



Board of Directors and Officials
Barbara Balen (TUD) – President
Neil Cochran (FPUD) – Vice President
Jim Holmes (County of Placer) – Director
Mike Lee (PCWA) – Director
Brian Oneto (County of Amador) – Director
Mike Ranalli (EDCWA/County of El Dorado) – Vice President
Scott Ratterman (CCWD) – Treasurer

Bill George, past (EID) – Ex Officio
Norm Krizl, past (GDPUD) – Ex Officio
Dave Breninger, retired (PCWA) – Ambassador
John Kingsbury – Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 25, 2019

Location:

Tuolumne Utilities District
Sonora, CA

- ❖ Call the Meeting to Order – Barbara Balen, President at 10:32 a.m.

In Attendance: Barbara Balen, Neil Cochran, Randy Fletcher, Jim Holmes, Mike Lee, Scott Ratterman, Bill George, Norm Krizl, Dave Breninger, John Kingsbury, Ginny Borkowski, George Lambert, Steve Fredrick, Ron Ringen, Tom Trott, Ed Pattison, Dennis Mills, Jeff Kerns, Bob Rucker,

Absent: Brian Oneto,

- ❖ Introductions, Announcements, Agenda Item Changes, Public Comment: None

- ❖ **Business Items:**

1. **Approval of the November 16, 2018 Board minutes**

Motion: Scott Ratterman

Second: Jim Holmes

Ayes: Barbara Balen, Neil Cochran, Jim Holmes, Mike Lee, Scott Ratterman

Abstain: Randy Fletcher

Action: Approved the November 16, 2018 Board minutes

2. **Election of Officers**

President: Barbara Balen

Motion: Neil Cochran

Second: Jim Holmes

Ayes: Barbara Balen, Neil Cochran, Randy Fletcher, Jim Holmes, Mike Lee, Scott Ratterman

Action: Appointed Barbara Balen President

Vice President: Neil Cochran

Motion: Mike Lee

Second: Jim Holmes

Ayes: Barbara Balen, Neil Cochran, Randy Fletcher, Jim Holmes, Mike Lee, Scott Ratterman

Action: Appointed Neil Cochran, Vice President

Treasurer: Scott Ratterman

Motion: Neil Cochran

Second: Jim Holmes

Ayes: Barbara Balen, Neil Cochran, Randy Fletcher, Jim Holmes, Mike Lee, Scott Ratterman

Action: Appointed Scott Ratterman, Treasurer

Secretary: John Kingsbury

Motion: Jim Holmes

Second: Mike Lee

Ayes: Barbara Balen, Neil Cochran, Randy Fletcher, Jim Holmes, Mike Lee, Scott Ratterman

Action: Appointed John Kingsbury, Secretary

3. Perspectives on local, regional, and statewide issues

The Board heard from Steven Fredrick, George Lambert, Ed Pattison, Ron Ringen, Dennis Mills, and Tom Trott.

The Board endorsed Jackson Valley Irrigation District's opposition to the proposed fee increase for the Safety of Dams and directed staff to send a letter in support of that opposition

4. Monthly Financial Report 2018-2019

Staff reported on the monthly financial status and a proposed line item transfer

Action: Direction provided to staff – Add this item to the Consent Calendar

5. Consideration to appoint County of Alpine Supervisor Terry Woodrow to the Governance Committee

Motion: Randy Fletcher

Second: Jim Holmes

Ayes: Barbara Balen, Neil Cochran, Randy Fletcher, Jim Holmes, Mike Lee, Scott Ratterman

Action: Appoint Terry Woodrow, Supervisor, County of Alpine to the Governance Committee

6. Consideration to expand the MCWRA Board of Directors & the Governance Committee

Motion: Jim Holmes

Second: Mike Lee

Ayes: Barbara Balen, Neil Cochran, Randy Fletcher, Jim Holmes, Mike Lee, Scott Ratterman

Action:

1. Action: Support amending the MCWRA Bylaws to increase the Board of Directors from seven (7) to nine (9) members consistent with the proposed changes to the Bylaws, herein. And provide direction to staff.
2. Direct the Governance Committee to consider #1 in this recommendation. If there is Board concurrence by the Governance Committee, staff will update the Bylaws and proceed with the election process consistent with the revised Bylaws.
3. Increase the Governance Committee by three positions. One (1) Affiliate member and two (2) Associate members. Individuals would be considered by the Board later, upon a recommendation by the Executive Director.
4. Establish and recognize four (4) additional Board Advisors, one (1) from each of the following membership categories and encouraging regular participating at each of the Board meetings.
 - a) Governance Committee
 - b) Legislative & Governmental Affairs Committee

- c) Affiliate
- d) Associate

7. Adapting to changing conditions with emphasis on regional collaboration, capitalization, and statewide relevancy

Motion: Jim Holmes

Second: Mike Lee

Ayes: Barbara Balen, Neil Cochran, Randy Fletcher, Jim Holmes, Mike Lee, Scott Ratterman

Action:

1. Direct Governance and Legislative Committees to review the Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Water Policy Statement for relevancy. Consideration of any amendments will be coordinated by the Executive Director via email with the Board and each committee Chair and Vice-Chair before final action by this Board.
2. Abolish the IRWM Committee
3. Authorize staff to convert the Technical Advisory Committee to the Associate Member Advisory Committee and organize as appropriate, depending on member interests.
4. Authorize staff to change Article IX B in the Bylaws to reflect a more inclusive organizational statement, as stated herein this agenda page.
5. Authorize the Board Chair to create an ad-hoc Board committee to work with staff and the membership to explore the feasibility of contracting with a legal counsel firm to establish a retainer for MCWRA and its members with interest of such.



Reports

- Legislative Committee Report
- Executive Director Report
- Ambassador Report
- Ex Officio Member Report
- Legal Member Report
- Board Member Report



Adjourned at 2:27 p.m.