

Approved May 22, 2018

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CUCAMONGA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
May 1, 2018**

A special meeting of the Cucamonga Valley Water District Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Curatalo. President Curatalo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
6:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Board James V. Curatalo, Jr., President
Luis Cetina, Vice President
Oscar Gonzalez, Director
Randall J. Reed, Director
Kathleen J. Tiegs, Director

Staff Martin Zvirbulis, General Manager/CEO
Jeff Ferre, BB&K, Legal Counsel
Kara Ueda, BB&K, Special Legal Counsel

Agnes Boros, Accounting Supervisor
Chad Brantley, Director of Finance and Technology Services
John Bosler, Assistant General Manager
Frank Chu, Information Technology Manager
Cindy Cisneros, Executive Assistant, General Manager/CEO
Carrie Corder, Assistant General Manager
Eduardo Espinoza, Director of Engineering Services
Kristeen Farlow, Communication & Outreach Manager
Eric Grubb, Principal Management Analyst
Katie Heer, Community Outreach Representative
Rob Hills, Water Treatment Plant Manager
Robert Kalarsarinis, Customer Service Manager
Gidti Ludesirishoti, Associate Engineer
Erin Morales, Lead Community Outreach Representative
Angelo Orioli, Customer Service Supervisor
Taya Victorino, Executive Assistant, Board of Directors

Guests Paul Mitchell, Redistricting Partners

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Mr. Martin Zvirbulis announced that at this time there is no need to hold a closed session and therefore suggests Items 5 and 6 be deleted from agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC HEARING NO. 1 OF THE PROCESS TO TRANSITION TO A BY-DIVISION ELECTIONS SYSTEM

President Curatalo announced that this is the time of the public hearing. After a brief presentation by staff, the Board will receive input from the public regarding the transition from at-large to by-division elections, specifically the composition of the divisions and considered boundaries. Staff has provided hard copies of the District boundaries for the public's convenience and anyone wishing to submit their suggestions of division boundaries should submit their map to the Clerk of the Board.

Ms. Carrie Corder gave a presentation on the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) and the District's intent to transition to a by-division election system. On February 26, 2018, the District received a letter from Kevin Shenkman of the law firm Shenkman & Hughes, containing allegations that the District's at-large electoral system violates the CVRA due to alleged evidence of Latino "polarized voting" and threatened litigation if the District did not transition to a by-division electoral system. Staff believes the record indicates that our electorate does not engage in racially-polarized voting and that our voters have a history of inclusionary voting as evidenced by the election of Latino Board Members throughout the years. Due to the low probability of litigation success, as demonstrated by numerous public agencies challenged by the CVRA, and the potential for being required to pay plaintiff's attorney fees, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2018-4-4 to declare its intention to transition to by-division elections. Per Election Code § 10010 the District must conduct public outreach to encourage public participation, conduct a public meeting process which includes four public hearings to receive input on the composition of division maps and sequence of elections, and adopt a final map and election sequencing within ninety days. The District's deadline for completing the process is July 11, 2018. Staff and legal counsel have planned for the following schedule:

- Public Hearing No. 1 – May 1, 2018
- Public Hearing No. 2 – May 15, 2018
- Publish Draft Maps – June 5, 2018
- Public Hearing No. 3 – June 12, 2018
- Publish Updated Draft Maps – June 19, 2018 (if necessary)
- Public Hearing No. 4 – June 26, 2018
- Approve Final Map and Election Sequencing – July 10, 2018

Mr. Paul Mitchell provided information on local redistricting and the factors that substantiate the map drawing process.

President Curatalo opened the floor for public comment at 6:22 p.m. and announced that the Board will discuss comments received at the conclusion of the public hearing, but will not make any decisions at this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC HEARING
NO. 1 –
TRANSITION TO BY-
DIVISION
ELECTIONS SYSTEM

**NO BOARD
ACTION TAKEN**

Seeing no members of the public wishing to speak, President Curatalo closed the public hearing at 6:23 p.m. Mr. Ferre announced that the first public hearing is officially concluded and the second public hearing to receive input on communities of interest and the composition of divisions and boundaries is scheduled on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

No Board action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Curatalo adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

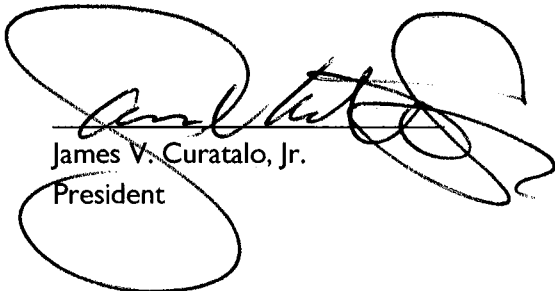
ADJOURNED

AT 6:25 p.m.



Martin E. Zvirbulis
Secretary/General Manager

ATTEST:



James V. Curatalo, Jr.
President