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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

(Approved at the April 16, 2015 Meeting)

Friday, March 20, 2015

6:30 PM

The Calwa Recreation and Park District Board of Directors welcomes you to its meetings and encourages you to participate. This agenda contains a brief general description of each item that will be considered by the Board.

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

INVOCATION

Board Member Paul H. Garcia delivered the invocation.

FLAG SALUTE

1. ROLL

Board Members present: Chairwoman Mary L. Rosales, Vice Chairman Raul Guerra, Sandra Celedon and Paul H. Garcia

Board Members absent: Felicia Salcido

Also present was District Administrator Luis Mendoza.

2. ACTION ITEM: APPROVE THE AGENDA

Board Member Garcia made a motion to approve the agenda.

ACTION TAKE: MOTION PASSED

Motion: Garcia 2nd: Guerra Vote: 4-0 as follows:
Rosales: Yes Guerra: Yes Celedon: Yes Garcia: Yes Salcido: Absent

3. CLOSED SESSION

A. INFORMATIONAL ITEM: Potential Litigation, Government Code Section 54956.9(b).

Chairwoman Rosales announced that there was nothing to report out of the Closed Session.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. ACTION ITEM: Authorize District Administrator to proceed with the replacement and relocation of water lines/equipment as needed so as to make a connection with the City of Fresno's water system.

District Administrator Mendoza gave an overview of the process he followed when going about replacing the park water tank after the Board gave him the authority to do so at the last meeting. To ensure that purchasing a new water tank was the solution that made the most sense, he reported that he consulted with several private companies – irrigation specialists, plumbers and water pump companies – who all agreed that the water tank wasn't necessary. He said he had Facilities Staff dig up the lines around the tank, disconnect the tank, purchase the material necessary and connect the City of Fresno's water line directly to the park's water system.

He reported that the project saved the District more than \$19,000 because Staff only spent several hundred dollars disconnecting the tank and making the direct connection to the City water line, instead of purchasing a new tank. He said that the project was successful but that the backflow prevention assembly (RP device) – the system that prevents water in the park water system from flowing back into the City water system – failed several hours later because the valves were used to turn water off and on at the park and because of the device's age, couldn't handle the changes in water flow throughout the changeover. He noted that the City of Fresno Water Division staff recommended several weeks earlier that the device needed to be replaced. During that conversation, City staff asked that if the District wanted to replace the RP device that they be allowed to move the water meters out to the curb (outside the park) so that they could access the meter without entering park property. They said they would pay for their share of the work to move the assembly because the RP device and the meters needed to be a specific distance from each other.

He said that when the City staff started preparing the project they found that the line that went into the park was a 6" (in diameter) cement pipe lined with asbestos (versus the prevailing thinking that it was a 4" line). He went on to describe the complications of continuing with the project, including: finding a company willing to work on asbestos pipe and the City's request to connect the 6" line to a 4" meter and then back to a 6" line into the park. He also indicated that the City removed the water meter without notifying the District.

Responding to questions from Chairwoman Rosales and Board Members Celedon and Garcia about the potential cost and scope of work, Mr. Mendoza said that he had secured quotes from various companies for a project involving a 4" connection and metal pipes and couldn't give an estimate on what the District would have to pay for its portion of the project, namely purchasing and installing a new RP device, but he estimated that the costs could be kept under \$18,000.

In response to concerns from Vice Chairman Guerra, Mr. Mendoza informed the Board that Staff didn't connect the park water pump to the system because there was little water coming out of the well, but that the board had the option of re-connecting it at a later date if it chose to do so. He said that he thought it was because the water table dropped so low that the pump wasn't able to draw any water.

Citing the savings from the averted water tank project, **Vice Chairman Guerra made a motion to authorize the District Administrator to spend up to \$20,000 to replace the RP device and make the connections needed restore water to the park.**

ACTION TAKE: MOTION PASSED

Motion: Guerra

2nd: Garcia

Vote: 4-0 as follows:

Rosales: Yes

Guerra: Yes

Celedon: Yes

Garcia: Yes

Salcido: Absent

5. UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.** The public may address the Calwa Recreation and Park District Board on any item of interest within the jurisdiction of the Board, even though it is not on the agenda. The Board will listen to the comments presented; however, in compliance with the Brown Act, the Board may only briefly discuss the item, but it cannot take any action at the meeting. The purpose of the discussion is to permit a member of the public to raise an issue or problem with the Board or to permit the Board to provide information to the public, provide direction to its staff, or schedule the matter for a future meeting. All speakers are requested to wait until recognized by the Board Chairman.

In response to a question from community member Katy Moreno, Administrator Mendoza responded that he would provide her with the financial report that would have been provided at the canceled regular meeting of March 19, 2015.

Public Comment Time Limitations: All comments are limited to three (3) minutes per individual, with a fifteen (15) minute maximum per group, per item, per meeting.

B. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Member Garcia thanked District Administrator for the work he put into preparing the agenda items at the meeting.

Mr. Mendoza said that, once installed, the new RP device would be protected in a locked cage that would be built by District Staff.

Board Member Celedon expressed her concern that agenda items from the canceled regular meeting weren't on the agenda for the Special Meeting and asked that the Board stick to the meeting schedule to keep the items on track.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

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