



**ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
3580 SOUTH FRANK STREET
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93725
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2007, 7:00 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by President Garabedian at 7:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**
 - 2A. **Directors Present:** President Charles Garabedian, Jr., Vice President John Leyva, Director Irma Castaneda, Director Salvador Cerrillo, Director Frank Soto
 - 2B. **Others Present:** Russ Holcomb, Richard Hargrove, Sally Medina, Patricia Padilla and Clara Miranda

3. **CERTIFICATION:**

Certification was made that the agenda was posted 72 hours before the meeting

4. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:**

Any member of the public may address the Malaga County Water District Board on any item(s) of interest within the jurisdiction of the Board, not appearing on the Agenda. The Board will listen to all communications, however in compliance with the Brown Act; the Board cannot take action on items that are not on the agenda. Public may also address the Board on agenda items at the time they are addressed by the Board. Anyone wishing to speak is requested to wait until recognized by the Board President.

No Public Comments were made.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - 5A. **Hargrove & Costanzo:** Board of Directors for the Malaga Economic Services Corporation
Board recessed and went into the Malaga Economic Services Corporation Meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Board resumed to the regular meeting at the hour of 7:04 p.m.
 - 5B. **County of Fresno:** Increase in the Department of Fish & Game Fees
New rates are as follows:
 1. Negative Declaration from \$1,250 to \$1,800
 2. EIR from \$850 to \$2,500
 3. Certified Regulatory Program remains at \$850.Brief discussion followed. Pertains to the District with EIR's and Negative Declarations.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

6A. **MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 21, 2006

6B. **BILL PAYABLE/FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

Period of December 1 thru December 31, 2006

LSGCC **MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT LEYVA, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR SOTO, AND BY A 5-0 VOTE, APPROVED THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

7. **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

Resolution No. 01-09-07: Resolution approving the grant applicant named to apply for funds for the Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris Urban Open Space and Recreation Program under the Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Bond Act 2000.

LSGCC **MOTION BY VICE PRESIDENT LEYVA, SECONDED BY DIRECTOR SOTO, AND BY A 5-0 VOTE, APPROVED RESOLUTION NO. 01-09-07 AS PRESENTED**

8. **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

8A. **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:**

1. **Well 7 Standby Power (CDBG):** Design is proceeding. Plans have been submitted to the County of Fresno for review and approval. This was an informational item; therefore, no action required.
2. **Well 1 & 6 Improvements (CDBG):** Design is proceeding. Anticipated advertisement and construction early in 2007. This was an informational item; therefore, no action required.
3. **Wastewater Treatment Plant DAF (CDBG):** Design is proceeding. Anticipated advertising and construction early in 2007. This was an informational item; therefore, no action required.
4. **Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Beds (CDBG):** Pending Contract from the County. This was an informational item; therefore, no action required.
5. **North Avenue Water Line:** Design is complete. Plans and Specifications are complete. It was recommended that the District authorize advertisement for the construction.

SLGCC **MOTION BY DIRECTOR SOTO, SECONDED BY VICE PRESIDENT LEYVA, AND BY A 5-0 VOTE, AUTHORIZED ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE NORTH AVENUE WATER LINE**

8B. **SMALL COMMUNITY GRANT:**

UV Disinfection Project: The report of Waste Water Discharge has been completed and submitted to the RWQCB. This was an informational item; therefore, no action required.

9. **RECREATION REPORT:**

No Recreation Report for this meeting

10. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:**

10A. **District Updates:**

1. **Lighting/Decorations:** It was recommended that the District consider the placement of lights in the trees in the picnic area of the Malaga Community Park, similar to the lighting at Disney Town; rather than, Christmas lights down Olney Street.
Reasons:
 - No permits or permissions required/needed – Time & Cost Savings
 - Easier to control and maintain – Cost Savings
 - Can be utilized year round – Park Beautification
 - Will attract more people to the park – Park Attendance
 - Can be used at all outdoor events – Park Utilization
 - Cost estimates for obtaining the lights and necessary electrical work can/will be obtained prior to beginning project.
2. **Decorations/Banners:** It was recommended that the District consider the placement of pole standards that can be used for Christmas decorations and/or seasonal banners on designated electrical poles. Cost estimates for obtaining the standards, decorations, banners and any permits and/or permissions from County of Fresno and PG&E can/will be obtained prior to beginning project. Brief discussion held.
3. **Fireworks:** It has been recommended that a fireworks display be considered by the District for the Malaga Community Park to occur on the 4th of July and/or on New Years. Cost estimates for securing a fireworks display team to conduct the display and any permits required from the County of Fresno and/or the Fire Department can/will be obtained prior to beginning project. Brief discussion held.
4. **California Consulting Contract:** Attached was a letter from Richard Hargrove, District Legal Counsel, and a copy of the current contract with California Consulting. Section 8 – Indemnification needs to be revised. Upon revision, the revised contract will be presented to the Board for approval.

10B. **Other:**

1. **Recreation Committee:** Elected Officers for 2007 occurred at the 01/04/07 Recreation Committee Meeting. The new Officers for 2007 are:
 - **Chair:** Johnny Hernandez **Co-Chair:** Margaret Soto
 - **Secretary:** Maria Flores **Treasurer:** Sally Medina
 - **Sergeant at Arms:** Jerry Roman
2. **Recreation Committee:** Recommended the following for Board consideration
 - **Volunteer Bartenders:** Utilized at District/Recreation Dances – Cost Savings. Manager reviewed this item with Legal Counsel, and for liability reasons, it was felt the District should continue utilizing/paying the current bartenders, and not have volunteer bartenders as recommended by the recreation committee. Discussion was held at the recreation meeting on the types of drinks being made by the bartenders. Director Soto suggested that the bartenders make a list of the drinks they can make with the drink ingredients. Then the customers can order from the list. Patricia Padilla suggested that the bartenders make well drinks and thus keep it at one price only. Brief discussion followed.
 - **Fundraising Raffles:** Allow everyone including District Board Members, District Staff, etc. to participate in raffles and this will help increase income. Brief discussion held.
3. **Valentines Dance:** This annual event is scheduled for 02/10/07. A flyer was presented for the Board's information.

11. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

President Garabedian wished everyone a Happy New Year and further reported Steve Samuelian is rescheduling the meeting postponed from December 13, 2007. Brief discussion held.

12. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT(S):**

12A. **Director Cerrillo** wished everyone a Happy New Year and made a brief statement. Discussion followed on the graffiti in the District as the Board members felt this should be taken care of immediately.

12B. **President Garabedian** stated we should look into eliminating graffiti like Fresno City does. Brief discussion followed. It was recommended that graffiti be addressed in the next District Newsletter.

13. **LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT:**

Legal Counsel reported on January 1st there will be a lot of legislation on new laws that affect sewer and water. Within the next 5 years, there will be a significant change on water issues. Brief discussion followed. Director Cerrillo asked regarding the water meters for homes. Legal Counsel stated they should be in place by 2010, but this won't happen!

14. **CLOSED SESSION:**

There was no closed session

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.