

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
December 2, 2021  
RUBIDOUX COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Armando Muniz  
Bernard Murphy  
John Skerbelis  
F.Forest Trowbridge  
Hank Trueba, Jr.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jeffrey Sims, General Manager  
Ted Beckwith, District Engineer  
Brian Jennings, Customer Service Manager  
Miguel Valdez, Operations Manager

Call to order: the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rubidoux Community Services District by President Skerbelis, at 4:00 P.M., Thursday, December 2, 2021, by teleconferencing at District Office, 3590 Rubidoux Boulevard, Jurupa Valley, California.

**ITEM 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of Minutes for November 18, 2021, Board Meeting.

**Director Muniz moved, and Director Trueba seconded to approve the November 18, 2021, Regular Board Minutes as presented.**

**Roll call:**

**Ayes – 5 (Muniz, Murphy, Skerbelis, Trowbridge, Trueba)**

**Noes – 0**

**Abstain – 0**

**Absent – 0**

**The motion was carried unanimously.**

**ITEM 5. Consideration to Approve the December 3, 2021, Salaries, Expenses and Transfers.**

Consideration to Approve the December 3, 2021, Salaries, Expenses and Transfers.

**Director Murphy moved, and Director Trueba seconded to Approve the December 3, 2021, Salaries, Expenses and Transfers.**

**Roll call:**

**Ayes – 5 (Muniz, Murphy, Skerbelis, Trowbridge, Trueba)**

**Noes – 0**

**Abstain – 0**

**Absent – 0**

**The motion was carried unanimously.**

**ITEM 6. PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGE OF NON-AGENDA MATTERS**

There were no members of the public to address the board.

**ITEM 7. CORRESPONDENCE AND RELATED INFORMATION**

There was nothing to offer.

**ITEM 8. MANAGER’S REPORT**

**Operations Report:**

Presented at the second board meeting of the month.

**Emergency and Fire Report:**

Presented at the second board meeting of the month.

**ITEM 9. Review Annual Board of Directors Reorganization Policy for Calendar Year 2022. DM 2021-82.**

**BACKGROUND**

Since 1991, the Rubidoux Community Services District Board of Directors have rotated the current vice-president into the president position for the upcoming calendar year. Last December, Vice President Skerbelis was affirmed president for 2021 and Director Trueba was elected vice president. In keeping with the practice, Director Trueba will serve as Board President for Calendar Year 2022. The Board will need to elect a vice president.

At the December 2, 2021, Board meeting, the Board will affirm Director Trueba as Board President for Calendar Year 2022. With Director Trueba in the President position, the Board needs to consider nominating and electing a Vice President for 2022 with eventual rotation to Board President in 2021.

**Director Skerbelis nominated Director Trowbridge and Director Trueba seconded the nomination for the vice-president position. Director Trowbridge declined the nomination.**

**Director Trowbridge nominated Director Murphy and Director Murphy seconded the nomination for vice-president position.**

**Ayes – 5 (Muniz, Murphy, Skerbelis, Trowbridge, Trueba)**

**Noes – 0**

**Abstain – 0**

**Absent – 0**

**The motion was carried unanimously for Director Murphy as the new vice-president. Director Trueba will move to President the first meeting of January.**

**ITEM 10. Consideration to Schedule Employee End-of-the-Year Luncheon. DM 2021-83.**

**BACKGROUND**

For many years RCSD employees have participated in a year-end pot-luck luncheon. As the Board is aware, no public funds are used for the luncheon. In recent years, the Board has been asked to voluntarily contribute money toward the luncheon. This year no voluntary monetary contribution from the Board is required. However, since the luncheon is a pot-luck event, the Board is welcomed to bring desserts or sides if they so choose.

The purpose of this Directors Memorandum is to invite the Board of Directors to the December 15, 2021 (Wednesday), luncheon at noon. All District employees and Directors are invited.

**No action: information only.**

**ITEM 11. Directors Comments**

Director Murphy: At a luncheon at WMWD, a representative from MWD spoke to the group and I thought it was very informative. He was talking about the allocations of water. I was looking in the paper and apparently the allocation is now zero.

Mr. Sims: I have three (3) articles about that for the next meeting.

Director Murphy: When he was talking about allocation, I was having a hard time understanding what he meant about allocation, and I got the impression it's how much water they request, it's the maximum amount they can receive; I'm not sure. I investigated that. They changed their records so that they're just doing the most recent 60 years. The wettest year of the current record was 2016-2017. That's when the Oroville Dam overflowed. They literally had more water than they could hold. The allocation was 75%. It seems like a big deal.

Mr. Sims: MWD has two (2) main sources of supply. Originally MWD was formed to make up for the local groundwater. The first big project built was the Colorado River Aqueduct, so that way they have allocation rights on the Colorado River system. The other was when DWR built the State Water Project. The state asked who wanted to purchase water contracts. This is where the term "State Water Contractors" came from. MWD is a State Water Project Contractor. SBVMWD is an independent State Water Project Contractor. That's MWD's two main sources of water. The problem that has become troubling with the State Water Project is that the levees

are not good, and there is a constant concerns raised by biologists and the environmentalists as to how much water is needed for the various interests in the Sacramento Delta. The state has a certain acre foot of water that is allowed to come out and that is the maximum. That volume fluctuates based on precipitation and runoff. It's complicated.

Director Murphy: I was surfing the website for RCSD. The MOU on the website is the old one, not the new one.

There was an article in the paper about a fire in Riverside. I'm going to ask Jeff to pass it on to Chief Veik. There was a vehicle that left a paved road and started a fire. The burning fuel was natural vegetation and mulch. I wanted Chief Veik's feedback on whether we have any ground with mulch that would be a potential fire hazard. It has previously been discussed when there is a burn and they must bulldoze it to put the fire out, afterwards they rehab it by putting in mulch or compost. I was wondering if that's a common thing. In the article, what struck me as peculiar was having a crew out there for a few days to make sure it didn't flare up again. The concern I had was do we have locations here in the district where we're putting out mulch? I wanted to give him the opportunity to read the article.

Chief Veik: The fire Director Murphy is referring to was over the course of Thanksgiving week. It was in the city of Riverside, in the Arlanza area. It was at a mulch facility along Tyler, just off the river bottom. It is my understanding that the fire was caused by an illegal off-road vehicle. The fire got in the mulch and spread from there.

Mr. Sims: Was there an actual composting facility?

Chief Veik: I believe it's a receiving facility for mulch. I don't believe they compost.

Mr. Sims: It was a transfer station.

Chief Veik: Yes, for mulch and green waste, which are very concerning. Currently we do not have any of those within RCSD and Jurupa Valley. The only areas that I'm aware of where we use mulch for groundcover – Cal Trans uses mulch along the sides of the 60 Freeway which is challenging for the fire department. When the relative humidity gets down to 20%, a cigarette will start a grass fire or multi-fire. Occasionally the developers use mulch on the center island median. We do not have a plan on ever using mulch in our wind environment.

Mr. Sims: Chief Viek, you should get Chief Weiser and a lobbyist group and suggest they modify Senate Bill 1383 for the trash. There is great specificity that there is a requirement for jurisdictions to require more utilization of mulch.

Director Murphy: For my last issue, I am going to talk to the city council about organic waste production. I will be talking to them about the language in the regulation and the language in the ordinance, and there are some differences between that. The ordinance they are talking about going out and inspecting homes to see that their trash cans arrive. I will be going and talking about that, and I wanted to let you all know about that.

Director Trueba: I wanted to compliment Miguel. There was an issue with backflow on Rubidoux Blvd. and he handled it very properly.

Director Trowbridge: He thanked the board for the nomination and the confidence in him. He appreciated the gesture.

Director Skerbelis adjourned the meeting at 4:27 PM.