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John Aguilar
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Anthony Bianco
Director

DIVISION 3
John Powell
President

DIVISION 4
Peter G. Nelson
Director

DIVISION 5
Castulo Estrada
Vice President



**OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COACHELLA VALLEY WATER
DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*CVWD's Coachella
Office Forbes
Auditorium*

51501 Tyler Street
Coachella

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October 26, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Powell called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Coachella Valley Water District to order at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at the office of the District in Coachella, California. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Powell.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: President John P. Powell, Jr
Vice President Cástulo R. Estrada
Director John Aguilar
Director Anthony Bianco

Absent: Director Peter Nelson

Staff Present: Jim Barrett, General Manager
Jeff Ferre, Counsel
Sylvia M. Bermudez, Clerk of the Board

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

In accordance with the section 54954.2 of the Government Code additions to the agenda require a two-thirds vote of the legislative body, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present, which makes the determination that there is a need to take action, and the need to take action arose after the posting of the Agenda.

- A. No items removed or continued from the Agenda
- B. No emergency items added to the Agenda
- C. No changes to the order of the Agenda

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment received.

5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent calendar items 5A through 5J, are expected to be routine and to be acted upon by the Board of Directors at one time without discussion. If any Board member requests that an item be removed from the consent calendar, it will be removed so that it may be acted upon separately.

- A. Approve minutes of the October 12, 2021 Coachella Valley Water District Board of Directors meeting
- B. Accept and file the General Manager's Report of Activities September 2021
- C. Accept and file the General Manager's Report of Authorizations, Executions, and Acceptance of Documents during the month of September 2021
- D. Accept and file the Secretary's Report of Written Instruments Accepted and Recorded during the month of September 2021
- E. Approve payment of \$62,015 for the 2022 Water Research Foundation Annual dues
- F. Approve payment of \$44,465 to Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) for 2022 Annual Agency Dues
- G. Approve payment of 2022 Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) Annual Membership Dues in the amount of \$8,715
- H. Authorization to Submit General Applications to the Department of Water Resources Technical Support Services for Installation of Monitoring Wells
- I. Authorize the Purchase of Computer Server and Storage hardware from Sidepath Inc. in the amount of \$395,000 for the main computer infrastructure upgrade in Coachella
- J. Approve and authorize the General Manager to execute a Joint Community Facilities Agreement between CVWD, City of Rancho Mirage, and EC Rancho Mirage Holdings, limited partnership, et al, relating to the City of Rancho Mirage Community Facilities District No. 5 (Section 31)

On a motion by Director Bianco second by Director Aguilar, the Board approved the consent calendar items 5A through 5J.

Approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Powell, Estrada, Bianco, Aguilar

NOES: None

ABSENT: Nelson

Motion Passed: 4-0

6. DISCUSSION OF ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

No items pulled for discussion.

7. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Anniversaries:

- *Michael Munoz, Facilities & Maintenance Supervisor, 20 years (did not attend)*

Retirements

- *Brent Stewart, Lead Water Management Specialist II, 30 years (did not attend)*
- *Miguel Navarro, Electrical Assistant Supervisors, 16 years (did not attend)*
- *Jim Kreizinger, Construction Inspector II, 35 years (did not attend)*
- *Victor Flores, Storekeeper III, 30 years*
- *Robert White, Distribution Operator II, 29 years (did not attend)*
- *Angela Johnson, Lead Water Management Specialist II, 22 years (did not attend)*

8. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

- A. Written Communications – none received.

9. ACTION ITEMS

- A. **Authorize the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with SDI Presence, LLC, in the amount of \$131,000 for the Procurement Services Phase of a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) and Utility Billing (UB) system.**

Following a presentation by Karrie Swaine, Controller, the Board discussed a professional services agreement for the procurement services phase of a new enterprise resource planning (ERP) and utility billing (UB) system.

On a motion by Director Aguilar second by Director Estrada, the Board approved and authorized the General Manager to execute a professional services agreement with SDI Presence, LLC for the procurement services phase of a new enterprise resource planning (ERP) and utility billing (UB) system, in the amount of \$131,000.

Approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Powell, Estrada, Bianco, Aguilar

NOES: None

ABSENT: Nelson

Motion Passed: 4-0

10. BOARD COMMENTS AND REPORTS

- A. Board Member General Comments
- Director Aguilar commented on the interview of GM Barrett for the Palm Springs Life, the Desert We Want Webinar Series.
 - Directors Bianco, Estrada and Powell had no report.
- B. Meetings and Conference Reports
- September 30, 2021 Legislative Committee Meeting (Director Estrada)
 - October 1, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting (Director Estrada)
 - October 4, 2021 CVWD Water Tender Services to Oasis Mobile Home Park (Director Estrada)
 - October 14, 2021 Coachella Valley Conservation Commission Meeting (Director Bianco)
 - October 14, 2021 Water Education Foundation Northern California Tour: A Virtual Journey (Director Aguilar)
 - October 14, 2021 Desert Valley's Builders Association Meeting (Director Powell)
 - October 20, 2021 Indio Subbasin Alternative Plan Update - Public Workshop No. 7 (Director Estrada)
 - October 25, 2021 California Farm Water Coalition Meeting (Director Nelson) ***continued*

Additional meetings reported

- October 22, 2021 Meeting with Patrick O'Dowd, Executive Director of the Salton Sea Authority regarding the North Lake Proposal (Director Powell)
 - October 25, 2021 Meeting with Building Industry Association (BIA) of Southern California and Brian Nestande (Director Powell)
 - October 18-19, 2021 California Association of Mutual Water Companies panel discussion (Director Estrada)
 - October 20, 2021 Meeting with Salton Sea Authority, California Natural Resources Agency and Riverside County, regarding the North Lake Project (Director Estrada)
- C. Approval of per diem for meetings reported
On a motion by Director Aguilar second by Director Estrada,
the Board approved per diem for meetings reported.
Approved by the following roll call vote:
AYES: Powell, Estrada, Bianco, Aguilar
NOES: None
ABSENT: Nelson
Motion Passed: 4-0

11. STAFF REPORTS

- A. General Manager, Jim Barrett provided an update on CVWD COVID-19 numbers; also, reported negotiations are underway with the

District's three bargaining units, in regards to the draft vaccine policy; and three make-up sessions remain for the COVID-19 informational sessions for CVWD staff.

- B. Counsel, Jeff Ferre reported on recent legislation, which expands the options for members of the public to receive agendas via email as well as in the mail.
- C. Departments – none

12. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency negotiator: Scott Hunter
Employees' organization: Association of Coachella Valley Water District Managers (ACVWDM)

- B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Title: General Manager

13. RECONVENE

- A. Report out of Closed Session
President Powell reconvened the meeting into open session and announced there were no reportable actions from Closed Session.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, President Powell adjourned the regular meeting of the Coachella Valley Water District Board of Directors at 10:19 a.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.



Sylvia M. Bermudez, MMC
Clerk of the Board
Coachella Valley Water District



John Powell, Jr., Board President
Coachella Valley Water District