

SPECIAL MINUTES OF THE FRCD/EDC/EGWS BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, November 05, 2008

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Florin Resource Conservation District/Economic Development Corporation/Elk Grove Water Service was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Vice-Chair Nelson at 9727 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, CA.

Call to Order; Roll Call; and Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present: Tom Nelson, Tony Perez, Harry Riebe and Sandi Russell

Directors Absent: Barrie Lightfoot

Staff Present: Ann Siprelle, General Counsel; Leo D. Havener, Jr., General Manager; Thomas S. Bartlett, Treasurer; Stefani Phillips, Secretary; Glenn Gilkerson, Treatment Foreman; Scott Myers, District Engineer, Cort Abney, Associate District Engineer; Darren Sissom, Water Distribution Operator I; Donella Ouellette, Financial Services Specialist II; Richard Salas, CIP Foreman; Wilfredo Quintero, Water Distribution Operator I; Fred Oropesa, Water Distribution Operator I; Steve Shaw, Water Treatment Operator III; Travis Small, Water Distribution Operator II; Lee Farmer, Customer Service Representative I; Doreen Myers, Senior Utility Billing Specialist; Jose' Carrillo, Water Distribution Operator II; Ellen Carlson, Management Analyst; and John Diaz, CIP Laborer

Consultants Present: Richard Wilson, Sentium

Public Present Include: Chuck Dawson, Associate Director; Dave Engel, Associate Director; Roy Herburger, Elk Grove Citizen; Dennis Luke, member of the public; Pat Myers, member of the public; and Tom Russell, member of the public

Public Comment

Donella Ouellette, Financial Services Specialist II, spoke in support of the general manager stating that he has taken on many challenges since his arrival at the District. She said he has had to make tough decisions in the best interest of the District and has full support of his staff.

Ellen Carlson, Management Analyst, spoke in support of the general manager stating that he has had to make some very difficult decisions recently and the reactions of the Board, as a result, have demoralized the staff.

1. Discussion On Notification Regarding Water Quality

Sandi Russell, Director, independently requested Dave Engel, Associate Director, to review the water quality presentation that was given at the Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 for discrepancies.

Mr. Engel provided the Board with his background which included law enforcement and detective and investigative work. Mr. Engel made it clear that he would assist the Board in any capacity necessary and that he had no ulterior motives. He stated that he was requested by Ms. Russell to gather facts and compare the facts against what had been given to the public by the EGWS management. He stated Ms. Russell asked him to provide his findings to the Board along with any actions that may be necessary. Mr. Engel listed a number of discrepancies, all of which were responded to by the staff and the District Engineers.

2. Closed Session

a. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES

Consultation with: Scott Myers, District Engineer

No reportable action taken

b. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: General Manager

No reportable action taken

Closed session was adjourned and open session resumed.

Public Comment

Darren Sissom, Water Distribution Operator I, inquired if the Board had authorized the independent review of the facts. The Board responded, no.

Harry Riebe, Director, commented that he had heard the points made by Mr. Engel and listened to the answers by staff and was satisfied that the District is providing good water. He stated he would vote against an investigation or a fact finding review.

Mr. Nelson stated a fact finding investigation would be detrimental to the District, to the employees, and to the organization. He stated it would be destructive and divisive and did not feel it was necessary. He stated he was satisfied with the information provided by staff and would oppose the motion.

MSC (Russell/Perez) to initiate a thorough fact finding review of the entire arsenic issue by an outside consultant, 2/2; ayes: Perez and Russell; nay: Nelson and Riebe

Mr. Nelson stated it would take three votes for the motion to carry and as a result the motion was defeated.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefani Phillips

Stefani Phillips, Secretary