MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT

Wednesday, November 18, 2015
8:30 a.m.

INTRODUCTION

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rancho California Water District (District) was held on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at the appointed meeting place of the Board, the Board Room of the District's Administrative Headquarters Building, located at 42135 Winchester Road, Temecula, California.

ROLL CALL

President Hoagland called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. A quorum was declared with the following directors being present:

Steve Corona          John Hoagland
Ben Drake             William Plummer
Lisa Herman           James Stewart
Roger Ziemer

Also present were members of the District staff and others, including but not limited to, General Counsel Jim Gilpin of Best Best & Krieger; Jeff Armstrong, General Manager; Andrew Webster, Chief Engineer; Rich Ottolini, Interim Director of Operations; Rick Aragon, Director of Finance/Treasurer; Corey Wallace, Engineering Manager–CIP & Development; Juan Gonzalez, GIS Analyst II; Meggan Valencia, Senior Public Information Officer; Dave Morrison, Safety/Risk Officer; and Kelli Garcia, District Secretary.

Present in the audience were Rancho California Water District Director-Elect Bill Wilson, Jeff Brown of Urban Parks Concessionaires, and a number of independent business owners and individuals from the public representing associations currently utilizing Vail property.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hoagland led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Hoagland entertained a motion to approve the Agenda of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rancho California Water District of November 18, 2015.

MOTION: Director Plummer moved to approve the Agenda of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rancho California Water District of November 18, 2015. Director Corona seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

An opportunity was given for any person to address the Board of Directors (Board) upon any subject not identified on the Agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the Rancho California Water District. For items not listed on the Agenda, the Brown Act imposes limitations on what the Board may do during public comment. As to matters on the Agenda, persons will be given an opportunity to address the Board when the matter is considered.

There were no public comments.

ITEM 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS WORKSHOP FOR THE VAIL PROPERTY MASTER PLAN

Addressing the Board of Directors (Board) Chief Engineer Andrew Webster announced that today’s workshop pertains to the future use for both the Vail and Sundance Ranch Properties. In order to evaluate the best use of both properties, staff would like to accomplish the following objectives:

- Review of the revised Decision Points document based on the input received from the August 25, 2015 Board workshop and subsequent public outreach activities;
- An evaluation of potential alternatives for specific decision-point items; and
- Guidance from the Board regarding the format of the Vail Property Guidance document.

Next Mr. Webster suggested that he briefly review the revised Vail Property Decision Points (Decision Points) document first, followed by public comment, and then return to the Decision Points document for Board direction and/or action.

Continuing, by utilizing a PowerPoint presentation and display maps, Mr. Webster provided a brief background/history on Vail Dam, Vail Lake, and how Rancho California Water District (RCWD/District) acquired the Vail and Sundance Ranch Properties.

Mr. Webster continued his presentation by explaining the Guidance Document planning process, as well as reviewing its vision statement and plan objectives.
At this time Mr. Webster invited Senior Public Information Officer Meggan Valencia to the podium, whereby Ms. Valencia proceeded to update the Board on recent public outreach activity including: public input received regarding Vail recreation, Sundance Ranch recreation, trails, and general comments.

Following Ms. Valencia’s update, Mr. Webster continued his presentation, stating that the packet distributed to the Board for today’s meeting included a comprehensive Decision Points document, with multiple corresponding exhibits, reports, and maps. This document separates the potential land use items into the following categories:

- Habitat
- Trails
- Recreation – Vail Lake
- Recreation – Vail property
- Recreation – Sundance Ranch property
- District purposes

Utilizing various presentation slides and maps, Mr. Webster continued by briefly reviewing each category, along with the corresponding areas that staff is soliciting Board direction.

Following Mr. Webster's presentation, President Hoagland opened the public comment portion of the meeting, and the Board heard comments from Mike Schnell, Dennis Bridgham, Reza Paydal, Michael Homeni, Ken Leach, Lorraine Harrington, Ben Fraleigh, and Greg Bruce.

Following the last speaker, President Hoagland called for a 10-minute break—the Board reconvened at 10:05 a.m.

Moving on with the next portion of the meeting, Mr. Webster expressed that the actions received from today’s meeting on the Decision Points document, will provide direction in order to complete the Property Guidance document; yet, he noted that the Board will have the flexibility of modifying particular items should additional material or information arise. He further clarified that “large” events held at Vail does not apply to the Property Guidance document—actions today are to develop anticipated land uses.

Returning to the PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Webster reviewed each category individually, with the Board taking action as follows:

**Decision Points – Habitat (Item C7)**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Herman and seconded by Director Stewart to change the mitigation priority from a 3 to a priority 1. Motion failed with a 2-5 vote, with Directors Corona, Drake, Hoagland, Plummer, and Ziemer opposed.

With the motion having failed, a priority 3 ranking for potential mitigation bank for wetlands and riparian habitat will remain.
Decision Points – Trails (Off-Road Vehicle Usage)

Mr. Webster reported that at August 2015 workshop, the Board agreed that the District would not allow for any off-roading (motorized vehicle) trail activity on the Vail Property. However, discussion ensued pertaining to the various vehicles campers operate at the RV facility, how they are utilized, and the Board’s interest in fostering a quieter/family environment at the RV facility.

MOTION: Director Drake moved to modify the rules to allow for the use of golf carts/off-roading motorized vehicles within the RV facility—strictly on roads for transportation only—with Urban Parks Concessionaires to implement a quiet-family friendly environment. Director Ziemer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Decision Points – Trails (Trail access to Butterfield Canyon)

MOTION: Director Herman moved to modify Option 3 – Provide unlimited trail access within Butterfield Canyon, to include limited entrance to specified trail-head locations. Director Plummer seconded the motion, and discussion continued.

SUB-MOTION: Director Drake moved that the Board approve staff’s recommended Option 2 – Allow a special permit access through Butterfield Canyon on a quarterly basis. Director Corona seconded the motion and it failed with a 3-4 vote, with Directors Herman, Hoagland, Plummer, and Stewart opposed.

Returning to the original motion submitted from Director Herman, to approve a modified Option 3 to essentially allow unlimited trail access within Butterfield Canyon, with controlled specific trailhead entrance points and no access to Vail Dam. The motion carried by a 4-3 vote, with Directors Corona, Drake, and Ziemer opposed.

Decision Points – Vail Lake Recreation (Body Contact)

MOTION: Director Drake moved to approve staff’s recommended Option 3 – Limited body contact - boating, plus additional body contact – water skiing, wake boarding, windsurfing, paddle boarding, and float-tube fishing. Director Stewart seconded the motion, and discussion continued.

At this time discussion proceeded regarding types of boating, areas on lake used for skiing; fishing; and kayaks, and the concern for quagga muscles. Following discussion, Director Herman submitted the following substitute motion:

SUB-MOTION: Director Herman moved to approve staff’s presented Option 1 – No body contact boating – fishing/pleasure boats, canoes and kayaks (sit-on-top kayaks not allowed). The substitute motion failed due to a lack of a second.
Returning to the original motion presented by Director Drake to approve staff’s recommended Option 3, said motion carried by a 4-3 vote, with Directors Herman, Hoagland, and Plummer opposed.

**Decision Points – Vail Property Recreation**

Note: Director Stewart left the meeting during item discussion.

**MOTION:** Director Drake moved to leave the existing Conditional Use Permit alone and that the District go through the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process to have the other on-site parcels, as well as the existing permits analyzed, for development or refurbishment—and then proceed with making an analysis and business plan for both the RV Park and for the other areas (to be determined). Director Ziemer seconded the motion and it carried, with a 4-2 vote, with Directors Herman and Hoagland opposed.

**Decision Points – Sundance Ranch Recreation**

**MOTION:** Director Corona moved to include the Sundance Property in the economic evaluation/RFQ process with the Vail Property. Director Plummer seconded the motion and it carried, with a 5-1 vote, with Director Herman opposed.

**Decision Points – RCWD Purposes**

**MOTION:** Director Drake moved to not proceed with Item A10 – Vail Lake Pumped-Storage Project. The motion was seconded by Director Plummer, and discussion continued.

President Hoagland and Director Corona expressed an interest in keeping/not eliminating Item A10, for future consideration.

**SUB-MOTION:** Director Corona moved to keep Item A10 - Vail Lake Pumped-Storage Project, whereby changing its priority ranking from a 5 to a 4. The motion was seconded by President Hoagland, and it carried unanimously.

Following conclusion of the action items, Mr. Webster briefly reviewed the Vail Property Guidance Document planning process, with staff completing said document by the end of December 2015, conducting a public workshop in early January 2016, and requesting the Board consider approval of the document also in January 2016.
ITEM 2. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

/s/Kelli E. Garcia

Kelli E. Garcia, Secretary of the
Board of Directors of the
Rancho California Water District