

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
EAST ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

January 25, 2013

**1. Call to Order.** A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Orange County Water District was called to order by WILLIAM VANDERWERFF, President of the Board of Directors, at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 25, 2013, in the offices of the East Orange County Water District, 185 N. McPherson Road, Orange, California. LISA OHLUND recorded the minutes of the meeting.

The following Directors were present: RICHARD BARRETT, DOUGLASS DAVERT, JOHN DULEBOHN and WILLIAM VANDERWERFF.

Also present were:

LISA OHLUND                      General Manager

**2. Public Communications to the Board.** None.

**3. Items Arising After Posting of Agenda.** None.

**4. Operation, Management and Construction Matters.**

A. **Contract For East Well Rehabilitation and Repair.** President VANDERWERFF indicated that staff had met with the Engineering Committee and reviewed the proposed project and that the Committee recommended changing the pump over to a water lubricated pump. He noted that Harvey Gobas of Psomas Engineers was present at the Engineering Committee Meeting and concurred with this recommendation.

General Manager OHLUND apologized to the Board for the necessity for calling a special meeting to address this issue and noted that in the future, staff will ensure that an adequate contingency amount is specified to avoid a recurrence of this situation. Ms. OHLUND stated that the work is important and necessary to the District and that because this rehabilitation is so extensive the District will have the opportunity to change the pump from oil lubrication to water lubrication for an additional cost of approximately \$9,000.

Director DULEBOHN questioned if staff had looked at a different metal for the pump bowls. Ms. OHLUND indicated that the new bowls would be stainless steel; the previous rehabilitation included bowls that were made of a "softer" bronze that didn't hold up well because of the entrained air in the District's wells.

Director DAVERT questioned what the cost savings would be by not needing to purchase food grade oil. Ms. OHLUND responded that this cost is under \$10,000 annually and acknowledged that cost savings would occur because of this, but she wanted to emphasize that according to other agencies staff consulted that had installed water lubricated pumps, rehabilitation intervals were not extended because of this change, in fact, some had seen more frequent rehabilitation expenditures because the possibility of more wear could occur. Staff would address this issue by limiting start up and shut down of the well as much as possible.

Director DAVERT asked what the typical life is for the equipment that is being installed. Ms. OHLUND replied that a 4-7 year life span appeared to be the range that other agencies were experiencing with 5-6 years being average.

ACTION TAKEN:


Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, Change Order No. 1 to the contract with Tri County Pump Company for the East Well Rehabilitation Project was approved in the amount of \$35,364.00, for a revised contract amount of \$68,091.00.

5. Adjournment.

ACTION TAKEN:

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m., the next regular meeting date and time being Thursday, February 21, 2013, at 5:00 p.m., to be held in the Offices of the East Orange County Water District, 185 N. McPherson Road, Orange, California.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Lisa Ohlund