

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEL PASO MANOR WATER DISTRICT

## MINUTES

#### May 07, 2024 6:00 PM 1817 Maryal Drive, Suite 300, Sacramento 95864

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice President Dolk called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:		
Directors Present:	Vice President Carl Dolk, Bob Matteoli, Gwynne Pratt, and David Ross	
Vacant Position:	One Vacant Position	
Staff Present:	General Manager Office Manager Field Supervisor Certified Public Accountant Assistant Legal Counsel	Adam Coyan Victoria Hoppe Mike Jenner Robert Merritt Lauren Bernadette

A quorum of the Board was present.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Members may pull an item from the agenda.

Director Pratt made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Matteoli. The agenda was adopted on a 4 Yes/0 No/1 Vacancy vote.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA** The Board of Directors welcomes participation at these meetings. Matters under the jurisdiction of the Board that are not posted on the agenda may be addressed by the public, California law prohibits the Board from acting on any matter which is not on the posted agenda, unless the members determines that it is an emergency or other situation specified in Government Code Section 54954.2. Public comments are limited to five (5) minutes per individual. Please make your comments directly to the DPMWD Chair. Comments will be accepted via teleconference and in writing.

Vice President Dolk called for public comment.

Roy Wilson spoke about LAFCo's hearing.

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Seeing no further comment, Vice President Dolk closed public comment.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** All items under Consent Calendar will be considered together by one action of the Board, any Member or members of the public may request that an item be removed and considered separately.

(6:01 pm)

# Item 5.A:<br/>Item 5.B:Approval of Minutes of the March 28, 2024 Special Meeting<br/>Approval of Minutes of the April 02, 2024 Regular Meeting<br/>Approval of Minutes of the April 16, 2024 Special Meeting<br/>Approval of Warrants and Payroll

Vice President Dolk called for public comment.

Trish Harrington spoke to Item 5.D. and inquired about the International Vendor Fee. Office Manager Hoppe provided clarity to the inquiry.

Seeing no further comment, Vice President Dolk closed public comment.

Director Ross requested his comments regarding Mr. Drip provided under Director's Comment during the April 02, 2024, meeting.

Director Ross made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, with inclusion of Director Ross' comments in the April 02, 2024, minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Matteoli. The motion was approved on a 4 Yes/0 No/1 Vacancy vote.

## 6. PUBLIC HEARING:

There were no Public Hearing items to consider.

#### 7. OLD BUSINESS:

There were no Old Business items to consider.

#### 8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

## Item 8.A: Budget to Actuals

(6:08 pm)

Certified Public Accountant Merritt presented the staff report and fielded inquiries from the Board.

Vice President Dolk called for public comment.

Trish Harrington provided general comments regarding the presentation.

Roy Wilson provided general comments regarding the presentation.

Ted Costa provided general comments regarding the presentation.

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Seeing no further comments, Vice President Dolk closed public comment.

Director Pratt made a motion to approve the Budget to Actuals. The motion was seconded by Director Matteoli. The motion was approved on a 4 Yes/0 No/1 Vacancy vote.

## Item 8.B: Draft 2024/2025 Annual Budget

(6:36 pm)

General Manager Coyan presented the staff report and fielded inquiries from the Board.

General discussion, inquiries, and direction to staff ensued from the Board.

Vice President Dolk called for public comment. Seeing no one come forward, he closed public comment.

General Manager Coyan presented the CIP budget. General discussion, inquiries, and direction to staff ensued from the Board.

Vice President Dolk called for public comment.

Roy Wilson provided general comments regarding the presentation.

Seeing no further comments, Vice President Dolk closed public comment.

Vice President Dolk called a break at 7:46 pm. The meeting reconvened at 7:58 pm.

## Item 8.C: LAFCo Resolution of Dissolution

(7:58 pm)

General Manager Coyan presented the staff report and fielded inquiries from the Board.

General discussion, inquiries, and direction to staff ensued from the Board. The Board directed staff to pursue the Prop218 loan and to not freeze the rate increase.

Vice President Dolk called for public comment.

Trish Harrington provided general comments regarding the presentation.

Roy Wilson provided general comments regarding the presentation.

Carol Rose provided general comments regarding the presentation.

Seeing no further comment, Vice President Dolk closed public comment.

Discussion and inquiries ensued amongst the Board. The Board directed staff to not pursue the Chase Account, not rescind CLASS, keep the resolution the same and move forward in a general way.

Director Matteoli provided written comments, which were entered into the record.

#### 9. FIELD REPORT: Verbal report

(9:34 pm)

#### Item 9.A: Field Report on Current and Upcoming Projects

Field Supervisor Jenner summarized the staff report and fielded inquiries from the Board.

#### 10. **DIRECTOR REPORT ON COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Verbal report Each Board Member will have 5 minutes to report out on all associated committees

Item 10.A:	Director Dolk
	American Water Works Association (AWWA)
	Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)
Item 10.B:	Director Matteoli
	Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Agriculture
	Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Groundwater
	Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA)
Item 10.C:	Director Ross
	California Rural Water Authority (CRWA)
	California Special Districts Association (CSDA)
Item 10.D:	
	Joint Powers Insurance (JPIA)
<u>ltem 10.E:</u>	Director Pratt
	Regional Water Authority (RWA)
	Water Forum
(9:37 pm)	

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Director Pratt provided brief a report on committee meetings attended or would attend at future meetings.

#### **GENERAL MANAGERS COMMENTS:** Verbal report 11.

(9:42 pm)

General Manager Coyan provided an update on general District matters.

#### 12. CLOSED SESSION:

There were no Closed Session items to consider.

#### DIRECTORS COMMENTS: Verbal information, non-action comments. 13.

(9:48 pm)

Director Ross noted he was disappointed a meeting was scheduled for May 22 when he was to be out of country and that the District's Legal Counsel was not present at the LAFCo public hearing regarding the District's dissolution. Assistant Legal Counsel Bernadette provided clarification on the matter.

14. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS: Directors can suggest topics they would like on future agendas (9:51 pm)

Director Matteoli requested future agenda discussion regarding Legal Counsel researching grant funding, legal attendance at meetings, and filling vacancy on the Legal Issues Ad Hoc Committee. Support was provided by all Directors.

15. ADJOURNMENT: Next Regular Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for March 05, 2024

Director Ross made a motion to adjourn. Director Pratt seconded the motion. There being no further business, the Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

APPROVAL:

Carl Dolk, Vice President of the Board

ATTEST:

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Norma I. Alley, MMC, Clerk of the Board

## Agenda 8C Comments

Carol Rose

It is difficult to comment in advance of the meeting because I did not hear the board discussion tonight. Perhaps some of my concerns have already been addressed. These agenda items which can only be perceived as beginning to shut down the District are poorly timed. The Board has had a very short time to consider options. And, I dare say, LAFCo did not offer alternative options—They only offered just why they think we are no longer viable. I think this Board needs to investigate all possible alternatives to the future of DPMWD. That task could best be handled by an ad hoc committee. I heard two of our Board members just wave the white flag at the LAFCo meeting, i.e., it will be best if we consolidate. Really? Is that the best you can do for this District?

It may, indeed be time for DPM to consolidate, but I want us to go into that consolidation from a position of strength, not weakness! Shutting down ratepayer funding and not attempting to secure loans should not be the first step we take.

And this "pie in the sky" grant may never materialize. No one can guarantee we will get even a small amount of money from the State Revolving Fund, or any amount. If we agree to the consolidation path and then find we do not get any grant money, how is that a position of strength? And where do we go from there?

In the past year this Board has made some very questionable financial decisions, but this one would be the most egregious.

I think much further investigation is an absolute necessity before important decisions about our future. I'm hoping by this time, each of you have come to that decision, too.

A good decision is based on knowledge and not numbers."

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