

Transition 2017



DRAFT Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Sacramento Water Forum
1330 21st Street, Sacramento CA 95811

Participants (*by phone):

Chair:

Joe Berg, MWDOC

Vice-Chair:

Lisa Maddaus, Maddaus Water
Management Inc.

Secretary/Treasurer

Jack Hawks, CWA

Board Members:

Greg Bundesen, SSWD
Colin Close, City of Santa Rosa
Penny Falcon, LADWP*
Richard Harris, EBMUD
Trathen Heckman, Daily Acts*
Bill McDonnell, MWDSC
Lisa Morgan Perales, IEUA*
Carrie Pollard, SCWA
Amy Talbot, RWA
Rob Whipple, WMWD

Ex-Officio:

Diana Brooks, Calif. Department
of Water Resources

Members:

Chris Dundon, Contra Costa WD
Justin Finch, Mesa WD
Robyn Navarra, Zone 7
Patrick Pilz, California American Water

Other/Staff

Sarah Foley, CUWCC
Greg Weber*
Kimberly Yost, Accountant

Introductions, Announcements, Changes to Agenda

Joe Berg brought the meeting to order at 10:02 am. Introductions were made around the room and on the phone.

Joe announced the results of the December election to change the Council's bylaws. It was an almost unanimous vote. Only one member voted against the proposal. He said that today marks the beginning of a year of transition. He then thanked the Board and staff for their hard work. The group responded with a round of applause.

Designation of Additional 2017 Transition Board Members & Election of Officers

Joe asked the group for nominations for officer positions. Jack Hawks nominated himself as Secretary/Treasurer, which was seconded by Richard Harris. Jack then nominated Lisa Maddaus as Vice Chair, which was seconded by Bill McDonnell. Colin Close nominated Joe as Chair, which was seconded by Richard.

Following officer nominations, Jason Foster moved to install the former Group 3 Board Members as members of the Transition Board. Carrie Pollard seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously for the proposed slate of officers and Board-designated members.

Officers for 2017 are:

- Joe Berg, MWDOC – Chair
- Lisa Maddaus, Maddaus Water Management – Vice Chair
- Jack Hawks, California Water Association – Secretary/Treasurer

Board-designated members are as follows:

- Jack Hawks, California Water Association
- Paul Lierheimer, Rain Bird
- Lisa Maddaus, Maddaus Water Management
- Amy Talbot, Regional Water Authority
- Peter Yolles, Water Smart Software

The Department of Water Resources and Bureau of Reclamation will remain as ex-officio, non-voting members of the Board.

Joe then explained that there were five additional vacancies on the Board. Members had been asked to volunteer for the positions. The following members volunteered:

- Mary Ann Dickinson, Alliance for Water Efficiency
- Justin Finch, Mesa Water District
- William Granger, City of Sacramento
- Ken Jenkins, California Water Service
- Patrick Pilz, California American Water

Joe explained that the Board had the option of deciding today on the vacancies, or tabling the decision for another time. Each member was invited to attend today's meeting and give a two-minute presentation to the Board. Each member had submitted a brief paper explaining his/her vision for the future of the Council. Justin Finch and Patrick Pilz gave brief presentations. Jack Hawks spoke about Ken Jenkins saying his Central Valley perspective would be good for the Board. Amy Talbot spoke briefly about William Granger's involvement in the Sacramento Region.

There was brief discussion among the Board about the need to reach out to academia, industry, nonprofits, and other stakeholders in 2017 and beyond to cultivate more diversity on the Board.

Following the discussion, the Board then went into executive session to discuss the nominations.

Bill McDonnell moved to approve the slate of five for the vacancies on the Board, Jack seconded. No opposition. Motion carried.

Attachment #1

The Board resumed its general session and announced the new Board members. Staff was directed to send a welcome email to the new Board members.

Adoption of Consent Calendar (Attachments #1 and #2)

There was some discussion about making sure that whatever is developed through the grant to the Water Foundation be made publicly available. Richard agreed to work with staff on making sure this was included in the grant contract documents.

Richard moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2016 Board meeting. Rob Whipple seconded the motion. All agreed, none opposed. Motion passed.

Kimberly Yost discussed the preliminary 2016 4th Quarter Financial Report. The year ended with positive net income but for most of the year we were down staff and programs didn't take place. This resulted in a lot of variances between actual and budgeted. Staff kept expenses down. Kimberly noted that her report was preliminary; there still are some expenses to come in. She believes that it can be finalized in early February, perhaps by the 2nd week. She noted that Board members should not expect more than \$1,000 to change.

The balance sheet showed cash reduced – this is typical since most of the due come in during the first half of the year.

The Accounts Receivable includes funds from DWR and the CWEPI billing. Most of the CWEPI funds will go to pay the consultants' fee.

Once there is a final number, the balance sheet will show "board designated net assets" in the amount that will be granted as well as the \$60,000 reserved for special projects. The grant will go back to the Board for a vote of approval.

Jack asked that the grant amounts be shown as a liability on the first balance sheet of 2017. Joe responded that its characterization as asset or liability will depend on when the grant agreement is signed.

Penny, joined by Carrie, asked for an explanation about the need to redirect Temporarily Restricted Net Assets that staff had planned to use to partner with Save our Water on an overhaul of its water calculator.

Sarah agreed to send them the information on what happened. Rob suggested that the concept was worth keeping.

Richard moved to adopt prelim report. Colin seconded. All agreed, none opposed. Motion passed.