

**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SUNNYSLOPE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
Special Meeting
January 8, 2013**

A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Dave Meraz at the Sunnyslope County Water District office, 3570 Airline Highway, Hollister, California.

B. ROLL CALL: Directors Present: President Dave Meraz; Directors: Dave Clapham, Kathleen Hill, and John Johnson. **Absent:** Director Danny Villalon.

OTHERS PRESENT: General Manager/Secretary Don Ridenhour, District Engineer Ken Girouard, Finance & Human Resources Manager Cathy Buck, Executive Assistant/Stenographer Carol Porteur, Water Superintendent Jim Filice, Attorney David Laredo, Attorney Heidi Quinn, and Vicky Morris from Aromas Water District.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Director Clapham led Directors, staff, and public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Upon motion made by Director Hill, seconded by Director Clapham, and carried 4-0 (Director Villalon absent) the agenda was approved as presented.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS: The Board welcomed members of the public and opened the meeting to public comments regarding matters not itemized on the agenda; there were no comments from the public.

General Manager/Secretary Ridenhour introduced Vicky Morris from Aromas Water District. Mr. Ridenhour stated that he invited members from Aromas Water District, the City of San Juan Bautista, and Tres Pinos Water District to participate in the Ethics and Brown Act training and only received response from Ms. Morris.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **THE DISTRICT'S COUNSEL DAVID LAREDO AND HEIDI QUINN WILL BE CONDUCTING A TRAINING SESSION ON ETHICS AND THE BROWN ACT FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF:** District Counsel David Laredo and Heidi Quinn provided "Ethical Conduct in Public Service – Laws & Principals under AB 1234" training to the Sunnyslope County Water District Board of Directors, staff, and Vicky Morris of Aromas Water District. This training is mandated by Assembly Bill 1234 for all public elected officials that wield power of government and serve as stewards of both public resources and trust. Public perception make public service ethics unique in a public officials own analysis and how public perceives a particular course of action as being ethical.

The following Directors and staff completed the Ethics and Brown Act Training and received their AB1234 Public Service Ethics Education Proof of Participation Certificate: Dave Clapham, Kathleen Hill, John Johnson, Dave Meraz, Cathy Buck, Jim Filice, Ken Girouard, Carol Porteur and Don Ridenhour.

G. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Director Johnson, seconded by Director Clapham, and carried 4-0 (Director Villalon absent), the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: s/ Dave Meraz
Dave Meraz, President

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: s/ Donald G. Ridenhour
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