



## TRAVIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 17

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*Notice is hereby given pursuant to V.T.C.A., Government Code § 551, that the Board of Directors of Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17 will hold a regular meeting, open to the public, on Thursday, May 21, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., at the Travis County Water Control and Improvement District offices, at 3812 Eck Lane.*

*The Consent Agenda allows the Board of Directors to approve all routine, non-controversial items with a single motion, without the need for discussion by the full Board. Any item may be removed from consent and considered individually upon request of a Board member or a member of the public attending the meeting. Any citizen having interest in these matters is invited to attend.*

### Items on the Agenda

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ESTABLISH A QUORUM
- III. MANAGER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - A. MANAGER'S REPORT: STATUS OF DISTRICT OPERATIONS, FINANCES, DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, DEVELOPER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT, DISTRICT PLANNING
  - B. COMMITTEE REPORTS
    - 1. PARKS AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT
    - 2. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT- Met April 6, 2015
    - 3. LEGAL COMMITTEE REPORT
    - 4. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT
    - 5. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
    - 6. POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT
    - 7. IMPACT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
    - 8. STORMWATER COMMITTEE
- IV. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. APPROVE PAY ESTIMATES/CHANGE ORDERS FOR VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT
    - 1. Mansfield Water Treatment Plant Phase 1, Pay Estimate #17, Archer Western Contractors
    - 2. Mansfield Water Treatment Plant Phase 2, Pay Estimate #19, Archer Western Contractors
    - 3. Flintrock Lift Station "A" Expansion, Pay Estimate #5, Excel Construction Services, LLC
    - 4. Tacara at Steiner Ranch, 24" Waterline Oversizing Project, Engineering, Casey Development, LTD
  - B. APPROVE PAY ESTIMATES/CHANGE ORDERS FOR VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE SERENE HILLS DEFINED AREA
    - 1. Serene Hills Phase 2W, Water, Wastewater and Drainage Improvements, Pay Estimate #4 and Change Order #1, Central Road & Utility, Ltd.
  - C. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CURRENT INVOICES
  - D. APPROVE MINUTES –April 11, 2015 Special Meeting and April 16, 2015 Regular Meeting
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT, 6:30 P.M.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. DISCUSS/CONSIDER/TAKE ACTION REGARDING THE LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY'S APPLICATION TO AMEND CERTIFICATE OF ADJUDICATION NOS. 14-5478 AND 14-5482 BEFORE THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
  - B. DISCUSS/CONSIDER/TAKE ACTION REGARDING TRAVIS VISTA WATER AND SEWER SUPPLY CORPORATION

- C. DISCUSS/CONSIDER/TAKE ACTION REGARDING SERENE HILLS LTD. COST SHARE OF THE FLINTROCK ROAD WATER AND WASTEWATER LINE RELOCATION

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. DISCUSS/CONSIDER/TAKE ACTION ON PROPOSED MANSFIELD WATER TREATMENT PLANT PHASE 1, CHANGE ORDER NO. RCP1 #15A AND #15B, ARCHER WESTERN CONTRACTORS
- B. DISCUSS/CONSIDER/TAKE ACTION ON RATE FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICE PROVIDED BY PROGRESSIVE WASTE SOLUTIONS
- C. DISCUSS/CONSIDER/TAKE ACTION ON RERATE OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS
- D. DISCUSS/CONSIDER/TAKE ACTION ON PURCHASE OF TABLETS FOR CONVERTING TO ELECTRONIC BOARD PACKETS

- VIII. THE BOARD WILL MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RECEIVE ADVICE FROM ITS ATTORNEYS IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 REGARDING LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY'S APPLICATION TO AMEND CERTIFICATE OF ADJUDICATION NOS. 14-5478 AND 14-5482 BEFORE THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

- IX. THE BOARD WILL MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RECEIVE ADVICE FROM ITS ATTORNEYS REGARDING TRAVIS VISTA WATER AND SEWER SUPPLY CORPORATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071

- X. THE BOARD WILL MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RECEIVE ADVICE FROM ITS ATTORNEYS REGARDING SERENE HILLS, LTD. COST SHARE OF THE FLINTROCK ROAD WATER AND WASTEWATER LINE RELOCATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071

- XI. THE BOARD WILL MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RECEIVE ADVICE FROM ITS ATTORNEYS IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 REGARDING THE PROPOSED MANSFIELD WATER TREATMENT PLANT PHASE 1, CHANGE ORDER NO. RCP1 #15A AND #15B, ARCHER WESTERN CONTRACTORS

- XII. ADJOURNMENT

  
Linda R. Sandlin  
Administrative Assistant



May 14, 2015  
MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors  
FROM: General Manager

SUBJECT Manager's Report and Information Update

## 1. OPERATIONS

**Eck Lane Water Plant Status:** The water plant is operating well, and putting out excellent quality water. Average pumpage for the month of **April** was approximately **5** Mgal /day with a single day maximum of approximately **6.3** Mgal. Water production is still relatively low. We are currently serving approx. **11,088** accounts, **16,207** LUEs, and a population of about **33,200**. **Lost water for April was 4.39%.**

Lake Travis is now at **approx.. 630.2 ft** above msl (40 feet below average) and **38%**. Combined storage is now at **773k** acre feet or **39%**.

**Steiner Wastewater Plant Status:** The plant is at about **65** percent capacity or about **970,400** gallons per day and serving approximately **4,328** accounts. Tests have been satisfactory, and gallons per day per LUE this month are about **213**. **We checked the irrigation reporting at UT Golf Course and found it corresponds to our figures.**

**Flintrock Wastewater Plant Status:** The plant is running well at approximately **60%** capacity. Effluent quality is excellent. We are serving **1,363** customers with a GPD/LUE of **153**. Flow rate at Flintrock is now at about **293,000** gallons per day average. **Lift Station A expansion is moving along well, and they are waiting for electrical to be finished so the installation can be tested. The TCEQ inspected this plant last week and found no discrepancies, however, the inspector did take a close look at the Flintrock Golf Course operation and how much they are irrigating as well as their pond maintenance. The water usage reports coming from the golf course are highly inaccurate because they use a simple probe and not a meter, and their figures do not correspond to our figures and indicate that they are overwatering to a large degree (which they are not). We checked the figures against our own metering as well as Hurst Creek MUDs, and found the golf club's inaccurate. They have made quite a few improvements to the pumps and controls in the pump house, and we are assisting them by placing a strap-on meter on their outflow pipe to confirm the flow rate. The TCEQ inspector seemed satisfied that our metering was accurate and the**

course couldn't be watering more that they are receiving. He made some minor suggestions for pond maintenance, and I have issued a letter of instruction to the golf course general manager formally requiring this maintenance.

**Comanche Trail Wastewater Plant Status:** The Comanche plant is operating satisfactorily and putting out good quality water. There are **83** customers on this system. The flow rate is still relatively low at about **12,000** GPD.

**Commander's Point Wastewater Plant Status** – This plant is operating satisfactorily with a flow rate of about **4,600** GPD. There are **70** customers on this system. Condos are under construction.

## **2. LARGE PROJECTS STATUS**

**The Oaks at Lakeway** – HEB and numerous commercial sites near the old Glen Heather Drive. Under construction.

**Lakeway Regional Medical Center** – The memory care center is about complete. They are now working on a children's school, Goddard School as well, and another independent living facility. **New construction plans have now been received for commercial on the frontage property including a hotel, and mixed use living and commercial including restaurants.**

**Steiner Ranch** - **We are working on the following in connection with Steiner:**

**All Bonds Closed and disbursed.**

### **Steiner sub-projects: (owned by other entities)**

**MU 1B** - 244 apartments behind Randall's. (Not in SRDA)  
We are working on plans with the developer. D-17 will oversize the main running through the development to create another line into Steiner to increase the flow to the subdivision. The cost share agreements are finished. **This project is now moving ahead. We are waiting for the engineers to submit final plans.**

**MU14-** Planned duplexes – Corner of Quinlan and 620. The plans for the duplexes are approved.

▪ **MU-4** - Commercial development - This is in a narrow strip at the corner of Quinlan Park and Steiner Ranch Blvd. It will likely be offices and a daycare.

• **The Grove (formerly McCormick Ranch)** – (This is a Taylor Morrison project) An approximately 100 home development at the south end of the Steiner peninsula. Under construction. This area will have 2 lift stations which are now completed. Homes will likely go up very quickly now.

**Serene Hills Defined Area**– There are currently six projects in SHDA:

1. Phase 1A and Phase 1B (both completed)
2. Service to HEB commercial tract and lift station (completed)
3. Offsite force main to the plant which includes a piece of effluent main for D-17 (completed)
4. Section 2E residential – Utilities completed, home building in progress.
5. New section 3E
6. New sections 2 and 3 West

Also in Serene Hills: Western Rim Apartments- The Mansions at Lakeway. Under construction.

**Serene Hills Bond No. 1** – Received TCEQ approval; Concurrence letter Submitted to TCEQ. Garry has issued a tentative schedule for bond issuance.

### **3. DISTRICT PROJECTS**

A status sheet will be provided, but some of the larger projects are listed below.

**Mansfield Water Plant**- Still ahead of schedule. The roof is going up on the pump house, and all pumps are set. We expect to be able to test the pumps by mid-June. Archer Western had sent us a lengthy change order for the intakes totaling over \$400,000. We have responded that only about \$4,403 has merit.

**Steiner Valve Replacement** – Completed.

#### **Travis Vista/Marshall Ford WW Participants**

All TVWSSC members have paid their construction fees.

TVWSSC Customers: 17  
Paid construction: 17  
Installation permits: 11  
Grinders ready: 8

**GENERAL**

**TCEQ Rulemaking Petition** – We are working with Brad Castleberry at Lloyd Gosselink and several other entities (LMUD, City of Horseshoe Bay, City of Marble Falls, HCMUD, Sweetwater MUD etc. to petition TCEQ for a change to their rules concerning getting wastewater permit credit for effluent water going to 210 beneficial reuse customers. This rule change would allow us to have less land set aside for irrigation, and save taxpayers and ratepayers money.

The issue is slightly more complicated than it appears, and we are still working through some issues which we will discuss in detail in meetings with TCEQ staff. We would be sharing legal costs for this effort with about 7 or 8 other entities through an interlocal agreement.

**Personnel Manual** – I have made a number of minor proposed changes to the manual to comply with various law changes as recommended by Sheila Gladstone. I will forward the changes to the policy committee for review before bringing them to the full board.

**Beach Area** –I am still looking at options. If the lake comes up significantly this issue may be a moot point. We are continuing to work with Dr. Jacomides on the drainage easement. The document is finished and he is having his attorney review it.

**Flintrock Road Improvements** –Will has submitted the relocation plans to HDR. We are waiting for the developer to put up his escrow money before signing the interlocal agreement. Lauren has drafted a letter to the developer stating the requirements for funds. This item is on the agenda for discussion.

**Steiner Steak House** –Completed.

**LCRA – Water Management Plan (WMP)** - The LCRA Board has now submitted the new WMP to TCEQ. We are still in wait mode now until TCEQ finishes technical review and the actual comment period begins, but I believe this is imminent. The HLFWCC Steering Committee had another meeting with LCRA about the Drought plan inclusion in the WMP, and after a lengthy discussion period, Phil Wilson, the LCRA General Manager, was very positive about leaving the DCP in as we requested. The LCRA Board must approve this decision.

**LCRA Proposed Rates for Raw Water** –No change.

**Recycling Center (HHW)** –We now have a date for “dress rehearsal 20 May”, and a soft opening for paint only on 10 June.

Don't forget the meeting **Thursday, May 21st.** Please call if you have any questions.

**Debbie**

### **Major Maintenance (green = completed)**

More beach stabilization

Addition of 1 ton chlorine cylinders at Steiner WWTP

Nevillewood Court lift station upgrade

Refurbish and upgrade Flintrock Lift Station A. Add new Wetwell and pumps – Excel Construction Co.- In Progress

Eck Lane WT Plant backwash upgrades – in design

Eck Lane WT Plant backwash basin rebuild

Replacement of waterlines in the Travis Vista subdivision

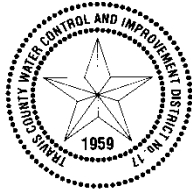
Tank Maintenance

Big Dave

Round Mountain

Steiner Ground Storage Tank 1

Comanche Ground Storage Tank 2



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*A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17 was held at the District Office, 3812 Eck Lane, Austin, TX 78734, on Saturday, April 11, 2015, 9:00a.m. This meeting was scheduled and conducted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.*

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

**DRAFT**

President Roberts called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

### **II. ESTABLISH A QUORUM**

A quorum was established with Directors Carruthers, Decker, Roberts, and Ward present. Director Steed arrived at 9:03 a.m. General Manager Deborah Gernes, Office Manager/Accountant Leslie Terrell, General Counsel Lauren Kalisek, and District Engineers Pat Lackey and Will Pena were also present.

#### **Announcements**

- Manager Gernes explained the new website page access for Directors to view documents online. Electronic tablets that will be purchased for each director position so that documents can be viewed at meetings.
- Manager Gernes updated the Directors on the opening status of the Lake Travis Regional Reuse & Recycling Center. She explained that Travis County should have Neidhardt Drive paved in early May and a dress rehearsal of staff and family members would be held May 20, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and a soft opening for communities would be June 10, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



**III. DISCUSS/CONSIDER/TAKE ACTION ON ITEMS RELATED TO THE  
STEINER RANCH DEFINED AREA UNLIMITED TAX BONDS, SERIES  
2015, INCLUDING:**

**A. APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT AUDIT;**

**B. APPROVE UTILITY CONVEYANCE AGREEMENT DOCUMENTS;  
AND**

**C. AUTHORIZE DISBURSEMENTS OF THE UNLIMITED TAX BONDS,  
SERIES 2015, FOR BOND ISSUE NO. EIGHTEEN**

Manager Gernes stated that the Reimbursement Audit and Utility Conveyance Agreement were ready for approval and execution. She also stated that the required documents from the Steiner Utility Company, Inc., for a request to cancel their Certificate of Convenience and Necessity had been received by the Public Utility Commission Filing Clerk on March 24, 2015. Counsel Kalisek stated she did not expect any issues in regards to the Steiner Utility Company application and the PUC would now proceed with the comments on administrative completeness and notifications; procedural schedule and other procedural matters. Manager Gernes recommended approval of the outstanding items listed in Items III. A. and B. and authorization to disburse funds from escrow, Item III.C.

**Motion:** Director Decker to approve all items related to the Steiner Ranch  
Defined Area Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2015 as presented

**Second:** Director Ward

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

#### **IV. BOARD PROCEDURES**

##### **A. INTERACTION AND COMMUNICATION**

General discussion was held about board communication both internal and external. Board members were encouraged to express their opinions freely at open meetings, and rules concerning e-mail communication were discussed. President Roberts said it would be a good practice for the Board to have a refresher on general rules for board meeting, open records, and social media. Counsel Kalisek said she would make a staff development presentation regarding general communications at the next opportunity.

##### **B. RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNICATIONS WITH CUSTOMERS, COMMUNITY AND OTHER ENTITIES**

Possible future projects for customer service and communication improvement were discussed, including online billing and real time meter reading. Director Carruthers said it would be useful to view the matrix data for the website to see how the site was being utilized and Manager Gernes said she would retrieve this information and make it available to the Board. Pros and Cons of various community outreach opportunities were discussed.

## **V. BOARD VISION FOR THE FUTURE**

### **A. STRATEGIES FOR MANAGING GROWTH**

#### **1. REVIEW OF GROWTH TRENDS AND PROJECTIONS IN THE DISTRICT AND IN NEARBY AREAS**

#### **2. DISCUSSION OR PROS AND CONS OF CONTINUED GROWTH, INCLUDING:**

- a. SERVICE AREA;**
- b. CCN BOUNDARIES; AND**
- c. ANNEXATION POLICIES**

#### **3. DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT GOALS AND PRIORITIES**

A lengthy discussion of District goals and priorities was conducted including;

The living unit equivalent (LUE) growth – projects and land usage within service area; annexation of areas not currently in the District; increasing out of district fees to insure these areas pay proportionate costs; pros and cons of extending service outside the District service area; Current planning area and current water supply and attending to the needs of current customers as a first priority; extending the planning window to 30 plus years; planning for financing if current level of growth slows or stops; benefits of offsetting tax increases by increasing rates; maintaining the growth pays for itself philosophy to as great an extent as possible, but making sure that enough funds are available to replace infrastructure; possible effects of future annexation by cities.

## **B. STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND SUCCESSION PLANNING**

Manager Gernes explained plans for two to three years and outlined her plans for possible future District leaders in all departments.

## **VI. WATER SUPPLY**

### **A. OBTAINING ADDITIONAL WATER CONTRACT FROM THE LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY**

### **B. ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCES, INCLUDING: GROUNDWATER**

### **C. CHANGING WATER ENVIRONMENT**

#### **1. INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS;**

#### **2. STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABLE CONSERVATION**

Engineer Will Pena presented both historical and projected data regarding raw water usage and needs for the District's future growth projections. Mr. Pena pointed out that although the District has grown, water use per capita has declined as it has in many municipalities because of severe water restrictions and water saving devices. The extended drought may dictate that these conditions are the new normal or close to it, and the District must adapt. Following the presentation, discussions were held regarding possible alternative or backup water sources including ground

water, and reuse of reclaimed water. Use of reclaimed water for irrigation had already slowed the need for more firm raw water and alternative water sources, including groundwater. Pros and cons of each approach were discussed. No action.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Director Carruthers to adjourn

**Second:** Director Steed

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

President Roberts adjourned the meeting at 12:36 p.m.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2015, with a motion

by Director \_\_\_\_\_ and a Second by Director \_\_\_\_\_.

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Noes \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Presiding Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary



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*A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17 was held at the District office located at 3812 Eck Lane on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting was scheduled and conducted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.*

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

**DRAFT**

President Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

### **II. ESTABLISH A QUORUM**

A quorum was established with Directors Carruthers, Decker, Roberts, Steed and Ward present. General Manager Deborah Gernes, General Counsel Lauren Kalisek, and District Engineers Pat Lackey and Will Pena were also present.

### **III. MANAGER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **A. MANAGER'S REPORT: STATUS OF DISTRICT OPERATIONS, FINANCES, DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, DEVELOPER CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT, DISTRICT PLANNING**

Manager Gernes reported that in addition to the written report:

- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality preformed an inspection of the Flintrock Wastewater Treatment Plant;
- New membrane filters had been installed at the Villas on Travis due to the old ones never being installed or operating properly;
- The restaurant that had been placed on notice in January to make improvements to its grease trap system was complete; hopefully, no future problems should occur;
- A meeting was held with the environmental hauler for the Lake Travis Regional Reuse & Recycling Center to review procedures for the initial opening of facility;
- New phone system was installed but fiber lines for voice over IP will not be connected until mid-June; and
- District accounting is being moved into a cloud environment [Director Carruthers requested information regarding the securities that will be in place to protect this information].

Counsel Kalisek announced that she asked Manager Gernes to join Counsel Ty Embry

Monday, April 20, to testify before the House of Representatives and Senate regarding the

substantial cost savings to the District customers if the Director's May elections could be moved to the November election ballot.

**B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1. PARKS AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

**2. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT- Met April 6, 2015**

The Communications Committee met and determined to consult with the resident next to the new pump house to make a choice of stone fencing or plants to be placed along their property line to create a buffer. Director Carruthers stated that a firm choice should not be made for improvements along the property line until after the pumps have been installed and running to test noise levels. Director Decker stated that the committee would like to request a dollar amount to be expended on this project and President Roberts requested this be a future agenda item.

**3. LEGAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

**4. PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**5. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**6. POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT**

**7. IMPACT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**8. STORMWATER COMMITTEE**

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. APPROVE PAY ESTIMATES/CHANGE ORDERS FOR VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT**

- 1. Mansfield Water Treatment Plant Phase 1, Pay Estimate #16, Archer Western Contractors**
- 2. Mansfield Water Treatment Plant Phase 2, Pay Estimate #18, Archer Western Contractors**
- 3. Flintrock Lift Station "A" Expansion, Pay Estimate #4, Excel Construction Services, LLC**

**B. APPROVE PAY ESTIMATES/CHANGE ORDERS FOR VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE SERENE HILLS DEFINED AREA**

- 1. Serene Hills Phase 2W, Water, Wastewater and Drainage Improvements, Pay Estimates #1 - #3, Central Road & Utility, Ltd.**

**C. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CURRENT INVOICES**

**D. APPROVE MINUTES – March 19, 2015 Regular Meeting and April 11, 2015 Special Meeting**

President Roberts requested questions regarding any of the Consent Agenda items and Director Carruthers asked to defer until later in the meeting to allow him time to review the Pay Estimates and Invoices. President Roberts honored the request due to the change this month from receiving Board information electronically instead of as paper.

President Roberts returned to the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any questions or discussion requests regarding items listed within the Consent Agenda. Director Steed pointed out a grammatical correction necessary to the March 19, Regular Meeting minutes; Manager Gernes stated that the minutes of the April 11, 2015 Special Meeting were still in draft form; and Director Carruthers acknowledged review of the Pay Estimates and Invoices at this time.

**Motion:** Director Ward to approve all items of the Consent Agenda as discussed with the exclusion of the April 11, 2015 Special Meeting minutes

**Second:** Director Steed

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT, 6:30 P.M.**  
President Roberts opened Public Comment at 6:24 p.m.

Mr. Brian Thompto, representing the Steiner Ranch Neighborhood Association (SRNA), addressed the Directors and introduced Mr. William Farrell, also of the SRNA and a practicing attorney. Mr. Farrell distributed a memorandum in response to the letter SRNA received from Lauren Kalisek concerning use of Defined Area Bonds for Recreational Facilities along with a sample bond issue done by another entity for parklands. Mr. Thompto said he was unaware of the Board's position at the March 2015 meeting until he received the letter from Counsel Kalisek. He said the letter stated that because of no statutory precedent and given the opinion of Bond Counsel, the District would disengage from this endeavor.

Mr. Farrell requested that the Directors reconsider this bond issue and Director Steed stated that the first necessary step would be for the Attorney General office to make a ruling and Mr. Thompto stated that the SRNA would like to approach the AG for approval to move this issue forward.

Director Steed said the District's Bond Counsel was not optimistic at the last meeting. President



Roberts stated that there were more issues other than the AG ruling. Director Carruthers explained that the considerable time that the District has already spent in consideration and research by the Board and both legal and bond counsel was now at a point where the District would be incurring additional bills for services and the District did not feel it was prudent to spend District dollars on a project that had doubtful legal standing and had not positively demonstrated community support.

Director Carruthers stated that if the SRNA would like to go to the AG office, it should be on the SRNA accord. He further expressed concerns about timing of park plan, ballot deadlines, required public hearings, and election expenses.

President Roberts stated that the timing was the primary decision for the District to disengage at this time to allow the SRNA time to explore other avenues for purchasing the parkland and Director Carruthers commended Mr. Thompto and the SRNA for keeping parallel doors open while searching for answers.

Misters Thompto and Farrell requested an estimate of legal costs so that the SRNA could independently approach the Attorney General's office, aggressively gain community support and propose a timeline to accomplish calling an election if at all possible to address all issues by the SRNA. President Roberts stated that in his opinion he believed there were too many unknowns to meet the November election timeline for calling an election and that the staff and consultants time needed to be focused on the new water treatment plant under construction, wastewater treatment plant expansion and routine maintenance to focus on the District's primary missions. Director Decker assured the gentlemen from the SRNA that the District had considered several parks and trails over the years but always return to the District's primary mission of providing water and wastewater service. *Discussion concluded with best wishes and thank yous.*

*President Roberts kept Public Comment open for any other citizens that may arrive late.*

**Motion:** Director Carruthers to close Public Comment

**Second:** Director Decker

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

President Roberts closed Public Comment at 7:13 p.m.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. DISCUSS/CONSIDER/TAKE ACTION REGARDING THE LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY'S:**

- 1. APPLICATION TO AMEND CERTIFICATE OF ADJUDICATION NOS. 14-5478 AND 14-5482 BEFORE THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; AND**
- 2. APPLICATION REQUESTING AN EMERGENCY ORDER CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR CERTIFICATE OF ADJUDICATION NOS. 14-5478 AND 14-5482**

Manager Gernes reported that when the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requested the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) update the submitted 2012 Water Management Plan (WMP) to use more recent data made available, the LCRA removed the entire Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) from the WMP prior to resubmission to TCEQ. She stated that the firm water customers are very concerned and opposed to the DCP being removed from the WMP and some objection could be expected during the Notice period. *This discussion was taken up in Executive Session with no action upon return to open meeting.* Tabled.

**B. DISCUSS/CONSIDER/TAKE ACTION REGARDING TRAVIS VISTA WATER AND SEWER SUPPLY CORPORATION, INCLUDING:**

- 1. CORPORATION'S APPLICATION TO RENEW ITS WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT WITH THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; AND**
- 2. STATUS OF DUAL CERTIFICATION APPLICATION TO SERVE THE TRAVIS VISTA WATER AND SEWER SUPPLY CORPORATION AREA**

Manager Gernes reported that all members of the Travis Vista Water and Sewer Supply Corporation had paid their construction fee and were moving forward with individual system conversions making ready for all members to change over to the centralized District wastewater system as proposed. Director Decker asked to give the members friendly reminders of the steps necessary to complete the process. *This discussion was taken up in Executive Session with no action upon return to open meeting.* Tabled.

**C. DISCUSS/CONSIDER/TAKE ACTION REGARDING SERENE HILLS LTD. COST SHARE OF THE FLINTROCK ROAD WATER AND WASTEWATER LINE RELOCATION**

President Roberts informed the Directors that he met and spoke with Commissioner Daugherty to explain the District's position of being ready to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Travis

County as soon as the Serene Hills developer escrowed the proposed fiscal portion necessary to relocate the water and wastewater lines. President Roberts said the Commissioner then met with Steve Jones (City of Lakeway) and the Serene Hills' attorney to relay this message. Manager Gernes said as this date, the developer had not been in contact, but that once the funds were escrowed along with the District portion, the agreement with Travis County would be signed and a check for the entire relocation share would be issued. *No other board action was required at this time. The General Manager previously received approval to authorize, sign and release funds for the Interlocal Agreement upon receipt of developer's escrowed funds.*

Tabled.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### A. DISCUSS/CONSIDER/TAKE ACTION REGARDING ACCEPTING OF UTILITY CONVEYANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TRAVIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 17 AND CIELO MULTIFAMILY LLC

Manager Gernes explained that this conveyance of wastewater improvements from Cielo Multifamily to the District was one of the documents to be executed per the Operations and Maintenance Agreement executed by the District on April 17, 2014. She further explained that the wastewater improvements in Phase I consisted of a lift station, related lift station equipment and related lift station structures (with the exception of the surrounding wall), one (1) 6" force main, manholes, and one (1) 8" gravity main on the property of Phase I. *A discussion was held regarding responsibility for the stone surrounding wall if failures should occur. The summation was that if the multifamily property owner did not make any necessary repairs in a timely manner to protect the lift station and equipment, the District would be able to make repairs and bill the owner.*

**Motion:** Director Steed to accept and approve the Utility Conveyance Agreement between Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17 and Cielo Multifamily LLC

**Second:** Director Ward

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

**VIII. THE BOARD WILL MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RECEIVE ADVICE FROM ITS ATTORNEYS IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 REGARDING LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY'S:**

- 1. APPLICATION TO AMEND CERTIFICATE OF ADJUDICATION NOS. 14-5478 AND 14-5482 BEFORE THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; AND**
- 2. APPLICATION REQUESTING AN EMERGENCY ORDER CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR CERTIFICATE OF ADJUDICATION NOS. 14-5478 AND 14-5482**

President Roberts opened Executive Session at 7:19 p.m. Executive Session closed at 7:34 p.m. with no action taken in Executive Session.

**IX. THE BOARD WILL MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RECEIVE ADVICE FROM ITS ATTORNEYS IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 REGARDING TRAVIS VISTA WATER AND SEWER SUPPLY CORPORATION, INCLUDING:**

- 1. CORPORATION'S APPLICATION TO RENEW ITS WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT WITH THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; AND**
- 2. STATUS OF DUAL CERTIFICATION APPLICATION TO SERVE THE TRAVIS VISTA WATER AND SEWER SUPPLY CORPORATION AREA**

President Roberts opened Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. Executive Session closed at 7:39 p.m. with no action taken in Executive Session.

**X. THE BOARD WILL MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO RECEIVE ADVICE FROM ITS ATTORNEYS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 REGARDING SERENE HILLS, LTD. COST SHARE OF THE FLINTROCK ROAD WATER AND WASTEWATER LINE RELOCATION**

Executive Session not held

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Director Carruthers to adjourn

**Second:** Director Steed

**Ayes:** 5

**Noes:** 0

President Roberts adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2015, with a motion

by Director \_\_\_\_\_ and a Second by Director \_\_\_\_\_.

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Noes \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained \_\_\_\_\_

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Presiding Officer

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Secretary