

**MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
KINNELOA IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

June 30, 1999

MEMBERS PRESENT: Directors Lutz, Schindler, Sorell and Stock

MEMBER EXCUSED: Director Matthew

STAFF PRESENT: Jean Di Angelous, Chris Burt, and Shirley Burt

COUNSEL PRESENT: William Kruse, Esq.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Steve Sorell, who noted that four members were present thereby constituting a quorum. The Chair then announced that there had been an Executive Session held prior to the Regular Meeting with Legal Counsel present, and that Counsel had been instructed but no decisions had been made.

The Chair asked for approval of the Agenda noting that there had been a request to bring items D and E forward to follow item B. It was M/S/C (Schindler/Stock) that the order of the Agenda items be changed as requested.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Czamanske stated that his comments were related to item H -Budget Review on the Agenda, and whether the budget included funds for the Delores Tunnel project. He made the following requests-

- That the Board direct the staff or some independent economic analyst to respond to the questions raised in his letter of August 19, 1997.
- That he receive a response to his letter of June 23, 1999
- That the KID retain the services of an independent economic consultant to address the entire topic of the economic and financial feasibility of this project before committing any funds to the project.

A member of the audience requested that she not be handed information at her door regarding the Delores Tunnel project. The Chair replied that no one from the Kinneloa Irrigation District had been instructed to do so and that the Board was not responsible for the individual actions of other persons.

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Mrs. Williams made the following comments-

-She understood that there were certain times in the year when the Fluoride levels in the water could not be mitigated and she would like to receive an explanation.

-She objected to the content of the letter that is being circulated about the Delores Tunnel project in that it contains erroneous information

-She felt that there had been an unwillingness of the Board (maybe not the present one) to accomodate the law and always having to be forced to do so with the threat of litigaion which she hopes can be avoided in the future.

Mr. Corbett made the following comments-

-He suggested that the District look into the feasibility of having the water from those tunnels that can't be used because of their proximity to septic tanks and cesspools and that now dumps into the lower part of the Glen, be dumped farther up in the channel.

-He warned that as more of the ground water becomes contaminated with various chemicals we may be in the situation several years from now with not being able to use our groundwater sources without expensive treatment and that our tunnel waters may be the one source that doesn't have this type of contamination and we need to preserve those sources.

-He suggested that since Fluoride appears to be the cause of some concern there is an in-house reverse osmosis device that is available for approximately \$150.

Mr. Thomas suggested that a survey card be sent out to residents of the area that would ask three questions-1) How long have you lived in the area, 2) What are the ages of your children, and 3) What is the condition of their teeth.

Mr. Czamanske stated that the Board cannot ignore the ecosystem. The water being considered in the mitigation plan is less than 1% of the budget, and therefore does not make much impact.-.

REVIEW OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

Director Schindler asked for clarification on three issues-

-1)Is there a mechanism in our current Rules and Regulations that allows the District to refuse service to a parcel of property when that same owner owes the District monies on another parcel of property in the District? Mr. Kruse replied that the current rules and regulations do provide several ways for the District to refuse service under those conditions providing the two properties do indeed belong to the same person.

-2)Is it legal for residents within the District to contract to provide services to the District? Mr. Kruse replied that it is legal so long as it does not have a direct effect on the financial interest of a Board Member or an employee who makes financial decisions.

-3)Is the District required to obtain multiple bids for contracts above a certain amount. Mr. Kruse replied that the District is not required to let contracts by Public Bids.

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DISCUSSION OF FLUORIDE ISSUES

Director Schindler stated that there needed to be some agreement on the Fluoride issues and to do

that we needed an informed public. He suggested that each customer be sent a copy of the 1998 "Suggested Guidelines for Preparation of Required Reports on PUBLIC HEALTH GOALS."

Director Lutz objected to that document being appropriate for the District to distribute. Director Sorrell noted that that document is not the only document around. Staff noted that the document sent out by the Health Department in 1993 addressed both the health and economic factors.

Director Sorell noted that it is premature to make a decision about the matter now since Director Matthews is not present.

Director Stock stated that an organized plan needs to be established and Director Schindler noted that it should be done in a timely manner. Mr. Kruse then suggested the following motion for consideration "That staff be directed to meet with Counsel for the purpose of devising a methodology to comply with the Health & Safety Code Section 116430." The motion was then M/S (Stock /Schindler) and the question was called. The motion was approved 3/1 with Director Lutz voting no.,

Mr. Kruse stated that the committee would come back to the Board with a package of materials that would include a draft mailer containing a ballot on the issue. .

A question was asked regarding the need to review the Fluoride Variance every five years. Mr. Kruse replied that the Health & Safety Code required that the variance be reviewed by the Health Department every five years and that they do not have to report back to the Board.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Delores Tunnel--It was noted that the Notice of Determination was filed which indicates that the EIR was certified by the Board.

Master Plan/Fire Preparedness Policy-The City of Pasadena has agreed to the cost sharing of the hydraulic modeling of the Vosburg Distribution System which will amount to approximately \$5000. for the KID.

Delinquency Billing--There were no services shut off this month

Incident Report--Linda Williams was thanked by the Board for having the graffiti eradicated on two areas of District property in the Glen.

TOPICS FOR NEWSLETTER

Director Schindler submitted a list of possible topics for the November newsletter that was developed by the PR Committee, and asked if the Board members had any other suggestions. The PR Committee will meet again to determine the final items for the newsletter.

Y2K REPORT

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The General Manager reviewed the Year 2000 READINESS PLAN a copy of which is attached and which is being sent out to all customers with the next water bill.

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BUDGET REVIEW

The budget was reviewed line item by line item and no changes were made.

REVIEW MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of May 26, 1999 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report of May 31, 1999 was reviewed and approved for filing.

CALENDAR

The next meeting will be held on July 20, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Burt
Acting Secretary

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