

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Thursday, January 22, 2009
2:00 p.m., Adjourned Meeting

Board Members Present: CHAIRMAN GRAY ALLEN, ALEX FERREIRA, LOWELL JARVIS, MICHAEL LEE and BEN MAVY

Board Members Absent: None

Agency Personnel Present Who Spoke: DAVID BRENINGER, General Manager; JANET GOLDSMITH, General Counsel, CHERI SPRUNCK, Agency Secretary/Clerk to the Board; BRIAN MARTIN, Director of Technical Services; EINAR MAISCH, Director of Strategic Affairs; JOSEPH PARKER, Director of Financial Services

A. CALL TO ORDER
1. Roll Call

Chairman Allen called the adjourned meeting of the Placer County Water Agency Board of Directors to order at 2:02 p.m. in the American River Room, Placer County Water Agency Business Center, 144 Ferguson Road, Auburn, California.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Director Jarvis

3. Introductions & Presentations: None

B. PUBLIC COMMENT: No member of the public commented.

C. REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS: No reports received.

D. AGENDA CHANGES AND REVIEW: There were no changes.

E. GENERAL ITEMS

1. Briefing by Jill Pahl, Director of Placer County Environmental Health Services, regarding sanitary surveys and AB 885 proposed implementation requirements under consideration by the State Water Resources Control Board:

The General Manager introduced Ms. Pahl.

Ms. Pahl gave a PowerPoint presentation about the proposed statewide septic system regulations. Placer Environmental Health's perspective is that the existing local oversight provides adequate protection and that new State regulations are unnecessary and costly. New State mandates impact all new systems, all existing systems (including domestic

wells), and telemetry will have to be added onto supplemental treatment systems. (Handout provided)

General Counsel reported on the canvass she made of other organizations to see if they were in opposition of AB 885. The entities she checked with are not taking a position. She provided a draft letter from the Agency to the State Water Resources Control Board in opposition to AB 885.

The Board directed General Counsel to modify the letter.



General Counsel will also draft an Agency letter to the Board of Supervisors' supporting their position in opposition to AB 885.

Director Jarvis handed out "Comments on AB885, Regulations for Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS)."

Inquiry, response and discussion followed.

John Green asked what Environmental Health's position is on gray water and homeowners using devices to filter their gray water.

Ms. Pahl responded.

2. Workshop and discussion on Agency strategic planning:
 -  Board of Directors' near and long-term issues
 -  Staff report on the significant issues and interests achieved in 2008 and anticipated in 2009

The General Manager introduced the item.

The Board recessed at 2:45 p.m. and returned at 2:54 p.m.

Agency consultant Steve Barber facilitated the Board strategic session for long-term planning. The Board discussed issues anticipated to occur over the next several years.

Alex left the Board room at 3:54 p.m. and returned at 3:57 p.m.

3. Receive report regarding State and Federal legislation:

No report received.

F. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS:

Director Ferreira reported on today's NID/PCWA Water Committee meeting. There were discussions at that meeting about building a separate plant to serve parts of Lincoln.

Director Jarvis reported on a Regional Water Authority (RWA) workshop he attended. RWA is working on a five-year strategic plan. RWA polled members to see what they wanted RWA to do. Six items were listed:

- To obtain grant revenues
- To influence state and federal regulations in terms of conservation, water rights, delta and water quality
- To serve as an information clearinghouse
- To provide staff training
- To do regional planning (e.g.: full utilization of infrastructure, planning for climate change, and emergency planning for emergencies like droughts)
- To facilitate our regional implementation (conservation measures, water transfers, dry weather emergency supplies)

Members selected the top three items they thought RWA should be doing, which were obtaining grant revenues, influencing state & federal regulators, and regional planning.

Members also were asked what they don't want RWA to do. Members do not want RWA to be an asset owner, liability creator, or regulator

He suggested to the RWA workgroup that it would be good for RWA to 1) act as unifying force on the North Delta 2) work together to work through any water supply crises 3) act as unifying force on legislation that causes us problems.

RWA will finalize a document to distribute to their members.

G. REPORTS BY LEGAL COUNSEL

No report received.

H. REPORTS BY GENERAL MANAGER

The General Manager reported on proposed Board meeting webcasting and showed a printed sample of Tuolumne Utilities District's webcast page. (Handout provided)

He discussed technical and video upgrades needed to the American River Room.

The Board directed staff to pursue the upgrades.

I. CLOSED SESSION AND REPORT

With all members present, as heretofore designated, the meeting adjourned to closed session at 4:41 p.m. to consider the following:

1. **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9: one case

The Board returned at 4:47 p.m. No reportable action was taken.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Allen adjourned the meeting at 4:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

Cheri Sprunck, Clerk to the Board
Placer County Water Agency