

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

December 11, 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 4:00 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present were: Director D. Kearney, Director/Treasurer Carmen Kearney, Director Barry Ivy, Director M. Manning, General Manager Jerry Phillips & Secretary Tracy Taylor and via teleconference, Assistant General Counsel David Hobbs; Six members of the public attended.

3. Consent Calendar

The Minutes for the November 13, 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 November 2019 were reviewed and unanimously approved upon motion by Director C. Kearney and seconded by Director D. Kearney

4. Written Communications:

None

5. Action Items

- a. Oath of office for Matthew Manning. M. Manning joined the board after giving his oath of office.
- a. Consider adoption of Resolution No. 2019-14, a resolution of the WHWD board of Directors RE Approval of expenditure of approximately \$80,250.00 of Diablo Grande Community Facilities District No.1 Mello Roos Bond Refinance Proceeds for the payment of legal fees for delinquent Mello Roos Special Tax Collection to Lavelle Law Group. Motion to approve Resolution 2019-14 for \$80,250.00 was made by Treasurer C. Kearney and seconded by Director D. Kearney. All members were in favor.
- b. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2019 – 13, a Resolution of the WHWD Board of Directors Re Approval of Expenditure of Approximately \$9,241.25 of Diablo Grande CFD No. 1 Mello Roos Bond Refinance Proceeds for Payment to Goodwin Consulting Group for Administration of the Mello Roos Special Tax

Fund and Account. Motion to approve resolution 2019-13 was made by Director B. Ivy and seconded by Director M. Manning, All members were in favor.

6. Reports by District Staff

Review of proposal from HF&H Consultants for possible rate study. Board members reviewed and requested this item to be added as an action item at the next meeting.

Review of Kern County Water Invoice for 2020. Board reviewed invoice and noted an increase of 23% from prior invoices.

7. Reports of Board Members

None.

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

There was a question from a member of the public wanting to know if rates were going to increase on their water bill. There was a discussion about how the district can only raise rates once a year based on the CPI Index, and that a rate study and compliance with the Prop 218 process must occur prior any rate increases.

There was a question with a discussion about the Del Puerto Reservoir and the possibility of the new reservoir affecting the WHWD.

A member of the public was questioning World's obligation to pay WHWD and the status of judicial foreclosure for nonpayment of the Mello Roos.

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 5:10 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 4:00pm. Meeting to be held in the WHWD business office at 9501 Morton Davis Drive, Patterson, CA 95363.

Respectfully submitted:

Secretary of the Board

Approved:

Guillermo Marrero, President