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## LEUCADIA WASTEWATER DISTRICT

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting December 12, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Leucadia Wastewater District (LWD) was held Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at 5:00 p.m., at the District Administration Office at 1960 La Costa Ave., Carlsbad, California.

### 1. Call to Order

President Hanson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** 

Hanson, Sullivan, Juliussen, Kulchin and Omsted

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

General Manager Paul J. Bushee, District Counsel Wayne Brechtel, Administrative Services Manager Chuck LeMay, Field Services Manager Leo Schempp, Project Manager Robin Morishita. Executive Assistant Trisha Miranda.

Steve Deering with Dudek & Associates

# 3. Pledge of Allegiance

# 4. Approval of Agenda

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the Board of Directors approved the agenda.

### 5. Public Comment

None.

## 6. Presentations and Awards

None.

### 7. Consent Calendar

- A. Minutes of the following meeting: November 14, 2007 Regular Board meeting.
- B. Demands for November/December 2007 Payroll checks numbered 13312 - 13379; General Checking – checks numbered 35562 – 35643; Destroyed/Voided checks 35512 – 35561; Manager's checks numbered 327-328; Reissued voided check number 35144.
- C. Operations Report (A copy was attached to the original December 12, 2007 Agenda).
- D. Finance Report (A copy was attached to the original December 12, 2007 Agenda).

Following discussion, and upon a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the Board of Directors approved the consent calendar.

# 8. Encina Wastewater Authority (EWA) Reports

Director Sullivan reported on EWA's November 14, 2007 Board meeting.

GM Bushee reported on the December 5, 2007 Encina Member Agency Manager (MAM) meeting.

# 9. Committee Reports

None.

#### 10. Old Business

None.

### 11. New Business

# A. Discussion of Board of Director's Per Diem.

ASM LeMay stated that at the last Board of Director's meeting, the Board adopted a resolution amending the Integrated Travel & Reimbursement Policy to include the Special District Institute to the list of approved organizations for which reimbursements were authorized. During the discussion of this agenda item, several directors asked for clarification about per diem payments as it relates to Chamber of Commerce and other non-industry related meetings. In addition, the Directors requested that staff survey per diem policies of meetings. Staff conducted the survey and received nine responses. The survey indicted that a majority of respondents do not compensate Directors for non-industry related organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce.

Following discussion, the Board of Directors directed staff bring the following items to the January Board meeting for approval:

- Amendment to the Integrated Travel and Reimbursement Policy to include the Batiquitos Lagoon Foundation
- Amendment to Ordinance No. 113 Board Compensation, to include a list of approved organizations for which Board receives per diem.

## B. Board of Director's Election of Officers.

The Board considered the election of the President and Vice President of the LWD Board. Following discussion, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Directors unanimously elected Elaine Sullivan as President and David Kulchin as Vice President.

### 12. Informational items

A. Director Kulchin Participation on CSDA's Education Committee.

President Hanson congratulated Director Kulchin for his participation on the CSDA Education Committee. Vice President Sullivan thanked Director Kulchin for taking the time to participate on the committee.

## 13. Directors Meetings

None.

# 14. Comments, Questions or Requests by Directors

Director Juliussen thanked staff for the Holiday party and for their outstanding job. Director Juliussen also thanked Steve Deering for his engineering services, and Richard Duffey for his accounting services. Director Juliussen also congratulated Vice President Sullivan for becoming President for 2008 and Director Kulchin for becoming the Vice President for 2008. In addition, he thanked President Hanson for representing the District as the President.

Vice President Sullivan wished everyone happy holidays and a safe and healthy new year.

Director Kulchin stated it was a pleasure working with everyone.

President Hanson stated she received a phone call from a resident inquiring about toilet to tap and asking if it was coming here. The resident was against the idea of toilet to tap. President Hanson stated that toilet to tap was not coming here, but she also recommended that the resident take a tour of the Encina Wastewater Authority to learn about the treatment process.

# 15. General Manager's Report

GM Bushee reported on the following items:

- LWD recently hired a new employee to fill the utility worker position. His name is Jose Gonzales and his first day will be December 24<sup>th</sup>. Staff is planning to introduce Jose to the Board at the January Board of Directors meeting.
- Reminder that the Special Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. The bids for the Site Improvement Project are due Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> and staff will have the bid opening on Friday as well.
- President Hanson requested that the GM handout a Capitol Alert article by the Sacramento Bee called "Locals fear budget tax." The article was handed out to all Board members.
- GM Bushee received a phone call today from a member of the public commending Field Services Technician II, Steve Krason. Steve had helped her when her car broke down. She had written a letter to the District acknowledging Steve for his help. GM Bushee provided the letter as a handout.

## 16. General Counsel's Report

None.

17. Adjournment
President Hanson adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Paul J. Bushee

Secretary/General Manager (SEAL)