**MEETING NOTES**

**WATER & POWER ASSOCIATES HYBRID BOARD MEETING – May 8, 2024**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jack Feldman, Rod Fishburn, Jerry Gewe, William Glauz, George Higgins, Lawrence Kerrigan, James McDaniel, Susan Rowghani, Donald Sievertson, Kenneth Silver, Julie Spacht, Robert Yoshimura, Walter Zeisl

**OTHER MEMBERS & GUESTS PRESENT:**

Steven Kuo (presenter), Ben Wong (presenter)

**CALL TO ORDER: 10:18 AM** by President Jerry Gewe.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Minutes:** The April 2024 Board meeting notes were transmitted to all Board members before today’s meeting. Susan Rowghani moved and Don Sievertson seconded the motion to approve. **The meeting notes were approved unanimously.**
2. **Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer’s April 2024 report was transmitted to all Board members before the meeting. Rod Fishburn moved and Susan Rowghani seconded the motion to approve. **The treasurer’s reports were approved unanimously.**

**RECENT ACTIONS AND REPORTS:**

Jerry Gewe reported that LADWP is unable to fund the El Pueblo Historical exhibit. He suggested that we work with Joe Ramallo to see if Rick Caruso might be willing to help.

There is concern about the preservation of historical documents during the JFB renovation. Jerry Gewe will offer Water & Power Associates assistance in reviewing documentation.

Members are needed to staff the Water & Power Associates table at the Retiree Picnic. Looking for members to cover a two-hour shift. Jerry will send out a request.

Jerry Gewe provided some history of the MWD bonds for aqueduct construction. LADWP supported the bonds provided property taxes were limited to paying these bonds. MWD is now proposing to increase property taxes to meet future needs rather than raising their rates. As DWP is working to increase local water supply and reduce its MWD take, this would have LADWP citizens paying a disproportionate share of costs. Jerry suggested going to the Council committee and suggested the City Attorney weigh in on the legality of this attempt. Jerry will distribute a draft letter.

Jerry mentioned next month’s speaker is Nury Katz from the DWP Board. She is asked for topics we are interested in. Jerry has been collecting topics.

There was a brief discussion regarding the new LADWP GM and the new Rate Payer Advocate and budget.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

Ben Wong & Steven Kuo – LADWP Water Resources - were the guest speaker. Ben provided an update on the 2024 Water Resources. (See Attachment 1).

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

Jerry Gewe reported on plans for future meetings

June 12 Nury Katz – Commissioner LADWP Board

July 10 To be determined

August 14 Raphael Villagas – Manager of LADWP Operation NEXT – Update on plans for Operation NEXT

September 11 Field trip to Headworks Reservoir Site

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 PM by Jerry Gewe.

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Kenneth Silver, Secretary**