accident, Mr. Squires explained that he could not recognize the employee until this time. He praised TVWD's Safety Program since he had seen it in action. Mr. Squires said he appreciated the broadcast of the TVWD Board meetings and the information was valuable to CPO 6 in many ways.

On behalf of CPO 6, Mr. Squires expressed concern with possible ground well contamination in the area of TVWD's ASR well on Grabhorn Road, on the west side of Cooper Mountain due to activity by a private cooperation in the area and a land use application. The concern is water quality.

The Board and staff explained that the District is aware of the land use application and have had correspondence with other interested citizens.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED AND COMMISSIONER TOPICS

A report was given by each Board member of the meeting they attended during the month.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner McWilliams and seconded by Commissioner Doane to approve the consent agenda consisting of the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2010. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Commissioner Schmidt and seconded by Commissioner Duggan to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:20 P.M. The motion carried.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TUALATIN VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

BY _____ BY _____
Richard Burke, President Marilyn McWilliams, Secretary

Date Approved: April 21, 2010