

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOULDER CREEK, CALIFORNIA**

February 17, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District was called to order by Dir. Nelson on Thursday, February 17, 2005 in the District's Operations Building, 13057 Highway 9, Boulder Creek, California at 7:30 p.m.

CONVENE MEETING/ROLL CALL:

Roll call showed Dirs. Nelson, Rapoza, and Ross present. Dirs. Prather and Vierra were absent. District Manager Mueller and Counsel Hynes were also present.

MINUTES:

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 3, 2005

Motion was made by Dir. Ross to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 3, 2005, as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes:	Ross, Nelson, Rapoza
Noes:	None
Absent:	Prather, Vierra

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Paul Storm was present to address the Board. Mr. Storm stated that the Agenda was not posted on the District's website. In addition, Mr. Storm informed the Board that the legislature held a conference during budget submittal relative to considering Enterprise Reserve Funds. Mr. Storm recommended that the Board stay on top of this situation. Mr. Storm encouraged staff and the Board to agendize things properly and use discretion when putting items on the Agenda.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. February 2, 2005 Correspondence from Lisa Rudnick Regarding Request for Information Relative to Use of District Funds

Manager Mueller stated the staff has responded to Ms. Rudnick's correspondence informing how information may be made available to her.

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CONSENT AGENDA: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. San Lorenzo Valley Water District Education Grant Program

Manager Mueller stated that staff noticed the Availability of Grant Funding by direct mail to interested citizens, community groups and local schools, on the Districts website and through published display ads in local newspapers. The deadline for the submittal of Grant Proposal Applications for the funding cycle was December 17, 2004. In response to the Notice of Available Grant Funding, the District received fourteen (14) Grant Proposal Applications.

At the February 5, 2005 Education Program Advisory Commission meeting, the Commission reviewed and discussed the aggregate scores and ranking order of the Grant Proposal Applications relative to the December 17, 2004 funding cycle. At said Commission meeting, the Commission recommended the funding and allocation of San Lorenzo Valley Water District Education Program Grants to seven (7) applications in the amount of \$15,329.66.

The Commission would like the Board to consider exceeding the District's approved budget by the sum of \$329.66. In addition, the Commission would like to request that the Board consider the feasibility of establishing a separate, less onerous grant application process, and future budget allocation in the sum of approximately \$1,000.00-\$1,500.00 directed specifically to solicit Science Fair Project applications.

Dir. Nelson stated that the Education Program Advisory Commission has submitted recommendations to the Board regarding grant proposal awards. Mr. Nelson stated that the Board is under no obligation to apply the recommendations from the Commission. Any grant awards will be ultimately made by the Board of Directors.

Dir. Ross would like to have a member of the Commission present before he makes any decisions regarding grant awards.

Kevin Collins was present to address the Board regarding the proposal he submitted. Mr. Collins stated that his proposal would accomplish a principal type of habitat improvement by inserting large woody debris in the San Lorenzo River and tributaries.

Dir. Rapoza stated that the District has done this type of work in the Waterman Gap area and would like staff to share this information with Mr. Collins.

Dir. Nelson stated that he had the opportunity to read Mr. Collin's proposal and believes that this project is interesting as reported. Dir. Nelson feels that the Mr. Collin's proposal should be considered.

Paul Storm stated that he was disappointed that the proposals were not made available to the public. Mr. Storm felt that the Board should be proactive to the public. Mr. Storm is opposed to the Education Grant Program entirely. Some of the projects will benefit spouses of Board members and he is urging the Board not to fund any projects.

Dir. Ross stated that he has not seen the proposals and would like a Commissioner to be present before he makes any decisions.

Ron Wilkerson stated that he has taught school at the elementary level. In addition, he has lived on the river for 30 years. Mr. Wilkerson is happy to see work being considered to bring back the river to the old days.

Dir. Nelson informed the audience that a synopsis of all proposals was included in the Agenda packet and all proposals are available for viewing at the District Office.

Dir. Rapoza would like staff to reagendaize this item. In addition, Dir. Rapoza is not inclined to go over the budget.

Counsel Hynes stated that he has no problem with funding the recommended proposals. Protection of watershed is the basic direction of the District's charter.

Dir. Rapoza stated that the Commission has made a recommendation for science fair projects. Mr. Rapoza has no problem with a less onerous grant application process and would like the Commission to bring back a sample for the Board to consider. In addition, Dir. Rapoza would like the Commission take the lead in getting the word out for science fair project grants. Once again, Dir. Rapoza is not comfortable with going over budget. Dir. Rapoza would like to see copies of applications at the front counter.

The Board directed staff to reagendaize this item for a future meeting.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS:

- a. Manager

- (1) Bill List Period Ending February 17, 2005

Motion was made by Dir. Rapoza to approve the Bill List Period Ending February 17, 2005 in the amount of \$159,132.46.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Rapoza, Nelson, Ross
Noes: None
Absent: Prather, Vierra

- (2) Cash Flow Report Period Ending January 31, 2005

The Board received the Cash Flow Report Period Ending January 31, 2005.

- (3) Investment Report Period Ending January 31, 2005

The Board received the Investment Report Period Ending January 31, 2005.

- (4) Department Status Reports

- (i) Administration

The Board received the Administration Department Status Report.

- (ii) Operations

The Board received the Operations Department Status Report.

- (iii) Engineering

The Board received the Engineering Department Status Report.

- b. Committee/Director Reports (Oral): None

INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL: None

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION:

Dir. Nelson adjourned the meeting to closed session at 8:19 p.m. to approve Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of February 3, 2005 and to confer with Labor Negotiator pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6, Agency Negotiator: James Mueller, District Manager, Employee Organizations: Classified Employees Unit; and, Management, Supervisory and Confidential Employees Unit.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION TO REPORT ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:

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- a. Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of February 3, 2005

Motion was made by Dir. Nelson to approve the Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of February 3, 2005, as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Nelson, Rapoza, Ross
Noes: None
Absent: Prather, Vierra

- b. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Negotiator: James Mueller, District Manager

Employee Organizations: Classified Employees Unit; and, Management, Supervisory and Confidential Employees Unit

No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Kelly Stephens
District Secretary