# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MID-PENINSULA WATER DISTRICT

December 17, 2020 Belmont, California

DUE TO COVID-19, THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED AS A TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS N-25-20 AND N-29-20, WHICH SUSPEND CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC COULD NOT ATTEND THIS MEETING IN PERSON. Board members, staff, and the public participated remotely.

A public comment submit option was available via email to District Secretary, Candy Pina, at <a href="mailto:candyp@midpeninsulawater.org">candyp@midpeninsulawater.org</a>.

No public comments were received.

#### 1. **OPENING**

#### A. Call to Order:

The regular teleconference meeting of the Mid-Peninsula Water District Board of Directors was called to order by President Zucca at 6:32PM.

#### B. Establishment of Quorum:

**PRESENT**: Directors Zucca, Schmidt, Wheeler, Warden and Vella. A quorum was present.

ALSO PRESENT: General Manager Tammy Rudock, Operations Manager Rene Ramirez, Administrative Services Manager and Board Secretary Candy Pina, District Engineer Joubin Pakpour and District Counsel Julie Sherman.

# C. Receive November 3, 2020 MPWD Certified Election Results from San Mateo County Chief Elections Officer

General Manager Rudock reported that the election had been formally certified adding that Director Vella and Director Zucca each received official confirmation certificates and had been virtually sworn in through the formal oath of office process.

#### D. Election of Officers for 2021

Director Vella nominated Director Schmidt for Board President and moved to elect Director Schmidt. Director Warden seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Director Vella nominated Director Wheeler for Board Vice President and moved to elect Director Wheeler. Director Schmidt seconded and it was unanimously approved.

The Board acknowledged and recognized Director Zucca's tenure of service and Director Schmidt assumed the duties of Board President.

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

# 3. AGENDA REVIEW: ADDITION/DELETIONS AND PULLED CONSENT ITEMS None.

#### 4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Robert T. Piccolotti, Water System Operator – Retirement (17.75 Years of Service)
General Manager Rudock acknowledged Mr. Piccolotti's accomplishments and years of service and mentioned what an honor it was to work with him. Operations Manager Ramirez shared some personal and professional stories and discussed the important role his family played in his life and emphasized his extraordinary work ethic and dedication to the MPWD. A number of employees also commented on Mr. Piccolotti's many contributions, talents, leadership abilities, and the significance of what his loss means to operations and how he will be memorialized here at the District in the coming months.

Director Vella expressed that it was a pleasure spending time with and getting to know Mr. Piccolotti at the last Employee Appreciation Dinner hosted by the District in 2019 with Director Zucca adding that it did not go unnoticed by the Board that Mr. Piccolotti not only embraced, but truly thrived in his role here at the District under the guidance and management of MPWD's current administration.

#### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes for the Board Meeting on November 18, 2020
- B. Approve Expenditures from November 10, 2020 through December, 2020
- C. Receive Update from General Manager regarding Actions taken During COVID-19 Pandemic

Director Vella moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 5.A. through 5.C. Director Zucca seconded. Roll call was taken and they were unanimously approved.

#### 6. HEARINGS AND APPEALS

None.

#### 7. REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Review Report and Review Investment Structure and Plan Performance for MPWD Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Pre-Funding Trust Program and Pension Rate Stabilization Program (PRSP) and Consider Resolution 2020-38 Approving Plan Investment Portfolio for 2021

General Manager Rudock introduced the PARS and HighMark Capital Management representatives in attendance and the team shared highlights from the PARS OPEB Pre-Funding Trust Program and PRSP.

An open Board discussion followed regarding the investment strategy options and staff was given direction to postpone the recommendation to adopt Resolution 2020-38 Approving Plan Investment Portfolio for 2021 until this Agenda item can be further discussed at the Special Board Meeting on January 14, 2021.

B. Review and Approve the MPWD's Response to the San Mateo Grand Jury's Report issued October 7, 2020, regarding Ransomeware/Cybersecurity Attacks
General Manager Rudock reported on findings and recommendations from the San Mateo County Grand Jury's report issued October 7, 2020 and provided the prepared MPWD draft response for Board feedback and approval.

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An open Board discussion followed and the draft letter presented was considered and approved by the Board of Directors.

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#### C. Receive BAWSCA Update

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General Manager Rudock gave a minimum purchase agreement update and shared that regional UWMP common language preparations are moving forward and on track.

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### 8. MANAGER'S AND BOARD REPORTS

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149 9. COMMUNICATIONS 150

Director Warden responded to the customer letter all Board members received in the mail and General Manager Rudock confirmed that staff would respond to the correspondence in a timely manner and report back to the Board accordingly.

## A. General Manager's Report

General Manager Rudock reported there has been a delay in getting the RFP and Notice of Vacancy for the District Treasurer published due to staff workload and confirmed that both will go shortly.

1. Administrative Services Manager's Report

Administrative Services Manager Pina updated the LAIF balance to include an additional \$200,000 totaling \$10,423,646; and additionally reduced the BNY Installment Account total to \$218,332 due to a principal and interest payment totaling \$709,200.

2. Operations Manager's Report

Operations Manager Ramirez reported on details from the virtual Dekoven Tanks community meeting. He also provided additional background information on the recent Shoreway Road water leak and an open Board discussion followed.

3. District Engineer's Report

District Engineer Pakpour gave a projects update. The contract for the El Camino Water Main Replacement project is being routed after it was awarded last month. The Dekoven Tanks Replacement project is expected to go out to bid in February and be brought to the Board for consent of award of the contract in March of 2021.

#### B. Financial Reports

1. Month End November 30, 2020

Administrative Services Manager Pina reported on YTD revenue and expenditure totals.

C. Director Reports Vice President Wheeler reported on highlights from the ACWA JPIA meeting he recently attended and General Manager Rudock shared her thoughts on the meeting's virtual format and also conveyed the Association's expectation for live conferences in 2021.

President Schmidt commented on his new role as President and expressed that other Board member's feedback is welcome and appreciated.

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154	10. CLOSED SESSION
155	A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation and Associated Negotiations
156	Government Code Section §§54957 and 54957.6
157	Title: General Manager
158	After a 5-minute recess, the regular Board adjourned to closed session at 8:58PM
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160	11. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION
161	The Board reconvened to open session at 9:47PM and District Counsel communicated that
162	no reportable action was taken.
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164	12. ADJOURNMENT
165	The meeting was adjourned at 9:48PM. Director Vella motioned that the meeting be
166	adjourned in honor of MPWD Water System Operator, Robert T. Piccolotti (1969-2020).
167	President Schmidt seconded and it was unanimously approved by the Board.
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