

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: MICHAEL S. LEBRUN  
GENERAL MANAGER

DATE: JUNE 22, 2012

**AGENDA ITEM**

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**JUNE 27, 2012**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ITEM**

Review Committee meeting minutes.

### **BACKGROUND**

The following meetings were held for which meeting minutes are being provided:

- June 11, 2012 Water Resources Policy Committee

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that your Honorable Board discuss the meeting minutes as appropriate.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- Water Resources Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

# NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012

10:00 A.M.

## **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES** **WATER RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE**

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ED EBY, CHAIRMAN  
MIKE WINN, MEMBER

### PRINCIPAL STAFF

MICHAEL S. LEBRUN, GENERAL MANAGER  
LISA BOGNUDA, ASST GM/FINANCE DIRECTOR  
JON SEITZ, GENERAL COUNSEL  
PETER SEVCIK, DISTRICT ENGINEER

**MEETING LOCATION - District Board Room**  
**148 S. Wilson Street, Nipomo, California**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE AND ROLL CALL**

Chairman Eby called the Special Meeting of June 11, 2012, to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the flag salute. At roll call, both committee members were present. There were approximately thirteen members of the public present.

### **2. REVIEW COMMITTEE PURPOSE AND GOALS**

Chairman Eby stated Water Resources Policy Committee was formed by the Board of Directors on May 23, 2012, to explore new avenues to bring supplemental water to the Nipomo Mesa. The goals of the committee are:

- Meet the State Superior Court mandate for providing a physical water resources solution to the Nipomo Mesa Management Area
- Delivery capability of at least 2,500 acre-feet of water annually
- New water delivery as soon as possible to address ongoing resource depletion
- Most affordable and cost efficient-solution

Member Winn pointed out that, while the Stipulation presently requires a pipeline intertie with City of Santa Maria, the Court would likely allow a different solution should a cheaper quicker supplemental water solution be found.

Public Comment:

John Sonksen of Arroyo Grande asked for information on a referenced document that he could not locate on the District's website.

The Committee directed staff to locate the Document and follow up with Mr. Sonksen.

### **3. REVIEW COMMITTEE PROCESS**

Chairman Eby reviewed a flow chart describing the Committee's intended process.

The process forward includes at least three pathways:

- Engineering a reduced configuration of intertie pipeline to deliver water from the City of Santa Maria

- Analysis of supplemental water project options
- Financing approach for supplemental water project(s)

Public Comment:

Sam Scarborough, Nipomo resident, stated concern over use of old petroleum pipelines for water supply. Encouraged those in opposition to supplemental water to identify themselves. Stated this is time to come together and resolve issue.

Committee direction to staff:

Take process flow chart forward to Board of Directors for discussion on June 27, 2012.

**4. DISCUSS IDEAS FOR THE FORMATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL WATER ALTERNATIVES REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Chairman Eby discussed the committee's research of advisory committee formation and function.

Director Winn stated that water conservation should remain a strong compliment to any and all supplemental water projects.

Public Comment:

Sam Saltoun, Nipomo resident, stated that any review committee should include one or two non-technical members-at-large that would help communicate technical findings and increase buy-in of the committee's recommendation.

Sam Scarborough, Nipomo resident, stated agreement with Mr. Saltoun's idea. He stated we are all in this together and need to build the community support through communication.

Chairman Eby indicated the committee tasks are technical in nature and an 'ombudsman' would not likely be required. He also indicated that there should be no objection to including non-technical members-at-large, if they had the ability to perform an objective analysis of the alternatives.

Director Winn indicated he would entertain the idea of two at-large committee members. He feels technical members should have experience with local conditions but need not live in the area, whereas at-large appointees should ideally have resided in the area for some time.

Committee direction to staff:

Add formation of a sub-committee to review supplemental water alternatives on a future Regular Board Meeting for consideration by Board of Directors.

**5. CONSIDER LETTER TO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING SUPPLEMENTAL WATER**

Committee considered the draft letter.

Public Comment:

Sam Scarborough, Nipomo resident, stated community members and opposition parties should be forthcoming on who they are and why they oppose the acquisition of supplemental water.

Committee direction to staff:

Forward draft letter to Board of Directors for consideration on June 13, 2012.

**6. CONSIDER TASK ORDER WITH AECOM FOR SUPPLEMENTAL WATER PROJECT (INTERTIE PIPELINE) PHASING TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Committee considered the Task Order. Director Winn asked to include a review of the draft work product (Technical Memorandum) by Committee prior to presenting it to the Board of Directors. Chairman Eby asked that a clear start to finish timeline for the work be included.

There was no public comment.

Committee direction to staff:

Bring a proposal, revised as directed by the committee, forward to the Board of Directors for consideration at June 27, 2012 regular meeting.

**7. PRESENTATION ON DESALINIZATION TECHNOLOGY**

Committee received a presentation by John D. Riley, President Verno Water, Inc. on desalination technology.

Public Comment:

Sam Saltoun, Nipomo resident asked Mr. Riley about his work and contacts with the U.S. Navy.

Gary Hayes and Steve Hall, Nipomo residents, stated they had invented a method for pulling water out of the atmosphere.

There was no direction to staff from Committee.

**8. SET NEXT WATER RESOURCES POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Committee set next meeting for June 25, 2012, 10am in District Board Room.

**9. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.