

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WALNUT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

September 5, 2024
At the Offices of the District
271 South Brea Canyon Road, Walnut, CA 91789

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Edwin Hilden
Scarlett Kwong
Theresa Lee
Jerry Tang

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Henry Woo

STAFF PRESENT:

Sherry Shaw, General Manager/Chief Engineer
Jared Macias, Assistant General Manager
Josh Byerrum, Director of Finance
James Ning, Finance Manager
Thomas Monk, Director of Operations
Bertha Perez, Engineering Manager
Alanna Diaz, Director of Administrative Services
Lily Lopez, Director of External Affairs & Sustainability
Donna DiLaura, External Affairs & Sustainability
Manager
Lucie Cazares, Executive Services Administrator
Jim Ciampa, Legal Counsel (via Telephone)

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. with President Lee presiding.

Guests and others in attendance: Habib Isaac, IB Consulting; Benjamin Nguyen, Pearl Hilden.

Item 3: Public Comment

- ◆ There were no requests. (Item 3)

Item 4: Review of 2024 Financial Plan and Rate Study

- ◆ The Board received a PowerPoint presentation, from Mr. Habib Isaac, on the District's financial plans and rates. As a matter of information only, no Board action was taken. (Item 4)

Item 5: Consideration of Tentative Approval of Proposed Water Rates to be Considered for Final Approval at Public Hearing (see Item 6 below)

- ◆ Mr. Habib Isaac and Mr. Josh Byerrum presented a PowerPoint on the preliminary water rates proposed to be incorporated into the 2025 Comprehensive Rate Study if approved by the Board. Following staff's explanation of the steps taken to help determine the components of the rate structure, the Board was asked to provide preliminary approval of the water rates, as presented so that they may be incorporated into the 2025 Rate Study and the Proposition 218 Public Notice.

Motion No. 24-09-2076: Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Lee, seconded by Director Hilden, and carried 4-0 (with Director Woo absent) to provide preliminary approval of the proposed water rates, as presented, for inclusion in the 2025 Rate Study and the Proposition 218 Public Notice. (Item 5)

President Lee indicated Motion No. 24-09-2076 was approved by a 4-0 (with Director Woo absent) vote

Item 6: Schedule the Public Hearing for Proposed Water Rate Increase

- ◆ The Board was asked to set Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. as the date and time to conduct the public hearing for consideration of the proposed water rate and service charge adjustments, in accordance with the procedural requirements of the California Constitution (Article XIII D § 6[a]). Along with this request they received an outline of activities leading up to the public hearing. (Item 6)

Motion No. 24-09-2077: Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Kwong, seconded by Director Hilden, and carried 4-0 (with Director Woo absent) to schedule a public hearing for the consideration of a water rate adjustment at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at the South Coast Air Quality Management District auditorium. (Item 6)

President Lee indicated Motion No. 24-09-2077 was approved by a 4-0 (with Director Woo absent) vote

Item 7: Authorize Staff to Draft a Public Notice with the Proposed Rates Presented

- ◆ The Board was asked to authorize staff to draft public notice with the proposed rates presented during the Review of 2024 Financial Plan and Rate Study

Motion No. 24-09-2078: Upon consideration thereof, it was moved by Director Hilden, seconded by Director Tang, and carried 4-0 (with Director Woo absent) to authorize staff to draft public notice with the proposed rates presented during the Review of 2024 Financial Plan and Rate Study. (Item 7)

President Lee indicated Motion No. 24-09-2078 was approved by a 4-0 (with Director Woo absent) vote

Item 8: Other

- ◆ There were no additional items discussed.

Adjournment at 6:04 P.M.