

REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
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Minutes
Board of Directors
Special Meeting
Tuesday, August 28, 2012
AB 685

Directors Present: Granville Pool, Donald E. Butow, Pam Ricetti, Jack Spilman
Directors Absent: Jeanette Hallman
Staff Present: None
Others Present: Rusty

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL.

Jack Spilman, Director
Donald E. Butow, Vice-President
Pam Ricetti, Director
Granville Pool, President

2. HEARING OF COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE ATTENDING PUBLIC.

None

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AB 685 THE POLICY OF THE STATE THAT EVERY HUMAN BEING HAS THE RIGHT TO CLEAN, AFFORDABLE, AND ACCESSIBLE WATER.

Director Ricetti read aloud to the Board the proposed letter to State Assembly, regarding proposed AB 685. Vice-President Butow made a motion to approve President Pool's signing a prepared letter to Assemblyman Wesley Chesbro, opposing AB 685. Director Ricetti seconded. Director Spilman asked for discussion before the vote and raised the question: Would this bill, which may undermine the District's ability to shut off service to non-paying customers also open the possibility that RVCWD could bypass the current State-imposed moratorium and be able to provide service to additional paying customers? Would it prevent RRFCD or SCWA from denying us water? Why would it not help us to be able to provide service to District residents who currently don't have satisfactory drinking water? Shouldn't we defer our vote until we can get some expert advice on these issues?

Other Directors countered that, under certain circumstances, we can already serve those who don't have safe drinking water. While this bill might possibly offer some vague possibilities to us that we don't currently enjoy, we need to oppose it, as presently constituted. If the bill is defeated, it will surely return in some form and we can weigh in on a revised version that might offer such help to us. We should put the matter on the agenda for our next meeting and see what we can do. If we postpone our vote now, we'll be too late to oppose this bill, which is apparently being rammed through the legislative process, at the end of the current session.

Motion: To approve the letter opposing AB 685

Butow/Ricetti Discussion CARRIED

Ayes: Pool, Butow, Ricetti

Noes: Spilman

Absent: Hallman

The Meeting ended at 6:15 P.M.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2012 at the Water District Office, 2370 Webb Ranch Road, Redwood Valley, California.

Respectfully Submitted,
Granville Pool, President

APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

SIGNED: Paula Berezay _____
Secretary, Board of Directors