

**WESTERN HILLS WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

November 13, 2019

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Western Hills Water District was called to Order in regular session by Director/Treasurer C. Kearney at 9501 Morton Davis Drive, Patterson, CA, at 2:00 PM. A member of the public requested permission to live stream the meeting on face book for those that could not attend the meeting

2. Roll Call

Present were: Director D. Kearney, Director/Treasurer Carmen Kearney, Director Barry Ivy, General Manager, Jerry Phillips & Secretary Tracy Taylor and via teleconference, Director/President G. Marrero (4:05pm) and Assistant General Counsel David Hobbs; Twenty members of the public attended.

3. Consent Calendar

The Minutes for the October 9, 2019 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved, upon motion by Director C. Kearney and seconded by Director D. Kearney. The Checks & Warrants for the month of October 2019 were reviewed and unanimously approved upon motion by Director C. Kearney and seconded by Director D. Kearney

4. Written Communications:

Print outs of the 2017-18 WHWD yearly audit and communication letters were handed out to board members. Tracy notified Members of public that the report was posted and available on the WHWD website.

5. Action Items

- a. Adoption of a formal records retention program was discussed, Guillermo suggested to keep at least 5 years of customer records, the board members agreed, Tracy will draft adoption and present to the board at the next meeting.
- b. Douglas Kearney was given his oath of office for director of board for a 4 year term.

6. Reports by District Staff

None.

7. Reports of Board Members

None.

4. ***Public Comment on Items not on the agenda:***

Members of the public had many questions and concerns about the Water District and the status of the golf course, including whether World was continuing to subsidize the WHWD; what is the status of the delinquent Mello Roos special taxes; and how much water is the golf course using? Those questions which could be answered were provided a response.

The public also asked whether there was going to be a rate increase and to what extent it was justified. This led to a discussion about a need to do a water rate in accordance with Proposition 218, and the Board Secretary was instructed to contact with the consultant which performed the last rate study to get a timeline and cost for project.

A member of the public wanted to know if the Kern County water contract can be renegotiated. David Hobbs explained how these contracts work and that they are not negotiable and that all State Water Project contracts are identical.

9. **Reports from Closed Session**

Nothing to report.

10. **Adjournment**

Upon motion by Director G. Marrero and seconded by Director D. Kearney the meeting was adjourned into closed session at 2:48 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 4:00pm. Meeting to be held in the Diablo Grande Clubhouse at 9521 Morton Davis Drive, Patterson, CA 95363.

Respectfully submitted:

Secretary of the Board

Approved:

Guillermo Marrero, President