

**MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**May 18, 2010**

The Board of Directors of the Merced Irrigation District met on the above date, pursuant to notice, at 9:00 A.M. in the City Council Chambers.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Roll call showed the following Board members present:

Directors:	<b>Tim Pellissier</b> <i>Division 1</i> <b>Gino Pedretti</b> <i>Division 2</i> <b>Suzy Hultgren</b> <i>Vice President/Secretary</i> <i>Division 4</i>
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The following were also present:

General Manager Deputy General Manager Controller	John Sweigard Hicham Eltal Kandi Ramos
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General Counsel Recording Clerk	Kenneth M. Robbins Cheryl A. Miller
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Excused Absences	<b>David Long</b> <i>Division 3</i> <b>Wil Hunter</b> <i>President - Division 5</i>
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**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Vice President Hultgren announced that Agenda Item 2, consideration for approval of the submission to the California Energy Commission ("CEC") of the attestation of the veracity of the MID 2009 Annual Report to the California Energy Commission: Power Source Disclosure Program, has been tabled to a subsequent Board meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Vice President Hultgren presented Board meeting minutes of May 4, 2010; Payment of Bills for May 18, 2010; and Disbursement Requests No. 20 & 21. On motion of Director Pellissier, seconded by Director Pedretti the Board approved the consent calendar items by following vote:

Ayes:	Directors:	Hultgren, Pedretti, Pellissier
Noes:	Directors:	None
Abstain:	Directors:	None
Absent:	Directors:	Hunter, Long

**COMMENTS BY BOARD SECRETARY/MEMBERS**

None

**ACTION ITEMS**

Vice President Hultgren stated the Board would hear the grievance of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 1245 on behalf of Frank Lucio. Union Representative Mike Grill stated the union contends that the layoff of Mr. Lucio did not conform to normal practice. He stated Mr. Lucio was laid off when it was determined he could not work in a 24-inch pipe. Mr. Grill stated this size pipe is not safe nor an appropriately applied standard.

General Manager Sweigard requested the Board consider adoption of Resolution No. 2010-12 authorizing execution of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program ("HEAP") agreement effective July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2012. He stated the District has a contract with the State of California Department of Community Services and Development ("State") which expired in 2009. He stated that although the contract has expired, the State has been willing to work with us in continuing this program as long as we submit a contract renewal to them soon. He recommended the Board adopt Resolution No. 2010-12. On motion of Director Pellissier, seconded by Director Pedretti, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2010-12 by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors:	Hultgren, Pedretti, Pellissier
Noes:	Directors:	None
Abstain:	Directors:	None
Absent:	Directors:	Hunter, Long

Resolution No. 2010-12 reads as follows:

## MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT

### RESOLUTION NO. 2010-12

#### LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ("HEAP") AGREEMENT EXTENSION

**WHEREAS**, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is funded by the federal government and administered by the State of California to assist low income electric customers; and

**WHEREAS**, Merced Irrigation District supports programs to assist its low income residential customers; and


**WHEREAS**, Merced Irrigation District desires to offer this program to its residential customers.

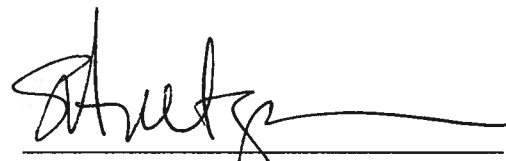
**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Merced Irrigation District does find and declare that:

1. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program agreement is hereby adopted effective July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2012; and
2. The Controller is hereby authorized to execute the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program agreement on behalf of the Merced Irrigation District.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 18th day of May 2010, by the Board of Directors of the Merced Irrigation District, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors:	Hultgren, Pedretti, Pellissier
Noes:	Directors:	None
Abstain:	Directors:	None
Absent:	Directors:	Hunter, Long

  
William E. Hunter  
President  
Merced Irrigation District

  
Suzy Hultgren  
Vice President/Secretary  
Merced Irrigation District

#### REPORT ITEMS

Deputy General Manager Eltal reviewed the Water Statistics Report. He reported that as of May 16, 2010, Lake McClure elevation is 816.04 feet compared to 796.33 feet in 2009; storage is 708,143 acre feet (AF) versus 608,665 AF in 2009; and inflow was 4,749 cubic feet per second (CFS) compared to 5,702 CFS in 2009. He reported precipitation is 13.39 inches or 113% of the 11.85 inch average at this time of year. He stated at this time last year precipitation was 6.92 inches or 58% of average.

Mr. Eltal reviewed the snow sensor water content data, measured in inches, as follows:

<u>Station</u>	<u>Elev. (ft.)</u>	<u>5/18/2009</u>	<u>5/18/2010</u>	<u>Apr. 1 Avg.</u>	<u>% Apr. 1st</u>
Gin Flat	7050	20.84 (NA)	23.70 (NA)	34.2	69%
Tenaya Lk	8150	25.40 (NA)	25.60 (NA)	33.1	77%
Ostrander	8200	26.76 (79.7)	31.50 (NA)	34.8	91%

Note: Snow depth shown in parenthesis

Mr. Eltal reported that the California Department of Water Reports Bulletin 120 update raised the 90% exceedence April through July runoff to 730,000 AF, the 50% exceedence to 780,000 AF and the 10% exceedence to 870,000 AF. He expressed some concern regarding current snow levels, and how to operate the reservoir in preparation for eventual run off, given the freezing or near freezing temperatures in the watershed and the weak snowmelt so far. He reviewed the exceedence scenarios and noted that all scenarios include flood control releases. He stated the forecast at the next Board meeting could be very different as conditions are changing rapidly.

Mr. Eltal reviewed water sales from March 29 through May 18, 2010. He stated staff is working on an application that will allow growers to place water orders from an iPhone. Vice President Hultgren inquired why a weekend phone call was answered by voice mail rather than the order message. Controller Ramos stated the main line does not take phone orders, but noted the message would be changed to direct callers to the automated phone line.

### CLOSED SESSION

At 9:25 A.M. Vice President Hultgren called for closed session.

General Counsel Robbins stated the closed session was agendized to be held at the District's Headquarters office at 744 W. 20th Street, Merced, CA and that the meeting will thereafter be adjourned from that location.

Mr. Robbins stated there are two items for closed session. He stated the first item, containing three subsets, is to conference with legal counsel regarding anticipated litigation. He stated authority for this action is under Government Code Section 54956.

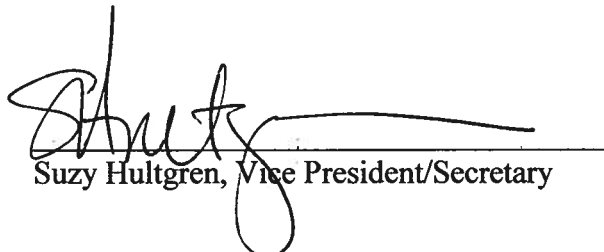
Mr. Robbins stated the second item is regarding a public employee performance evaluation - Title: General Manager. He stated authority for this action is under Government Code Section 54957.

At 9:45 A.M. Vice President Hultgren convened the closed session with all previously indicated Board members present.

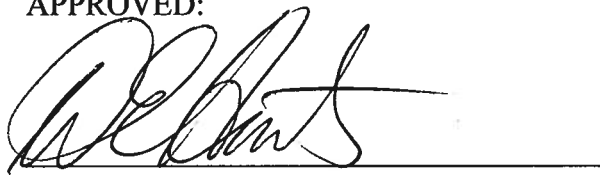
At 10:17 A.M. Vice President Hultgren reconvened the meeting into regular session with all previously indicated Board members present.

At 10:18 A.M. the meeting was adjourned.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting is Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at 9:00 A.M.

  
Suzy Hultgren, Vice President/Secretary

APPROVED:

  
William E. Hunter, President