PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF JULY 18, 2012

(CLOSED SESSION)

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

ROBERT VANNOY, President
RIGO SANCHEZ, Vice-President
JEFFREY LEVINE, Treasurer
GLORIA KOLODZIEJ, Secretary
IDIDA RODRIGUEZ
THOMAS P. DeVITA

ALSO PRESENT:

MENACHEM BAZIAN

JOSEPH A. BELLA, Executive Director

GEORGE T. HANLEY, Counsel

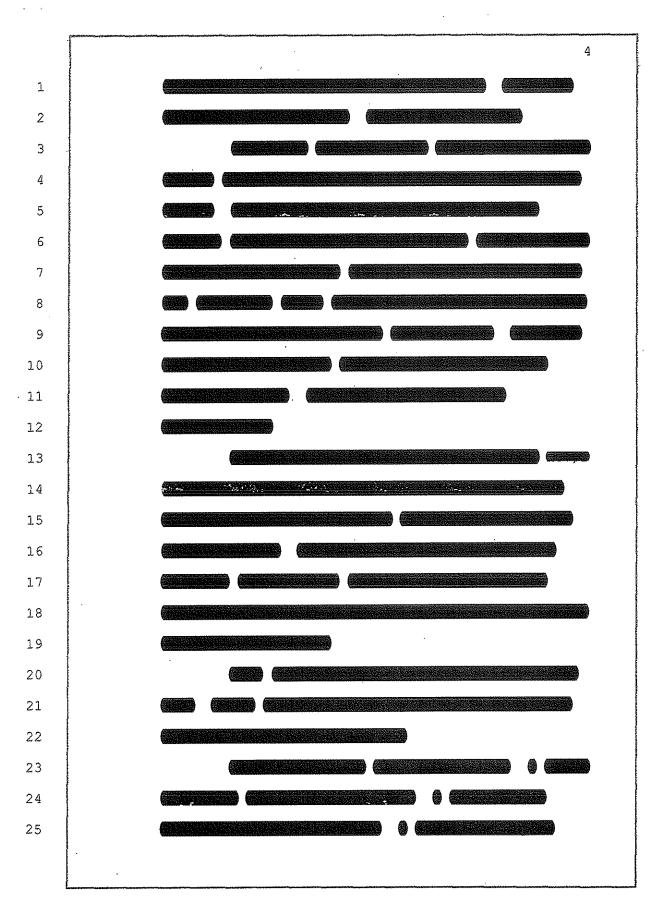
JAMES G. DUPREY, Director of Engineering

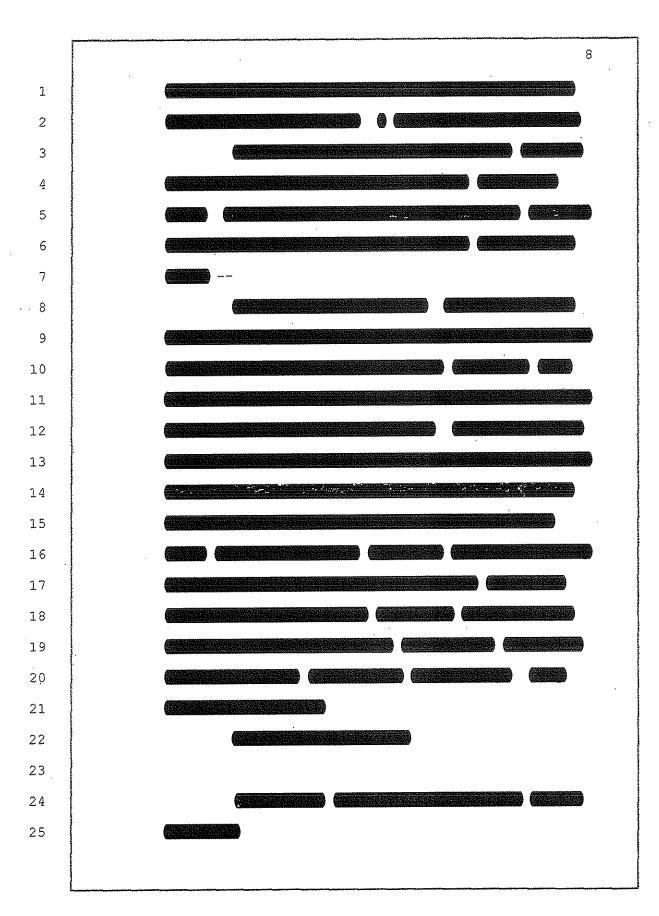
JAMES J. GALLAGHER, Personnel Director

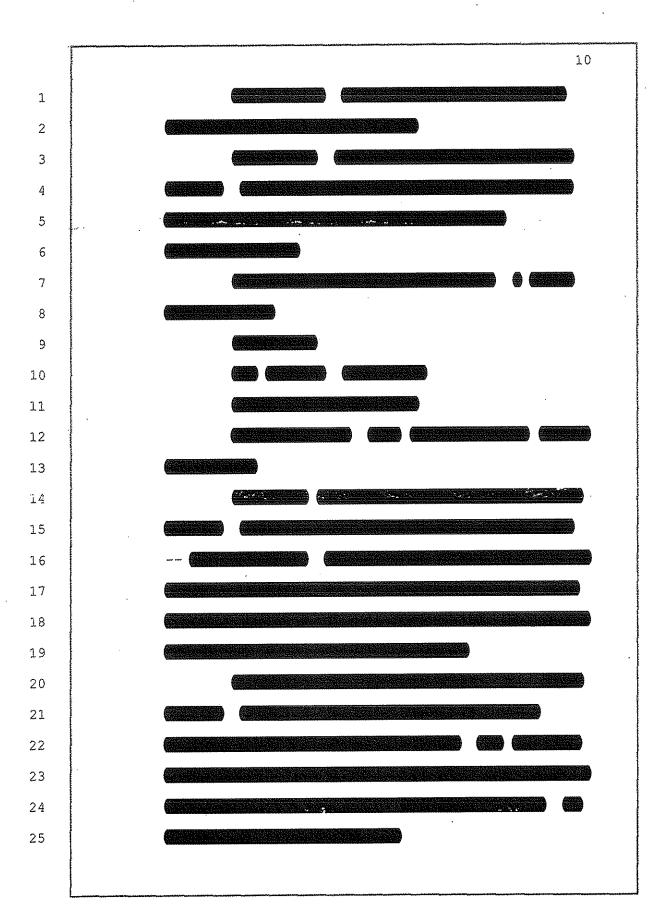
YITZ WEISS, Comptroller

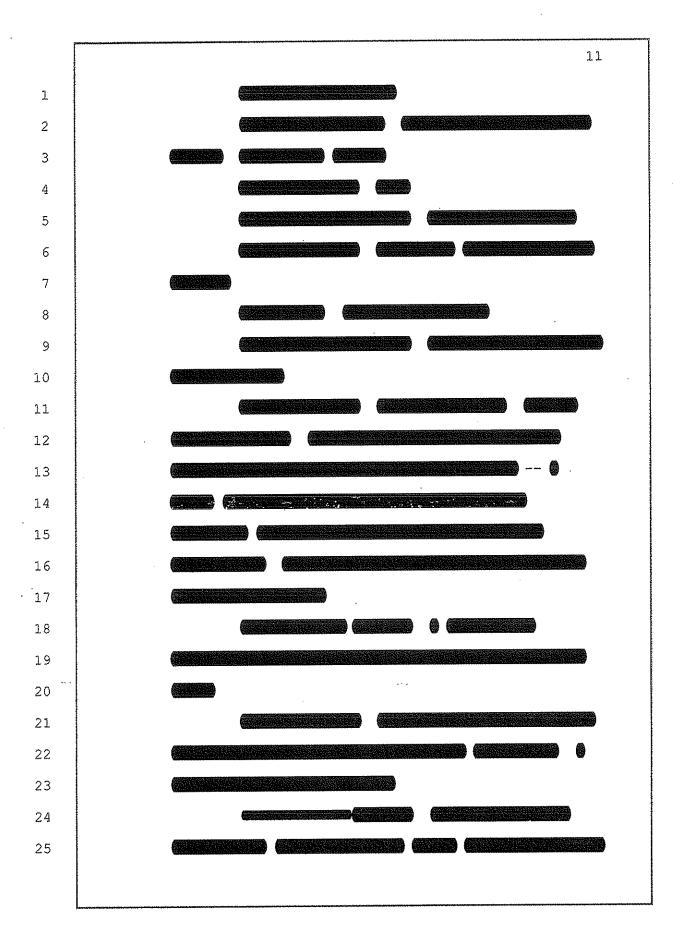
LOUIS AMODIO, Administrative Secretary

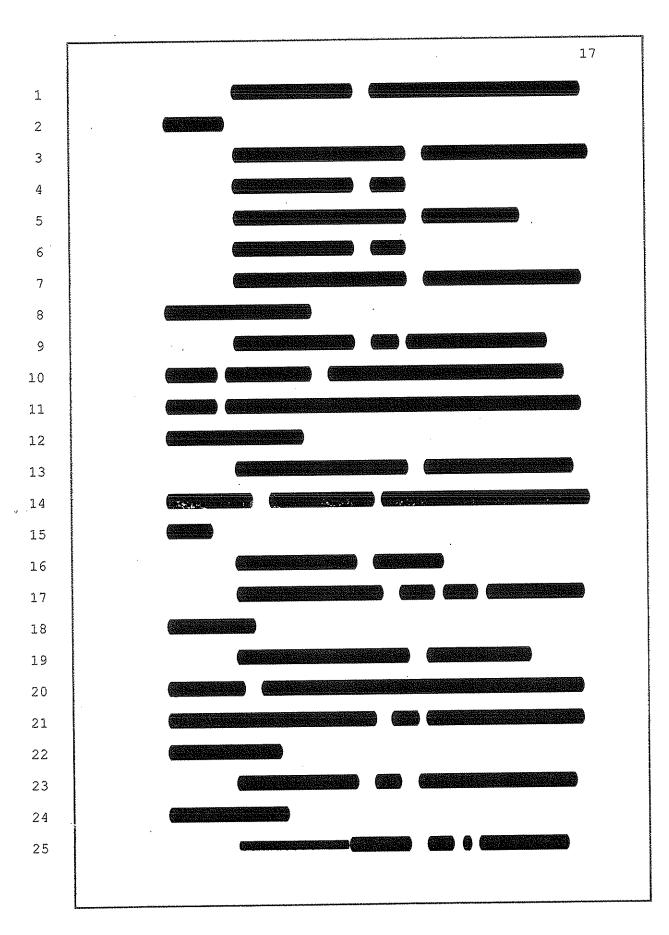
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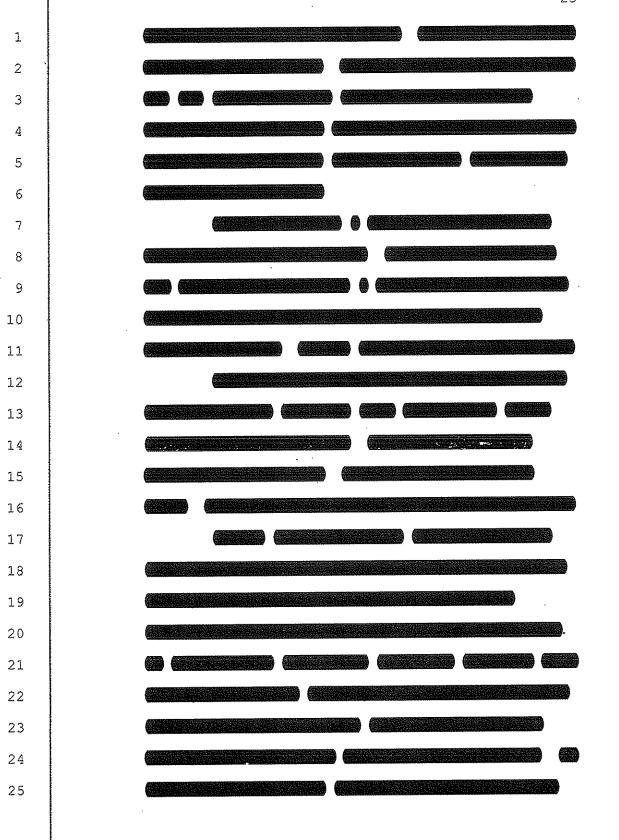




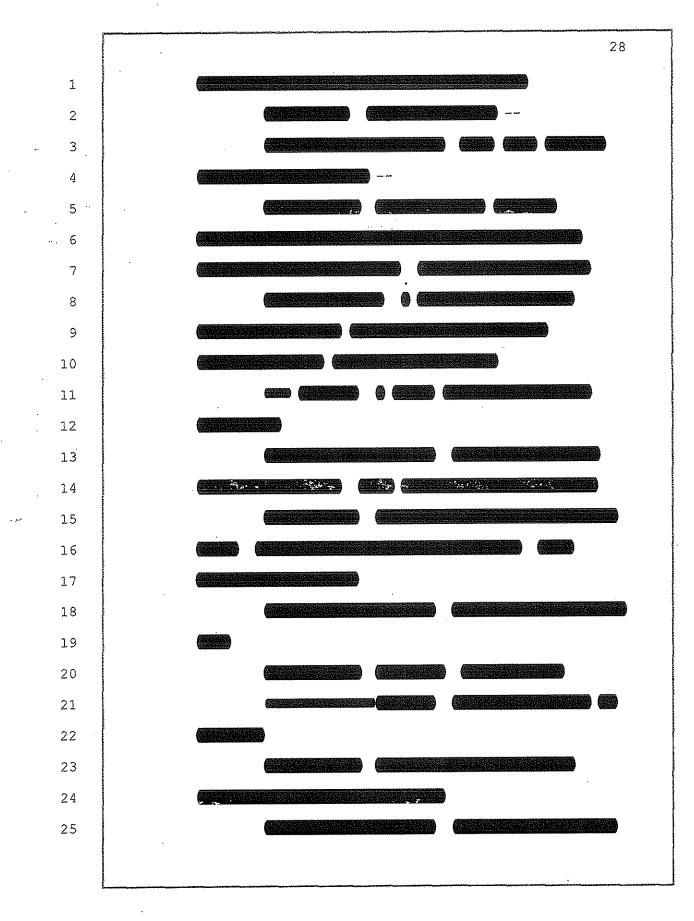


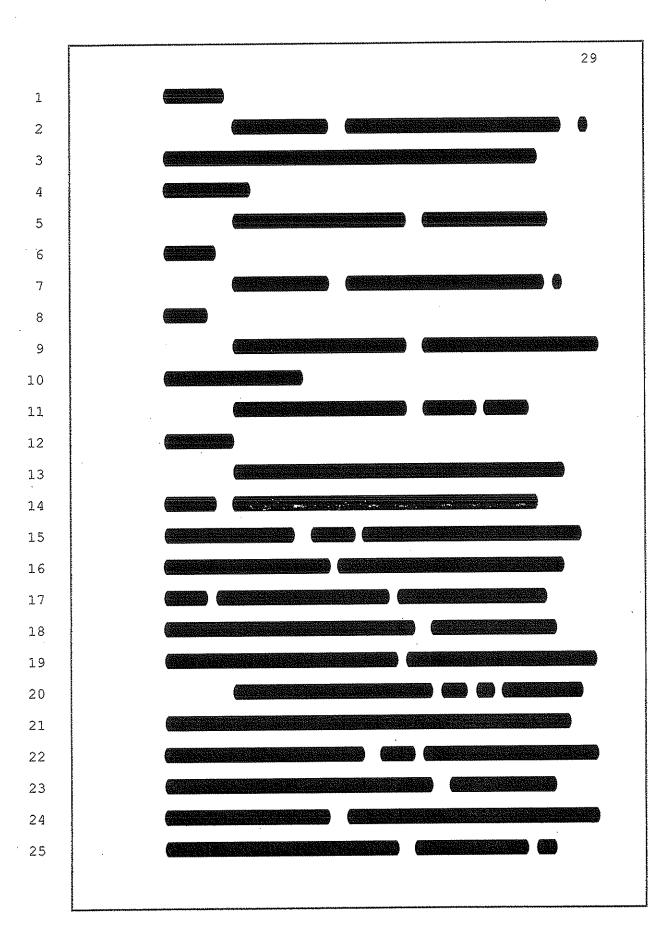


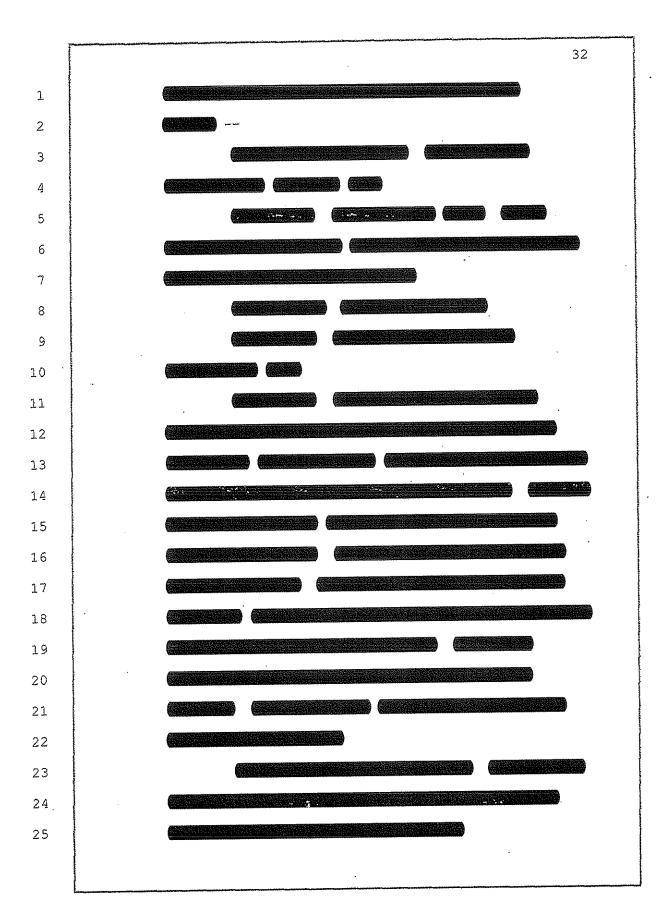




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5	Last item for closed session is the
6	Borough of Woodland Park Resolution that was in
7	your package.
8	Any questions on that?
9	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I have a question.
LO	The Resolution says that the Passaic County
1	Planning Department would like to see us do
L2	something. What does Woodland Park have to do
.3	with Passaic County?
.4	MR. BELLA: I guess the
.5	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: The mayor?
6	MR. BELLA: The ex-mayor, he's a
.7	freeholder.
.8	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Have we heard
9	anything from the Passaic County Planning?
20	MR. BELLA: I haven't heard a word from
21	them. I thought they would be
22	COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Do we want to
23	respond to this or no?
24	MR. BELLA: Here's what I did. I met with
25	the borough administrator. I met with the mayor.

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They understand there was a lot of misinformation about this and about that particular project.

COMMISSIONER DeVITA: This was June.

MR. BELLA: They had already done it.

COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Okay.

MR. BELLA: They understand that, you know, phase one has no effect on them. There's nothing, which they didn't understand. They thought, you know, August 1st we're going to pull the plug and the reservoir is going to fill with dead fish or something, which we, you know. So I went and explained and they were fine with what I had to explain to them. And I also told them as we move forward they're going to be up to speed on a regular basis. That there's going to be public hearings. All the public outreach issues are all going to be addressed. We just didn't do it with them now because it's so far off in the future.

COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: That's very good.

There are two issues that I see potentially. One is that your meeting with the mayor and the borough administrator, all well and good but we're the only ones who know about about it. Right now the only story out there is the terrible Passaic

Valley Water Commission is trying to destroy the views from our homes and that is public information that needs to somehow be counted for --

MR. BELLA: We are. As soon as we get our consultant on board, that's all part of the task.

I don't think we need to do it right at this moment. Let us get a little further along here and --

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: The minute we take the next step, it's going to generate another round. Because there's going to be another round. Okay. It's been my experience that many newspapers never write a new story, they just rehash the old one. So the minute we award this contract, it's going to be rehashing that, which is going to generate more.

Let's also understand that the mayor and the borough administrator are political allies. I don't mean that in the negative sense. I mean that they live by the public opinion within their constituency. Right now the only thing that's out there is the evil Water Commission. And the next step we go, you know, your discussion may have been well and good, but if people are upset, we

may not have gotten anywhere is my point.

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MR. BELLA: What we can do in the next couple of weeks, I want to talk to them. We were talking to them today. But I really think before we start really pressing on, we need to get a little more firmed up who we're going to hire, how it's going to look.

But that being said ...

PRESIDENT VANNOY: Menachem, are you getting a lot of people talking to you about the covers?

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Yes, yes.

MR. BELLA: And there is a lot of misinformation.

PRESIDENT VANNOY: Yeah. I met with Joe and a couple of people and we went over to the plant. There's a lot stuff out that people are not aware of and we kind of are coming up with something to make the people more aware.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Which brings me back to a discussion we had in open session. If we had something like a Facebook page or Twitter or whatever, we can start disseminating our own information. We may not get it through the traditional media, but the new age media gives us

an opening and we've got to start using it and I'm very concerned that if we don't have a means of getting good information out there, we may be well intentioned. This may be the best that's going to happen to the Water Commission in a hundred years. It's not going to matter if a purer comes in and we get stopped either by the State, politically, or whatever it is. We need to manage this both sides.

PRESIDENT VANNOY: Right.

MR. AMODIO: Anything further?

MR. BELLA: While we're on the reservoirs, there's a couple of things I want to talk about.

Just to update.

I met with the Deputy Commissioner of the DEP about this issue. I pretty much explained our situation what we're doing go through all the phases. They're fine with where we're going, what our direction is and, you know, told us that they'll use the office of permit, expediting or something, to help us when we go further along. Particularly, this first phase is really important.

I told you that I met with the mayor and the business administrator of Woodland Park. I've

been meeting, also, with people individually, like 1 this guy here. Somebody calls up or the mayor 2 says there's this woman that has a problem. And I 3 think Commissioner Bazian also met. I picked up a phone call or drove over to her house, put the 5 charts out. 6 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Interview on TV. MR. BELLA: It was on Friday. 8 MR. AMODIO: It was on the web, too. 9 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Is it still on the 10 11 web? MR. AMODIO: It may still be on NJTV.com. 12 MR. BELLA: It was 30 seconds. 13 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: You look good. 14 15 MR. AMODIO: Looked a little heavy. Only kidding, Joe. 16 MR. BELLA: So that's what we're doing, 17 one person at a time. That's where we're at. 18 The other thing I want to tell you. One 19 20 of the things that's going around that I heard, not just around here, a rumor, that we're only 21 . doing this because we want to make work for our 22 engineers and contractor buddies and things like 23 that. And this is kind of that, you know, 24 25 nebulous nonsense that goes around and that's

absolutely false. You know why we're doing this. 1 This is important water quality considerations and 2 that's what it's about. Yes, I have friends. He has friends. All of us know people in the water industry. It's a small industry. But, you know, 5 that's certainly not the reason. 6 7 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: No one related to 8 you? MR. BELLA: No one related to me. One of 9 the engineers --10 11 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I think, Joe, if I were your lawyer, I would ask you to shut up. 12 MR. AMODIO: Are we done now? 13 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Joe's very passionate 14 15 about this. MR. HANLEY: We're also subject to the 16 17 administrative and the DEP. 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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