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UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
“Conserving Water since 1927”

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David D. Boyer

AGENDA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 12:00 P.M.
Board Room, UWCD G.I. “Irv” Wilde Headquarters
106 North 8th Street, Santa Paula, California

BOARD MATTERS

Normally, Action (Motion) Items will be considered and acted upon separately; Consent Items will be considered and acted upon collectively, although a Consent Item may be considered and acted upon separately; and Information Items will be considered separately without action.

The Board of Directors in its discretion may change the order of agenda items.

1. FIRST OPEN SESSION 12:00 P.M.

Items to be discussed in Executive (Closed) Session will be announced.

1.1 Public Comments

Information Item

Members of the public may address the Board on any matter on the Closed Session agenda or on any non-agenda item within the jurisdiction of the Board. All comments are subject to a five-minute time limit.

1.2 EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION 12:05 P.M.

The Board will discuss matters outlined in the attached Executive (Closed) Session Agenda (Exhibit A).

2. SECOND OPEN SESSION AND CALL TO ORDER 1:00 P.M.

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2.2 Public Comment

Information Item

Members of the public may address the Board on any item on the Consent Calendar or on any non-agenda item within the jurisdiction of the Board. No action will be taken by the Board on any non-agenda item. All comments are subject to a five-minute time limit.

2.3 Approval of Agenda

Motion

- 2.4 Oral Report Regarding Executive (Closed) Session
Information Item**
Presented by District Legal Counsel David D. Boyer.
- 2.5 Board Communication
Information Item**
Board members may present non-agenda information including, but not limited to, the following: 1) meetings, workshops, conferences and functions attended during the previous month on behalf of the District; 2) meetings, workshops, conferences and functions Directors plan to attend in the upcoming months; and 3) possible conflicts that Directors might have with respect to issues on the Agenda.
- 2.6 General Manager’s Report
Information Item**
The General Manager will present information on his activities of possible interest to the Board and that may have consequence to the District.
- 2.7 Consider Cancellation of August Board Meeting
Motion**
As has been the District’s tradition, the Board shall consider cancelling its regular August 2018 Board meeting.
- 2.8 Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo)
Countywide Oversight Board Elections
Motion**
The Board shall consider casting the District’s ballot for the Ventura LAFCo Countywide Oversight Board’s independent special district representative.
- 3. CONSENT CALENDAR: All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member pulls an item from the Calendar. Pulled items will be discussed and acted on separately by the Board. Members of the public who want to comment on a Consent Calendar item should do so under Public Comments. (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)**

 - A. Approval of Minutes
Motion**
Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board meeting of May 15, 2018 and the Special Board Meeting – Budget Workshop of May 22, 2018.
 - B. Groundwater Basin Status Reports
Information Item**
Receive and file Monthly Hydrologic Conditions Report for the District.

**C. Monthly Investment Report
Information Item**

Report on the District's investments and the availability or restriction of these funds. All investments are in compliance with the District's investment policy, which is reviewed and approved annually by the Board.

4. MOTION ITEMS (By Department)

Groundwater Department – Staff

4.1 PUBLIC HEARING

Conclusion of Annual Groundwater Hearing, Acceptance of Public Comment and Setting of 2018-19 Zones and Extraction Charges

Motion

In accordance with Part 9 of Division 21 of the California Water Code (Section 75500 et seq.), the Board annually conducts a public hearing to consider the conditions of groundwater resources within the District. An "Annual Investigation and Report of Groundwater Conditions" was submitted to the Board on March 13, 2018 and has been available for public review and comment. This hearing was opened on April 11, 2018 and continued until May 15, 2018, at which time it was again continued to June 13, 2018. During the hearing, the Board will receive information from District staff and consultant(s) in support of the establishment of zone(s) within the District and levying of groundwater extraction charges within such zone(s). Public comment will also be accepted. No Board decisions have yet been made. The Board may choose to conclude the hearing today and consider acting to establish zone(s) within the District and to levy groundwater extraction charges within such zone(s) for the 2018-19 water year.

Resolution 2018-03

Making Findings and Determinations from the Evidence Submitted Concerning the Groundwater Conditions of United Water Conservation District.

Motion

Resolution 2018-04

Making Additional Findings and Determinations from the Evidence Submitted Concerning Groundwater Conditions of United Water Conservation District, Determining and Establishing Groundwater Extraction Charge Zones and Levying, Assessing and Fixing Groundwater Extraction Charges against All Persons Operating Groundwater Producing Facilities within Such Zones for the 2018-19 Water Year

Motion

4.2 Groundwater Model Expert Panel – \$150,000

Motion

Board to consider authorizing the General Manager to execute contract amendments totaling \$150,000 for three groundwater modeling experts (Expert Panel) to continue providing model-review consulting services during development, calibration, expansion, and application of United's Ventura Regional Groundwater Flow Model (VRGWFM) over the next 12 months.

Administrative Department – Christy Ramirez and Tina Rivera

4.3 Resolution No. 2018-05 Adopting the Proposed District Budget Plan, Financial Policies, Overhead Allocation Method, Staffing Levels and Salary Schedules for Fiscal Year 2018-19 and Appropriation Carryovers for Fiscal Year 2017-18

Motion

The Board will consider adoption of Resolution No. 2018-05, adopting the proposed District Budget Plan, Fiscal Policies, Overhead Allocation Method, Staffing Levels and Salary Schedules for Fiscal Year 2017-18 and Appropriation Carryovers for Fiscal Year 2016-17.

4.4 Resolution 2018-06 A Resolution of the Board of Directors of UWCD Requesting the Auditor-Controller to Compute and Affix a Tax Rate for the Fiscal Period 2018-19 Sufficient to Satisfy the State Water Project Charges

Motion

Board will consider adoption of Resolution 2018-06, requesting the County Auditor-Controller to compute and affix a tax rate for FY 2018-19 to provide approximately \$2,178,500 in property tax revenue sufficient to satisfy a portion of the voter approved debt for State Water Project costs.

Engineering Department – Jim Grisham

4.5 Lake Piru Recreation Management Plan Contract Amendment and Budget Transfer

Motion

Board to consider approving: (1) a contract amendment in the amount of \$28,000 for Stantec to modify the District's draft Recreation Management Plan and; (2) authorizing a budget amendment transferring \$3,000 currently allocated under In-House Salaries to the project's Design budget.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS (By Department)

Park and Recreation Division – Clayton Strahan

**5.1 Monthly Park and Recreation Department Report
Information Item**

Staff will report on operations and items of note relative to the Lake Piru Recreation Area. Items may include, but are not limited to, discussion of potential revisions to the existing PMC operating agreement, camping and boating policies at the lake; operations and activities; financing and status of facility improvement projects; maintenance activities; security issues; and emergency response activities.

Environmental Planning and Conservation Department – Anthony Emmert

**5.2 Monthly Environmental Planning and Conservation Department Report
Information Item**

Staff will report on environmental and regulatory issues of note to the District. The report will include water releases, operations of the fish ladder at the Freeman Diversion, various monitoring efforts, study plans and issues associated with the Endangered Species Act, including the Section 10 MSHCP process, future fish passage requirements, compliance with the District's FERC license/Biological Opinion, the Santa Felicia Dam, studies and operations in and near Piru Creek, any interactions with Rancho Temescal and Rancho Camulos.

**5.3 Quagga Mussel Management Efforts Update
Information Item**

Staff will report on the ongoing management and monitoring efforts related to the Lake Piru quagga mussel infestation.

Groundwater Department – Staff

**5.4 Monthly Groundwater Department Report
Information Item**

Staff will report on monthly Groundwater Department activities. Department activities include, but are not limited to, updates to the Ventura Regional Groundwater Flow Model; the Santa Paula Basin Technical Advisory Committee; status of the Santa Paula Basin safe yield and practical measures studies; brackish water treatment feasibility study; upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL; hydrologic and well conditions statewide and locally; available Forebay storage; county well ordinance

update; Fox Canyon GMA issues; City of Oxnard's GREAT Program; potential recycled water projects, including use of United's terminal reservoirs; user groups (including but not limited to Oxnard Plain and Pumping Trough Pipeline groups); local implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (including formation of groundwater sustainability agencies in the District's basins, stakeholder and basin user groups, joint powers or governance agreements, development of water markets, and potential basin boundary changes); and potential District solar power facilities.

**5.5 Update on Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)
Information Item**

Staff will report on the monthly activities of the two Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (Mound Basin GSA and Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA), for which the District serves as a member director.

Administration Services – Tina Rivera and Christy Ramirez

**5.6 Monthly Administrative Services Department Report – Tina Rivera
Information Item**

Summary report on Administration Department activities including issues associated with budget development, financial performance versus budget plan, financial accounting requirements and procedures, potential debt issuance and related financial services, status of District investments and reserves, updates on its capital improvement programs, human resources and safety, District property and facilities maintenance and administration, the search for new District offices, District records and reports, groundwater extraction statements administration, risk management and District liability insurance matters, management of District contracts, policy development, governance procedures, and supporting activities of Board and staff.

Outreach, Legislative, Grants and Training Report – Christy Ramirez

**5.7 Monthly Outreach, Legislative, Grants and Training Report
Information Item**

Summary report on outreach activities, newly proposed legislation for 2018, pending and chaptered state and federal legislation, state and federal legislative issues of note for the District over the past month, potential grants/grant activity, and staff and director training.

Engineering Department – Jim Grisham

**5.8 Monthly Engineering Department Report
Information Item**

Summary report on various water resources, planning efforts and department programs affecting the District, including, but not limited to design and construction; dam safety; FERC license compliance; Freeman Diversion; recycled water; pipeline operations and various engineering analysis.

Operations and Maintenance – Mike Ellis

**5.9 Monthly Operation and Maintenance Department Report
Information Item**

Summary report on monthly operations and maintenance of District facilities including Santa Felicia Dam and hydroplant; the Piru Groundwater Recharge facility; the Freeman Diversion Dam; the Saticoy and El Rio Groundwater Recharge facilities; the Pleasant Valley and Pumping Trough Pipeline systems; and the Oxnard-Hueneme Pipeline system. The report covers operating plans, the quantity and quality of water diverted and delivered, fish ladder status, major maintenance problems and repairs, status of O&M projects and safety and training issues.

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS READING FILE

7. ADJOURNMENT

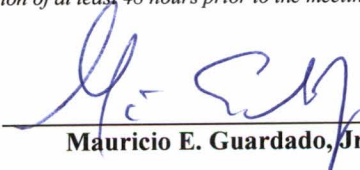
The Board will adjourn to the **Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 2018** or call of the President.

All testimony given before the Board of Directors is recorded.

Materials, which are non-exempt public records and are provided to the Board of Directors to be used in consideration of the above agenda items, including any documents provided subsequent to the publishing of this agenda, are available for inspection at the District's offices at 106 North 8th Street in Santa Paula during normal business hours.

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Approved: _____


Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr. – General Manager

Posted: (date) June 8, 2018

(time) 2:00p.m.

(attest) *Kris Sofley*

At: United Water Conservation District Headquarters, 106 No. 8th St., Santa Paula, CA

Posted: (date) June 8, 2018

(time) 2:15p.m.

(attest) *Kris Sofley*

At: www.unitedwater.org

EXHIBIT A
EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION AGENDA

1. LITIGATION MATTERS

1.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (d)(1)

A. City of San Buenaventura v. United Water Conservation District, et al, Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. VENCI00401714

B. City of San Buenaventura v. United Water Conservation District, et al, Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 1414739 (consolidated for purposes of trial with case in subsection A.)

Note: 2.1 A and B consolidated in the California Supreme Court, 2nd Civil No. S226036, Review granted on June 24, 2015 of published decision of Division Six, Second District of the Court of Appeal of the State of California, 2d Civil No. B251810.

C. City of San Buenaventura v. United Water Conservation District, et al, Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 1467531

D. Wishtoyo Foundation, et al v. United Water Conservation District, U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, Case No.2:16-cv-03869 GHK (PLAx)

1.2 Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2): two cases

2. LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

2.1 Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code 54957.6)

Agency designated representatives: Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., Alvertina Rivera and Christy Ramirez. Employee organization: SEIU Local 721.

3. EMPLOYMENT

3.1 Public Employment (Government Code § 54957(b)(1))

Title: Chief Engineer