



**VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE ENGINEERING & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE HELD
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021**

Committee Members Present: Director Javier E. Vargas, Chairperson
Director Lenet Pacheco, Co-Chairperson

Staff Present: Jose Martinez, General Manager
Jandy Macias, Finance & Customer Service Manager
Colleen Malaiba, Executive Assistant/Board Liaison
Tom Mortenson, Operations & Maintenance Manager
Tara Robinson, Management Analyst
Nadia Loukeh, Accounting

Others Present: President David Muse
Vice President Jazmin Lopez
Director Ralph Galvan

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Engineering & Operations Committee held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, was called to order at 10:06pm by Director Vargas.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

- No Comment

C. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Capital Improvement Projects Update

- General Manager provided an update on the District Headquarters budget, the anticipated grant funding for the AMI project, the status of the Water System Master Plan and Urban Water Management Plan, the construction of the Nixon Booster Pump Station, upgrades of the District's reservoirs, and the purchase of vehicles and a forklift for the District's fleet.

2. District Headquarters Update

- General Manager showed a time lapsed video of the headquarters construction site and reviewed the progress and temporary setbacks that have occurred at the construction site

3. Valley View Mutual Water Company Interconnection

- Management Analyst explained that Valley View Mutual Water Company (Valley View) utilizes their interconnection with the District when they are deficient of water due to high demand, fire flow need, or water quality issues; reported that although it has never been an issue with the District, they do utilize this interconnection often and could potentially utilize a significant amount of water if needed
- General Manager stated that Department of Drinking Water needed some clarification on the type of interconnection exists between the two water providers; reported that after some evaluation it was determined that it should be classified as an emergency connection, where the connection would typically be locked until notification is given that access is needed
- Director Pacheco thanked the General Manager for his diligence in evaluating this interconnection

- Director Vargas asked why this connection remain unlocked where the District's other interconnections remain locked
- General Manager explained that this is a stipulation of an agreement with Valley View that was signed in 1999

4. *District Landscape Area Measurement Assessment*

- General Manager reported government regulations are attempting to determine an acceptable amount of indoor water use and outdoor water use per person per household; stated that a landscape area measurement assessment is being utilized as a tool to determine a landscape to property ratio that can be used to determine a budgeted amount for outdoor water use; stated that this is concerning as drought conditions have a larger impact on southern California as compared to northern California; explained that the state is looking to have water agencies to utilize a budget-based rates system or a system that would require that budgeted amount as a standard for water efficiency

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Engineering & Operations Committee held Wednesday, June 23, 2021, was adjourned 11:26am by Director Vargas.

SIGNED:

ATTEST:



President of the Board of Directors
(OFFICIAL VCWD SEAL)



Secretary of the Board of Directors