

North Coast County Water District
Minutes of the Special Board of Directors Meeting
November 21, 2007
2400 Francisco Blvd.
Pacifica, CA 94044
7:00 P.M.

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1) CALL TO ORDER:

President Piccolotti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the District office.

2) ROLL CALL:

Present at Roll Call were Director Brown, Director Cosgrove, Director Vetter, Director DeJarnatt, and President Piccolotti. Also present were General Manager Kevin O'Connell, Assistant General Manager-Administration Cari Lemke, Attorney Patrick Miyaki, and Minutes Transcriber Jean Headley. John Farnkopf, the District's water rate consultant, was present.

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by President Piccolotti.

4) PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

5) SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

A. Proposal to Amend the District's Rate & Fee Schedule to Increase Water Consumption and Water Meter Charges

1. General Manager Kevin O'Connell provided an overview of the proposed increase to the District's water consumption and water meter charges and summarized the contents of the Staff Report.

B. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Open Public Hearing to Accept Public Comments and Protest

President Piccolotti opened the public hearing.

Ted Luff of Coral Ridge Drive acknowledged that the rate increase will occur but requested water saving ideas to help consumers lower their water cost. He indicated he recently received a water bill that was twice the normal amount and thereafter discovered a leak had caused the increase in his bill. He said in the past the District would credit a customer's bill when a leak was discovered but he was told this is no longer done. He also suggested that the District consider lower water rates for senior citizens.

The Board requested that staff place this item on the December agenda. General Manager Kevin O'Connell produced several items designed to assist consumers with water conservation.

Staff informed the Board that 34 letters were received regarding the proposed rate increase.

2. Close Public Hearing

President Piccolotti closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

C. Consider Adopting Resolution No. 1007 Amending Rate & Fee Schedule

Attorney Patrick Miyaki introduced and summarized the Resolution amending the Rate & Fee Schedule. Attorney Miyaki stated that the District complied with the requirements of Proposition 218 and the District satisfied the legal obligations necessary to adopt the Resolution.

President Piccolotti noted some of the protest letters questioned the rate increase process, but he stated the Board went above and beyond notification requirements.

Director Brown explained that regular Board meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, and it was an oversight to schedule the public meeting regarding the rate increase on Thanksgiving Eve. In response to public comment regarding the November 21st meeting date, the Board scheduled and noticed a special Board meeting for Monday, November 19th, to also accept public comment, as it would have cost the District an additional \$6,000 in mailing costs to change the date of the public hearing.

General Manager Kevin O'Connell explained that customers were able to protest in writing over a 45-day period and that it was not necessary for those customers who wanted to protest to attend the public hearing.

ON MOTION by Director Vetter, seconded by Director DeJarnatt, by the following Roll Call Vote, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 1007 Amending Rate & Fee Schedule:

Director Brown	Aye
Director Cosgrove	Aye
Director Vetter	Aye
Director DeJarnatt	Aye
President Piccolotti	Aye

Motion carried 5-0.

6) COMMITTEE AND/OR DIRECTORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED:

None.

7) DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS AND/OR AGENDA REQUESTS:

December's agenda is to contain items regarding discussion of the District's leak adjustment policy and discounted rates for senior citizen and/or low income customers.

8) CORRESPONDENCE:

President Piccolotti stated a total of 34 letters were received regarding the proposed rate increase.

9) PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

10) ADJOURN:

President Piccolotti adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Kevin O'Connell, General Manager

Tom Piccolotti, President