

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF

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C O M M I S S I O N E R S P R E S E N T :

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1 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: We're going to get the
2 meeting started.

3 We have a quorum. Our stenographer has to
4 leave by 1:30, so we need to get started so that
5 she can get to where she needs to be in a timely
6 fashion.

7 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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9 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
10 respond in the affirmative. Commissioner Graddy's
11 not here yet. Commissioner Bazian's not here yet)

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13 MR. AMODIO: The time is 12:00 noon.

14 You have a quorum.

15 All of the requirements of the Open Public
16 Meetings Act have been met. Notices have been
17 furnished to all Commissioners; City Clerks of
18 Paterson, Passaic, and Clifton; North Jersey
19 Herald News; The Record - Passaic County edition
20 and the Commission's Executive Staff with a copy
21 posted at the main bulletin board at the Clifton
22 facility.

23 Will you please rise.

24 Commissioner Levine.

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1 (Whereupon, Commissioner Bazian is present
2 at 12:04)

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4 MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Bazian is here.

5 We have members of the public.

6 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Yes, members of the
7 public. We're going to start with Bob Guarasci.

8 MR. GUARASCI: Good afternoon,
9 Commissioners. I wanted to come today to talk
10 about the upcoming public outreach process. I
11 think as we all know the concept that has been
12 made by the DEP was for this Commission to provide
13 the public with equal information on the various
14 options for the reservoir issue at Levine; storage
15 tanks, capping, and treatment. And I'm concerned
16 that the sessions that may be forthcoming are not
17 going to do this. My concern is that the sessions
18 will focus on the storage tank option and there
19 will not be equal footing given to the other
20 options.

21 If the mailing that went out is any
22 indication, I think that's what's going to occur
23 and that's what's given rise to my concerns. The
24 mailing I feel, which hopefully everyone's gotten,
25 is entirely skewed to the storage tank option. It

1 makes it seem as though all the water that comes
2 into people's homes is from the reservoir, but we
3 know that that's only an emergency backup
4 reservoir.

5 The document says that the reservoir is
6 not historic. Yet we know, as articulated in the
7 modified ACO, that's a contributing asset to the
8 historic district. This is the golden outreach to
9 write the wrongs in the past. This is the golden
10 outreach to do this properly. It's the golden
11 opportunity to do this outreach in the way the DEP
12 mandated so that there's fair and equal billing
13 given to all of the options. And my concern is
14 that if that does not occur that the process will
15 have been forgot and we will be back to square one
16 with a lot of angry ratepayers and a lot of angry
17 legislators.

18 I spoke yesterday or Monday with Assistant
19 Commissioner Kennedy of the DEP. He tells me that
20 time is not a concern, such that if this
21 Commission needs more time to get it right, the
22 DEP is going to be okay with that.

23 I want you to know that I and many others
24 feel that it would be a shame and a waste of a
25 significant amount of ratepayer money if we don't

1 get this right. And so I urge you to ensure that
2 this process is designed and carried out in a way
3 that tells the people as much about capping as it
4 does about the storage tanks. As much about
5 retreatment of the water as it does about the
6 storage tank. It must give equal footing and
7 equal information to all of the options. If it
8 fails to do that, then this Commission has failed
9 to implement the mandate that's been given. And I
10 hate for us to be back here in a few months with
11 irritate ratepayers and legislators and mayors and
12 others who say we didn't get this right.

13 So I appreciate it if there can be some
14 discussion on this. I think this issue is too
15 important to simply hear me speak and then to go
16 on and not address it. It's a critical issue.
17 This Commission must get it right. We stand ready
18 to work with you to get it right. And please,
19 let's make whatever modifications we have to so
20 that the public hearings are fair and balanced.

21 Thank you.

22 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Thank you.

23 John Walters.

24 MR. WALTERS: Yes, thank you very much.

25 John Walters, Passaic County Board of Realtors.

1 At this time I do not have anything to
2 address the Commission with.

3 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Thank you.

4 MR. WALTERS: Thank you very much.

5 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Dana Williams.

6 MS. WILLIAMS: I'm here just representing
7 the Passaic County Board of Realtors. And I'll be
8 attending the meetings.

9 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Thank you.

10 Carol VanSavage.

11 MS. VANSAVAGE: Yes, I'm here with the
12 Passaic County Board of Realtors.

13 I also have a comment, though. The
14 mailing that went out about the water quality,
15 this is on a personal basis. I'm executrix for a
16 house in Fair Lawn. They received theirs a week
17 earlier than I received mine in Clifton and I'm
18 just wondering whether all towns were notified at
19 the same time or what happened that Fair Lawn
20 knows a week before Clifton people do.

21 Thank you.

22 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Eddie Gonzalez.

23 MR. GONZALEZ: Hi, Commissioners. Once
24 again, Eddie Gonzalez NJCDC.

25 Just to reiterate where my colleague left

1 off, I think this mail out, one, although it was
2 an effort to do an outreach and get people
3 involved, I think it's very misleading. A couple
4 of reasons: One: As a ratepayer, you know, I'm
5 saddened to see this image of a duck sitting over
6 a cup of water with feces in this water. I'll
7 tell you why, because if this is the
8 representation that you're trying to give to the
9 community that this is what we have currently,
10 then there's no reason at every meeting I see some
11 of you pat each other on the back about the great
12 work you're doing. This is not great work. This
13 is currently what we're drinking and what we're
14 feeding to our kids and allowing them to drink.
15 If this is the situation, then shame on you and
16 shame on everyone who works for this agency
17 because there's no reason to pat each other on the
18 back if this is the representation, which I don't
19 believe is the case. I don't believe that every
20 time I get a glass of water, I have this amount of
21 feces in my glass.

22 However, being that it's illustrated and
23 it does have your name all over it, you're telling
24 me that this is the current situation. On top of
25 getting monthly bills with bold red letters saying

1 we're having high levels of lead in the water,
2 you're telling me now that we have feces in the
3 drinking water. Okay.

4 In addition to this, if this is not the
5 case, again, it's misleading to the community,
6 very misleading.

7 If this is the percentage of feces in the
8 water that we get based on this illustration, then
9 we have a lot of work to do.

10 Two: The reservoirs, like Bob has
11 mentioned, is used as emergency backup. This
12 illustration shows that the reservoir water goes
13 directly into our faucet which is also misleading,
14 something that needs to be looked at.

15 And, again, not to beat a dead horse, but
16 this is done in a way that we obviously know that
17 you're pushing for the tanks, more it's being
18 represented in a way that the tanks are favorable.

19 We've been coming for a year and a half,
20 two years now, trying to get the public input to
21 get alternate sites, even decommissioning the
22 reservoir, but this is leading to one path which
23 is convincing individuals that it's good to have
24 these tanks and it's okay for us to just pick the
25 colors of the tank, which I think is very

1 inappropriate.

2 We do want to work with you in getting
3 this done right. As Bob has mentioned, you had an
4 opportunity to take so long. Let's not confuse
5 this path, it's very misleading.

6 Again, as outreach director for the
7 organization and a well-known member of the
8 community, I do want to lend my services and
9 assistance in getting this done right. We don't
10 want to come here and complain all the time about
11 how this is wrong and how this is being
12 criticized, but you're giving us too much ammo.
13 Okay. Let's help each other and get this done
14 right, please.

15 Thank you.

16 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Mr. Linteris, your
17 name is not on my list but you got here after we
18 had taken it up, but I'm going to allow you.

19 MR. LINTERIS: Thank you so much for
20 recognizing me.

21 A lot of things I think have been good
22 from our perspective as far as the disclosure and
23 outreach and actually, I thank you for that,
24 Commissioners, that there's more open discussion
25 and disclosure and even recognition.

1 There's concerns, though, that this
2 dissemination of information, Eddie found a
3 mailer, I'm not part of the Passaic Valley Water
4 Commission so I didn't get the mailer. But even
5 on your website, you have little ducks floating
6 around the water with feces and it's not accurate.
7 I toured the water treatment plant courtesy of Mr.
8 Bella. And it's a state of the art system. You
9 don't have ducks floating around in there with
10 feces. I feel it's a misrepresentation.

11 I think that, yes, you hired a PR firm to
12 do PR for you. And I feel that they are doing
13 exactly that, showing the people and scaring them
14 into thinking the water is not safe. I believe
15 the water is safe. I believe the direction you're
16 going is an opportunity to look at other
17 alternatives all the way through.

18 The agenda, as far as disclosure and
19 openness, I went on-line today when I found a duck
20 in the cup of feces, there was no agenda available
21 and it said it was available if we came down to
22 get it here, I guess. It was not on a link, as it
23 usually is. I'd like to see that change in the
24 future and have it available there.

25 I believe that mine was not an isolated

1 case and there was a problem with my server, I
2 believe that it just wasn't there. I do open up
3 the agenda every month and I do read through
4 everything.

5 Very much I'd like, again, to thank the
6 Commissioners for the work that they've done and
7 the ability to try to work with us. I feel that
8 doing it isolated also just the Levine Reservoir
9 is trying to divide and conquer and it's an
10 opportunity to go with a group of people in
11 Paterson that may not be able to understand what's
12 going on and get scared by not only the website,
13 but the mailing they got.

14 Thank you very much and I do appreciate,
15 again, everything you've done as far as disclosure
16 and to the public.

17 Thank you.

18 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Thank you.

19 Motion to close.

20 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Move it.

21 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second it.

22 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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24 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
25 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner

1 Graddy is absent)

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3 MR. AMODIO: The time is 12:13.

4 Would anybody like to address any of the
5 questions or you want to move on?

6 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: The only thing I
7 could ask is, we have our consultant here, being a
8 former school teacher, I'm very, very careful
9 about how my students read things and how they
10 pick up information. The one thing that kind of
11 concerned me that you would pick up in the wrong
12 direction would be the content of the hearings --
13 not hearings -- the information sessions that will
14 be held. Perhaps, if our consultant can outline
15 particularly how those will be, you know,
16 conducted and, you know, what the public will be
17 expecting in the way of all the information, the
18 accurate information that they are expecting from
19 these sessions.

20 And the other thing that I thought was
21 excellent was Mr. Linteris's suggestion was that
22 agenda form should be part of that. So I'm sure
23 we can fix that and thank you for bringing that
24 up.

25 So if we could have our consultant just

1 explain how those sessions will work; how they're
2 set up; what people can expect; I think that would
3 be helpful.

4 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Commissioner DeVita,
5 do you have a question?

6 COMMISSIONER DEVITA: No, that was kind of
7 my comment too.

8 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Clifton thinks
9 alike, what can I say.

10 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Are any of the,
11 like, outside people who have the comments, like,
12 Mr. Guarasci, are they able to work with the
13 consultant directly to maybe one spokesperson for,
14 like, a community per se that maybe Mr. Guarasci
15 can be one of the spokespeople? In every city we
16 have, like, three or four spokespeople who can
17 work directly with our PR person so they don't get
18 back and forth; if we miss something, they miss
19 something, Mr. Guarasci can represent. I'm not
20 saying the whole City of Paterson, maybe his
21 little section. He seems to be here with Mr.
22 Linteris and everyone for the last year and a half
23 so these people have stepped up and say they want
24 to be the spokesperson. Maybe our PR person can
25 set up a meeting, I don't know how it should be

1 done. Maybe our lawyer can figure that out --

2 MR. HANLEY: No, your lawyer cannot figure
3 that out.

4 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Thank you, Mr.
5 Hanley. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Maybe the
7 Commissioners should figure something out, whoever
8 the right person is --

9 MR. GETZ: I can answer for you.

10 My name is Joe Getz. I'm principal with
11 JGSC Group. We are the firm that responded to
12 your request for proposals and was selected last
13 year to provide the outreach and engagement
14 effort. So we are the guys who designed it; we
15 are the guys who are overseeing it.

16 Let me answer your last question first.
17 In terms of meeting with individual stakeholders,
18 we set up a process early on that involved meeting
19 with the committee of this Commission and
20 reviewing our ideas and process with them. Then
21 the mayors of the owner cities. Then State
22 legislators and Federal legislators and officials
23 at the DEP. And when we completed all that, then
24 we went and met with various people from the media
25 to make sure that they were aware of what was

1 going on.

2 And now we are starting the public
3 outreach part, which include stakeholders such as
4 Mr. Walters, who I introduced myself to this
5 morning. And Mr. Guarasci, who I haven't traded
6 the letters, but the Commission's traded letters
7 with him over the last two or three weeks. We
8 have a meeting scheduled with Mr. Guarasci for
9 next Monday to do exactly what you're asking us to
10 hear; what thoughts he has, what input he would
11 like to share, so on and so forth. And we just
12 asked Mr. Linteris and Mr. Walters if we can
13 arrange a meeting to do the same with them.

14 The two groups of people that I mentioned,
15 Passaic County Board of Realtors and Mr. Guarasci
16 and Mr. Gonzalez, appear to be the most active
17 from what we have seen. But we are reaching out
18 to any number of people through social media,
19 through direct mail, so on and so forth, which
20 brings me to the first question.

21 The outreach is designed to have three
22 direct mail components. The first component,
23 which is the one that everyone has seen, was
24 designed to address the issues that had been
25 raised in the previous 12 or 14 month-period.

1 Some people were concerned because it mentioned
2 tanks, but tanks were a part of the issue so our
3 intent was to address those questions.

4 I think the only thing we didn't get into
5 on that first piece and it was just because of
6 space limitation was the cost. Some people
7 opposed the cost initially and said, I remember a
8 quote was, "My grandchildren will be paying for
9 this." And I just didn't have enough room on the
10 sheet of paper to get into that last point.

11 But if you go through the paper, it does
12 mention tanks as an opportunity. It mentions the
13 LT2 Rule and whether or not that's going to be
14 repealed or modified. It mentions -- I don't
15 know, can I? Does anybody have it?

16 Great. Thank you.

17 So it does mention... The first paragraph
18 is "What's Happening" to try and just give people
19 an overview.

20 And then it mentions water quality, the
21 EPA LT2 Rule.

22 It mentions the draining of the reservoir,
23 which was a concern.

24 It mentions or it says in fact, "Are
25 storage tanks the only option at Levine

1 Reservoir?" And we were very specific to say:
2 "Building storage tanks at Levine Reservoir is one
3 solution." That's factual. It is one of the
4 solutions. "But we also considered alternatives.
5 We've looked at building treatment plants,
6 relocating the tanks, or putting a cover over the
7 reservoir. But all of these options include costs
8 that impact your water rates, and the options are
9 not as reliable or safe as storage tanks." That's
10 also true. "We created a survey" and it goes on
11 to say because we want to hear your opinion, so on
12 and so forth.

13 And it also mentions the historical
14 aspects and things like that.

15 Thank you.

16 So the point was that the first piece was
17 designed to go out to people and say: If you
18 heard about this and you've read about it in the
19 papers, but it's been four months now or five
20 months now, here's what we understand the
21 situation to be.

22 And more importantly, it brings us to the
23 outreach piece number two which is: Come on-line,
24 take a survey or take a survey and print.
25 Actually, as we speak, 125,000 households and

1 businesses are going to be receiving printed
2 surveys later this week, probably as early as
3 Friday and that will continue over, for a few days
4 or maybe a week.

5 The purpose of that is we want everyone
6 who is likely to be impacted by this to have the
7 opportunity to hear what the facts, or at least
8 what was debated last year, to have an opportunity
9 to voice their opinion through a survey.

10 And then ultimately, the third piece is to
11 remind people go and take the survey and also come
12 to the workshops.

13 What we have proposed are a series of two
14 workshops. They are deliberately designed not to
15 be public screaming matches. They are designed to
16 be informational sessions where we will have
17 experts in each of the different areas present in
18 different rooms where if your concern is
19 environmental and your concern is historic, you
20 can go speak with the historic people; you can
21 speak with the environmental people. You can go
22 to as many rooms as you want. Again, all of this
23 is designed to engage and encourage as many people
24 as possible to participate in this process.

25 On a personal note, I've been doing this

1 for a lot longer than I care to admit, probably 30
2 years, maybe more. And one of the things that I
3 learned is that people love to have public
4 meetings where public can come and attend. But
5 two things tend to happen in those. They're
6 generally inconvenient for some portion of the
7 audience and in this case, we're trying to reach
8 125,000 households and businesses. It's not
9 always convenient or possible for everybody in
10 that audience to get down to a specific location
11 on a specific date and time to participate in a
12 meeting. So instead, we looked for other outreach
13 opportunities, like the survey, like the website,
14 those sort of things.

15 Secondly, the thing that happens is
16 sometimes public meetings, and I think that was
17 the case in some cases here, public meetings turn
18 into "bitch" sessions, for lack of a better word.
19 And while there's nothing wrong with someone
20 opposing a project or favoring a project, having
21 people stand in a room for two and three hours and
22 belabor the same point doesn't move the ball down
23 the court.

24 So what we're trying to do is collect an
25 abundance of information from a large number of

1 people, as large an audience as we can reach, and
2 get that information back to this body so that
3 they can make decisions from an informed basis.

4 Now, at the end of this process, there is
5 a document that will be produced that will
6 describe what tactics we used to reach out to
7 people. It will show examples of this printed
8 piece. It will show, including examples of the
9 survey so that everyone can go back and have an
10 understanding of what was asked and what the
11 responses were.

12 The survey that is on line now and, again,
13 is repeated in the print version, is only 13
14 questions long. And in fact, it's only 12
15 questions long. The 13th question is as unbiased
16 and as open as you can possibly be. It basically
17 reads: What did we not think of? What would you
18 like to tell us? What suggestion do you have to
19 offer? And it is a verbatim capture. So that
20 means if someone goes onto the on-line website and
21 keys in 5,500 characters of answers, we're going
22 to capture all 5,500 characters.

23 So far the on-line survey has already
24 received several hundred responses. They're all
25 unique responses and I would venture a guess that

1 those several hundred responses that we received
2 in just less than a week, in less than a week, I
3 would venture a guess that that is more unique
4 individual responses than we had at all the
5 meetings combined over the last year. And
6 ultimately, that's the goal, to get as many people
7 involved as we possibly can and give them the
8 opportunity to say whatever it is that's on their
9 mind.

10 Now, it's true we try and contain some of
11 those thoughts that we had so we have the ability
12 to sort it out and make sense of it. For an
13 example, we explained that Passaic Valley Water
14 Commission is under order by the EPA to move
15 forward and that if they fail to move forward they
16 can be sued or face fines or other penalties. And
17 then we ask people: Do you think we should move
18 forward or do you think we should stand still and
19 wait. And people can answer either one. But the
20 point is to provide us with some understanding of
21 what it is that people want so that this body can
22 make informed decisions.

23 So there's a couple of issues, and I don't
24 want to take over your whole meeting, but there's
25 a couple of issues that I think are important to

1 address.

2 I don't know if these last a week or an
3 hour.

4 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Not a week.

5 MR. GETZ: Okay. The point is: Yes, a
6 few people have voiced concerns and complaints.
7 Mr. Guarasci is one of them. But it's really a
8 handful of people so far. When I say to you, it's
9 less than five people, it's less than five people.

10 And I can also tell you that for every
11 person who has said: I have a problem with this,
12 we've had at least that many people who said:
13 Thank you for inviting me to participate in this
14 process. I remember someone, the survey's
15 anonymous, so I don't know who's a man or woman,
16 someone said I don't know anything about all of
17 this but I really appreciate you giving me the
18 opportunity to tell you how I feel about these
19 issues.

20 So, again, it's not a science experiment;
21 it's an outreach experiment.

22 There have been some statements made about
23 what it is the DEP has mandated in the ACO. And I
24 can explain to you that I've been doing this for
25 25 years, dealing with ACOs and dealing with

1 issues related to water systems, and I can tell
2 you that my read of the ACO is not Mr. Guarasci's
3 read of the ACO.

4 I believe that our process, that our plan
5 is completely compliant with the ACO. I can tell
6 you that the elected officials with whom we met
7 agree with me. I can tell you that the DEP agrees
8 with us. I shouldn't say "me", with us. And that
9 the Federal legislators with whom we've met agrees
10 with us that it is compliant and it will meet the
11 requirements of the ACO.

12 So, again, I get the sense and Mr.
13 Guarasci's concerns that he doesn't want a lot of
14 angry legislators showing up here at the end of
15 the process, but I would think that the odds of
16 that, unless they're deliberately provoked, is
17 pretty miniscule. We've met with all of them. We
18 answered any question they have. We communicate
19 with them regularly, in most cases weekly. And
20 our list of communications is growing and every
21 communication contains the phrase: Let us know if
22 you have an issue. If you have a question, give
23 us a call, we'll be happy to sit down.

24 So I don't know, I hope that answers your
25 question.

1 the website and some people have done that. I
2 think we've got about seven or eight so far, maybe
3 seven or eight. Of those, about two thirds of
4 them are people just sharing a comment. That
5 comment gets recorded and will be included in the
6 documents.

7 And the others who actually had a question
8 mark in there, who were actually asking the
9 question, we have formulated an answer for the
10 PVWC and responded to them.

11 I think in this day and age, if you take
12 the time to ask a question in this type of an
13 event, an opportunity, the least we can do is
14 supply an answer.

15 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: That was my main
16 thing --

17 MR. GETZ: I think that's important.

18 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: That's important.

19 You seem like you hit a lot of points.

20 Good job.

21 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Commissioner DeVita.

22 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Thank you. I found
23 that very, very informative. Even though they may
24 not be satisfied with the answers, that's the way
25 it goes. You're going to get information. I

1 think it's very comprehensive what you're doing
2 and people are going to have an opportunity to
3 speak, which is great.

4 MR. GUARASCI: In the spirit of openness,
5 I'd like to ask a question or two.

6 MR. GETZ: We're going to be meeting with
7 Mr. Guarasci on Monday, this coming Monday --

8 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Exactly.

9 MR. GETZ: And I'll be happy to spend as
10 much time --

11 MR. GUARASCI: This is a public meeting
12 and presentation and you're not allowed to --

13 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Well, this wasn't a
14 presentation. He was answering some of the
15 questions that were raised by some of the speakers
16 prior to him speaking. So we just wanted him to
17 give you some feedback as to some of the questions
18 that you raised earlier.

19 But he said that he will have a sit down
20 meeting with you next week.

21 MR. GUARASCI: Just one important
22 question. The RFP said six hearings, six sessions
23 and now I understand it's two. So I just wanted
24 to ask about that.

25 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: We'll get that

1 clarified for you.

2 MR. GETZ: Commissioner, if I can answer
3 one other question?

4 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Yes.

5 MR. GETZ: Carol, you made a comment that
6 things arrived in a different time and I'm not
7 sure if you were referring to this mailing or if
8 you were referring to the community, the CCR
9 reports.

10 MS. VANSAVAGE: No, the water quality
11 report.

12 MR. GUARASCI: Not this?

13 MS. VANSAVAGE: Not that.

14 MR. GETZ: I know they were all dropped
15 the same day, but they have arrived over a period
16 of six or seven different days. So I guess it's
17 just how the post office worked.

18 MR. BELLA: It seems like Fair Lawn, the
19 way they ship and lay that out and send it to the
20 post office, our printers for some reason that
21 person gets it first.

22 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Okay. Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Can I just ask
24 two things because conversation, when you really
25 listen to one another, generates other

1 conversations.

2 You're meeting with two different
3 stakeholders who have been the most diligent in
4 monitoring this process. Will you meet with other
5 stakeholders? For instance, in my mind, I'm
6 thinking of the Chamber of Commerce. If they
7 wanted to schedule a meeting with you as
8 stakeholders or businessowners who are involved,
9 they can do that? So if we know of any other
10 stakeholders that need to do that, we should just
11 refer them to you and you will follow through.

12 MR. GETZ: We have an outreach list that
13 we put together and we're certainly willing to add
14 on to. Mr. Guarasci's first on the list because
15 he asked to be at the top of the list. And the
16 Board of Realtors, whom I didn't know anyone, I
17 reached out to this morning when I walked in
18 because I've also seen that they've been involved
19 with it. And I think we now have sufficient
20 information put together to have intelligent
21 conversations with those people. But we also have
22 rotaries and Chambers of Commerce. They're all on
23 our list.

24 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Exactly. They're
25 all, you know, interested parties who what I

1 consider constructive input to give to this whole
2 process.

3 MR. GETZ: I'm sorry, Commissioner, there
4 is one other thing I forgot to mention.

5 In terms of the outreach, and that is that
6 starting on Thursday of this week we will have a
7 two-person team who are bilingual who will go into
8 the area around the reservoir. We picked about a
9 half mile radius and they're going to go door to
10 door to speak with every single resident and every
11 single business if they can, time permitting. But
12 it's a two person crew. We got them scheduled up
13 for well over a hundred hours of field outreach to
14 make sure that in addition to all the other
15 things, the people who live closest to the
16 reservoir are also going to have the opportunity
17 to speak to us and ask whatever questions they
18 have.

19 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I would just like
20 to wrap up my comments with one thing that's
21 important to me because we were thrust into this
22 whole situation because it's a mandate.

23 MR. GETZ: Right.

24 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: We were put in a
25 timeout period because the DEP is taking over. So

1 the DEP was the very first group that you met with
2 when you designed this process. Without their
3 approval, you could not even have met with all
4 these other people that you have met with.

5 MR. GETZ: Outside of this Commission, the
6 DEP was the first group.

7 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Exactly.

8 MR. GETZ: Your subcommittee was the
9 first.

10 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Right.

11 So at this point in time, I want to finish
12 with the DEP has gone on record as saying we are
13 in compliance with everything that they have
14 mandated. That's important to me.

15 MR. GETZ: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: That they have
17 signed off that everything we are doing as per
18 their mandate is in compliance.

19 MR. GETZ: I don't know about if they
20 signed off on anything --

21 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Well, I don't
22 know if they do either. Twenty-eight years in
23 government experience, I know. But the bottom
24 line is --

25 MR. GETZ: Again, we answered questions.

1 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: The fact is, from
2 their mouth to you directly, has been everything
3 we've done since we've been put in this timeout is
4 in compliance.

5 MR. GETZ: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Okay. Amen.

7 MR. GUARASCI: That's different from what
8 the assistant commissioner told me.

9 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Thank you.

10 Let's move on.

11 MR. AMODIO: Request by Commissioner
12 Bazian to move on ahead --

13 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Correct. Correct.

14 MR. AMODIO: -- With the budget
15 Resolution.

16 So, Mr. Weiss, if you would.

17 MR. WEISS: You have in front of you, this
18 is a Resolution for the budget for 2016, for
19 calendar year 2016. You also have in front of you
20 the budget narrative. This comes after a
21 tremendous amount of effort that was put in by the
22 finance committee reviewing all the line items.

23 Just a couple of quick highlights. We're
24 happy to report that the planned increase we have
25 for 2016 will remain in place and will actually

1 cover everything that we needed to cover, which is
2 great. That's a 4.5 percent increase in retail
3 and a five percent increase for wholesale.

4 The finance committee spent a tremendous
5 amount of time also reevaluating, based on Joe
6 Bella's direction, based on evaluating costs,
7 specifically for personnel costs, scrutinizing
8 overtime, comparing the possibility of new hires
9 versus the ability to reduce overtime, the ability
10 to give our employees additional overtime if it
11 would reduce an even significantly more expense in
12 hiring outside contractors for things that need to
13 be done. That's all incorporated into this as
14 well.

15 The other change from our initial plan was
16 that based on our -- this is in the narrative as
17 well, based on a recommendation from our bond
18 counsel and our financial advisers, they are
19 interested in us boosting our cash on hand. And
20 as a result, we've deferred to some of the capital
21 expenses, capital expenditures that we've expected
22 to be for 2016. We've deferred them out a little
23 bit. Initially, we had planned to put \$10 million
24 out of cash into capital and you'll see in the
25 narrative that that's been reduced to

1 approximately 3.6 million. That's based on their
2 belief that that the additional cash is going to
3 be something that we need to have on hand to be
4 able to manage our day-to-day operations.

5 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Just to expand on
6 that briefly. It has to do with, this is cash
7 they want us to have on hand so this way we can
8 maintain and hopefully even improve our bond
9 rating. A better bond rating is a lower cost.
10 That's the reason.

11 MR. WEISS: Correct.

12 MR. BELLA: I think we can boost our bond
13 rating even further than we have by doing this
14 increase.

15 Remember, when we're talking about
16 postponing capital, it's not going to be for a
17 whole year. It's going to be for maybe a half
18 year. And, again, that's not all of it. Most of
19 the capital projects, which I'll discuss, a couple
20 of big ones I'll discuss when I do my
21 presentation, they're all still moving forward.
22 We shouldn't have any problems.

23 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I definitely have
24 some questions because to be perfectly honest with
25 you, I was not expecting this to be on the agenda.

1 My first question is: Does this have to
2 be acted on for today or can we carry that over
3 till November? And if it can't, these are the
4 questions that I need.

5 I'm glad you addressed the issue of the
6 bond counsel and the increasing the bond rating
7 and at Commissioner Levine's urging, we had asked
8 for a printout of the projects that will need to
9 be delayed in order for us to do that. So we'll
10 all see a copy of that.

11 I do believe that we have acted very
12 conservatively with these numbers. The most
13 difficult thing to put together with our kind of
14 budgeting is revenues because there's no way we
15 can anticipate. So you're kind of, you know,
16 geared to past experiences. And there were
17 numbers we had to put in the budget because
18 they're kind of mandated, you have to put in that
19 number even if we wanted to change that number.
20 So I'm okay with that.

21 The thing that concerns me the most is the
22 whole issue of the new positions. And there's
23 only a couple of months remaining to this budget
24 year, so my plea is that the personnel committee
25 and the budget committee work closely together.

1 question first because that seems to be the
2 overriding, the most pressing.

3 In order for us to submit the budget on
4 time, it's got to be down in Trenton before
5 November 1st. So we can do it late. It's
6 possible to submit it late. We can actually do a
7 late budget resolution. But if we want to have it
8 on time, we'll have to do it now or have a special
9 meeting at the end of the month to approve it.

10 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So question: If
11 we submit it today as is so Commissioners like
12 myself who may be prone to want to make
13 adjustments to that will have ample time to do
14 that before we adopt the final budget?

15 MR. WEISS: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Or am I going to
17 be locked into this budget that I feel I haven't
18 personally scrutinized in the way I like to.

19 MR. WEISS: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So I can make
21 adjustments down the line. Okay.

22 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Commissioner Sanchez.

23 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I was looking at
24 the healthcare costs and I saw with, like,
25 50 percent --

1 MR. WEISS: It's not actually 50 percent
2 more. The number is big. It's a \$1.7 million
3 increase.

4 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Do we have an
5 estimate?

6 MR. WEISS: Yes. They're estimating
7 15 percent increase. That's actually what we
8 believe to be a significant cost. It's going to
9 be, we believe, it's going to be pretty accurate.

10 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I saw the number.

11 MR. WEISS: That's one of the biggest
12 changes, a lot of healthcare costs.

13 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Do we get penalized
14 if we table this and submit it next month?

15 MR. WEISS: No.

16 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: What he's saying if
17 we want it to be on time --

18 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: What's the advantage
19 of it being on time or the disadvantage of it not
20 being on time?

21 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Following the rules.

22 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: She likes to
23 follow rules.

24 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: I like to follow the
25 rules.

1 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Usually, there's a
2 slap on the hand.

3 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: No, he said there's no
4 consequences to us submitting it late.

5 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Which if we have a
6 good reason to submit it late, I hear that. The
7 fact that there are no consequences is not a
8 reason for us not to do what we're supposed be
9 doing. Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I agree.

11 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: If we can address
12 Commissioner Kolodziej's concerns and submit on
13 time, I'm at a loss to explain why we would submit
14 it late.

15 MR. GUARASCI: Are their copies for the
16 public?

17 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: The budget is always
18 posted on-line.

19 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: It hasn't been adopted
20 yet.

21 MR. GUARASCI: After it's adopted.

22 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: With the caveat
23 that we can make changes down the line and the
24 only problem that I have is with the new hires
25 outside of the --

1 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I have a question.

2 If we can modify --

3 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: That's what he's
4 saying, you can and you will have it.

5 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: The new hires, I
6 think it's -- I'm against hiring any new. And I
7 am. You know that. But the thing is, Joe has a
8 plan down the road. There's a lot of people going
9 to retire. So he needs some new people to train
10 those people because we cannot wait until those
11 people to retire to get people on board. So
12 that's, according to Joe, he wants to approve
13 those four laborers I think on the budget, which
14 they're in the budget. So that was the
15 conclusion. We have it here I think for approval
16 today.

17 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: But are they actually
18 new hires or replacing positions that are already
19 there?

20 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: No, the ones are
21 replacing. No new hires.

22 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: They're replacements;
23 they're not new hires.

24 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Today they're not
25 new, they're replacements.

1 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: But in the
2 budget --

3 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: But those are
4 positions that are not new created positions,
5 they're positions that already exist.

6 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Today on the agenda,
7 yes.

8 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So I'm okay with
9 that.

10 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Okay. Commissioner
11 Bazian.

12 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Madam President,
13 just if I may. One of the other things finance
14 has been looking into is a very interesting
15 question. We've been tracking overtime and we've
16 noted that there's been a significant increase in
17 overtime over the last couple of years and we're
18 asking why.

19 We had a very good presentation the other
20 day. One of our employees came, one of the
21 department heads came to us and explained that
22 although the overtime has gone up, the fact of the
23 matter is that frequently we are doing projects
24 inhouse, we do have to pay overtime but by not
25 sending it outside of the company, we're doing it

1 at one third to one fifth the cost. So we may be
2 spending more in overtime, but we've been told
3 we're spending more money. We have requested
4 specific reports from the department and from
5 finance so we can do our due diligence on that
6 claim. But not always is overtime a bad thing.
7 And not always is hiring another person a bad
8 thing. If we can hire another person and the work
9 is there and we are saving money in the long run
10 by hiring that person, then it's a good business
11 decision.

12 So that's the perspective that finance is
13 taking on it.

14 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I'm ready to make
15 a motion based on the wonderful input. What I
16 love about working with all of you is we can agree
17 to disagree without getting nasty.

18 So I'm going to move that we approve this
19 as presented with the knowledge that each one of
20 us can individually vote on any new positions
21 outside of the T.O. down the line.

22 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Is there a second?

23 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I'll second it.

24 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner
25 Bazian.

1 Commissioner Sanchez is not in the room.

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3 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
4 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
5 Graddy is absent)

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7 MR. AMODIO: If you'd like to move back to
8 committee reports.

9 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Correct.

10 MR. AMODIO: Personnel, I'll tell you that
11 Mr. Brendan Quern and Daniel Rosol and Javier
12 Velasquez all have sent Rice notices saying they
13 want their promotions discussed in open session.

14 The other gentlemen said closed.

15 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: You want a report on
16 personnel?

17 MR. AMODIO: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: In the absence of
19 Commissioner Graddy, we had a rather lengthy
20 personnel meeting. We discussed everything. We
21 approved everything all over the board. Some of
22 the individuals involved are getting promotions
23 because they've gotten their licenses which was an
24 incentive that we gave for the union. We needed
25 more people licensed. They've gotten their

1 licenses, so based upon our agreement, they're
2 getting the increases.

3 No one else is a new employee as
4 discussed. They're all replacements. It was a
5 very good meeting. We approved all of this.

6 I think one thing that deserves some
7 comment, and I think Rigo will agree with me, in
8 the meeting was Mr. Bella's secretary, Clarissa --

9 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Mr. Gallagher.

10 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I'm sorry. Mr.
11 Gallagher's secretary was there, Clarissa. She
12 had a lot of input. She made some great
13 suggestions. It was like fresh blood. Things we
14 hadn't talked about; performance, incentives, and
15 things like that and I just thought she was
16 excellent and I commend her for that.

17 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So did I. She had
18 some great ideas. She suggested we should
19 implement promotion based on merits and I think
20 ultimately, I think that's the way to go based on
21 people's performance, based on people's work we
22 should look out for those people.

23 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: And praise people
24 when they deserve it.

25 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: We do that with

1 letters in the file.

2 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Sometimes.

3 MR. AMODIO: Anything else for personnel?

4 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: No.

5 MR. AMODIO: Finance.

6 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: We're already done

7 with that.

8 MR. AMODIO: Nothing for IT?

9 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: No.

10 MR. AMODIO: Legal affairs, there's a
11 couple of items in closed.

12 Special projects.

13 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Special projects
14 we're going to need to schedule a meeting. If you
15 read Joe Bella's monthly director's report,
16 there's a lot of issues coming down the line that
17 may require us to make some expenditures and
18 upgrades and things like that. Both the State and
19 Federal Government are initiating under that LT2
20 law a whole set of new standards for drinking
21 water and thank goodness we're in compliance. I
22 think I love that word "compliance". But as they
23 continue to do that, it may need some direction
24 from us. I think, Joe, you'll be ready to give us
25 a presentation on the overview where the Federal

1 Government is going with drinking water. Right?
2 So if you can just give them some dates to be
3 available, that's what we'll cover.

4 MR. BELLA: Okay.

5 MR. AMODIO: Policy, nothing.

6 Moving onto the Executive Director's
7 report.

8 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Can we leave that
9 to last. We have a lot of people here.

10 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Good idea.

11 MR. AMODIO: All right.

12 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: What can we do now?

13 MR. AMODIO: Hold on. I have Request to
14 Advertise for proposal for Project 15-P-54
15 "Professional Security Services" and I have a
16 request from the Passaic County Police Academy for
17 the use of Point View Reservoir November 5th,
18 2015, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 10:00
19 p.m.

20 Any questions?

21 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I have a question.
22 The 15-P-14 is to replace our existing? The
23 contract expires?

24 MR. DUPREY: The 15-P-54, it's to replace.

25 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Our contract's been

1 extended. Okay.

2 MR. AMODIO: Any other questions?

3 Motion.

4 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Motion.

5 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner

6 DeVita.

7 Second?

8 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

9 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Sanchez.

10 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Is that the security
11 company you're talking about? The one the
12 Sheriff's Department used to do for us years ago?

13 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I didn't know if it
15 was a machine or something or cameras.

16 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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18 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
19 respond in the affirmative. Commissioner Graddy
20 is absent)

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22 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

23 If you'd like to have the Controller's
24 Report.

25 MR. WEISS: Cash on hand is 23.1 million.

1 Our accounts receivable is at 18.2.

2 Our 30 days less accounts receivable is at
3 17.2 million which is approximately 95 percent.

4 Accounts payable is 3.1 million.

5 Cash on hand seems to be a little bit on
6 the high side, the reason for that is because we
7 have a large bond payment coming up at the end of
8 the year so we accumulate cash revenue with the
9 bond payment. That's a little over \$8 million.

10 The only other thing that relates somewhat
11 to the budget that I didn't mention previously is
12 that our Executive Director is pushing us to do
13 another cost of service study. We're planning to
14 look into after we finish the budget season for
15 this year.

16 That's all I have.

17 MR. AMODIO: Any questions?

18 Hearing none, do I have a motion for
19 closed session?

20 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So moved.

21 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Sanchez.

22 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

23 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Kolodziej.

24 WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public
25 Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public

1 from a meeting in certain circumstances; and.

2 WHEREAS, the public body is of the opinion
3 that such circumstances presently exist;

4 Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the
5 Commissioners of the Passaic Valley Water
6 Commission:

7 1. The public shall be excluded from the
8 discussion of the hereinafter specified subject
9 matters; the general nature of the subject matter
10 being: Financial, insurance, personnel, contract,
11 negotiations, security, law: We have
12 Summary/Aging reports; 2 Market Street Paterson;
13 Beirut Restaurant; workers' comp; promotion -
14 Mayer Rosenberg; Promotion - Jose Rivera, Jr., and
15 Charles J. Mills. Request to hire two employees,
16 and any other matter as may be discussed in
17 camera.

18 2. It is anticipated that -- George, do
19 you have something to say?

20 MR. HANLEY: Did you mention the
21 discussion of workers' comp cases?

22 MR. AMODIO: I did. That would be item
23 number 4 under Law.

24 2. It is anticipated at this time the
25 above-stated subject matters will be ratified

1 during public meeting following or as soon
2 thereafter as the reason for the discussion no
3 longer exists.

4 3. This Resolution shall take effect
5 immediately.

6 Second by Commissioner Kolodziej.

7 On the roll.

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9 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
10 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
11 Graddy is absent)

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13 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

14 The time is 12:54.

15 Gentlemen, please close the doors.

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18 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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20 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
21 respond in the affirmative. Commissioners Graddy
22 and Bazian are absent)

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24 MR. AMODIO: The time is 1:26.

25 You have a quorum.

1 We'll move through this quickly.

2 We have the minutes of Passaic Valley
3 Water Commission in camera and regular public
4 meetings held September 16th, 2015.

5 Do I have a motion?

6 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So move.

7 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Kolodziej.

8 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

9 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Sanchez.

10 On the roll.

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12 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
13 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
14 Levine is in the bathroom. Commissioners Graddy
15 and Bazian are absent)

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17 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

18 Next: Does the Chair accept, receive, and
19 file miscellaneous purchase orders placed by Linda
20 Beckering for the period of September 7, 2015 to
21 October 11, 2015?

22 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Yes.

23 MR. AMODIO: Thank you very much.

24 Resolutions. Would you like to do one
25 role for all the resolutions?

1 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Yes.

3 MR. AMODIO: Give me a minute here, I will
4 recite them.

5 Item 6a. Contract 15-B-12 "Sodium
6 Hypochlorite" Recommendation to award a two-year
7 contract to Univar USA, Incorporated of
8 Middletown, Pennsylvania in the amount of
9 \$862,650.00.

10 Next item: 6b. Contract 15-B-14 "Trench
11 Spoils, Asphalt Concrete Removal and Disposal
12 Services" Recommendation to award a two-year
13 contract to JR Haftek Company, Incorporated of
14 Paterson, New Jersey in the amount of \$990,000.00.

15 Item 6c. Contract 15-B-37 (Rebid)
16 "Residual Thickening Aid Polymer" Recommendation
17 to award a two-year contract to Polydyne, Inc. of
18 Riceboro, Georgia, in the amount of \$179,400.00.

19 6d. Two-year contract extension of
20 Contract 13-B-24 "Tank Integrity Testing" with TTI
21 Environmental, Inc., of Moorestown, New Jersey in
22 the amount of \$175,320.00.

23 6e. Two-year contract extension Contract
24 13-B-29 "Tank Neutralization and Cleaning" with
25 TTI Environmental, Inc. of Moorestown, New Jersey

1 in the amount of \$279,017.00.

2 6f. Resolution authorizing Shared Services
3 Agreement with the Borough of Elmwood Park for
4 meter replacement, meter reading, and customer
5 billing and collections services and other
6 miscellaneous services.

7 Item 6g. Resolution authorizing a Shared
8 Service Agreement with the City of Garfield for
9 meter replacement, meter reading, and customer
10 billing and customer collection services, and
11 other miscellaneous services.

12 6h. Resolution authorizing a Shared
13 Services Agreement with the USGS for continued
14 operation and maintenance of the gaging stations
15 an not-to-exceed amount of \$57,470.

16 6i. Resolution authorizing a Shared
17 Services Agreement with USGS to assist PVWC in
18 identifying and appropriately reacting to upstream
19 changes in water quality, in an amount not to
20 exceed \$46,070.00.

21 And last, we have a Resolution authorizing
22 State Contract for voice communications network
23 services with Broadview Networks.

24 Do I have a motion?

25 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So moved.

1 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

2 MR. AMODIO: Moved by Commissioner

3 Sanchez.

4 Second by Commissioner Kolodziej.

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6 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
7 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
8 Graddy and Bazian are absent)

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10 MR. AMODIO: Approved.

11 We have New Business. Summary of
12 disbursements and payrolls through October 21st,
13 2015, in the amount \$6,782,042.66.

14 Do I have a motion?

15 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

16 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
17 Kolodziej.

18 Do I have a second?

19 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

20 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Sanchez.

21 On the roll.

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23 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
24 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
25 Graddy and Bazian are absent)

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COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Yes. Abstain on
Rachles Michele.

MR. AMODIO: Next we have recommendations
from closed session.

Personnel we have Mayer Rosenberg -
Assistant Supervising Electrician.

Proposed salary of \$79,500.

Range of \$60,000 to \$82,500.

Brendan Quern - Water Treatment Plant
Operator.

Salary of \$49,982.40.

Range of \$25,001.60 to \$56,326.40.

Daniel Rosol - Water Treatment Plant
Operator.

Proposed salary of \$52,322.40.

Range of \$25,001.60 to \$56,326.40.

Last is Javier Velasquez - Senior Water
Treatment Plant Operator.

Salary of \$64,365.66.

Range of \$17,804.80 to \$71,386.

Questions?

Motion.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Kolodziej.

1 Do I have a second?

2 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

3 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Sanchez.

4 On the roll.

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6 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
7 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
8 Graddy and Bazian are absent)

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10 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

11 Anything under Good and Welfare?

12 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Number two.

13 MR. AMODIO: Oh, I'm sorry. Request to
14 hire two laborers and two pump station attendants.

15 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: As replacements.

16 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: As replacements, yes.

17 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

18 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

19 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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21 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
22 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
23 Graddy and Bazian are absent)

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25 MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

1 Anything under Good and Welfare?

2 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Question: Can we
3 get a report on the fishing? What we spent and
4 what we did and how many people came?

5 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: How are we doing
7 on our plaque?

8 MR. BELLA: It's all done.

9 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: It's all done.
10 All you have to do is put it up.

11 Okay. Thank you.

12 MR. AMODIO: Joe, do you want to do your
13 presentation?

14 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: No.

15 MR. BELLA: I do want -- we're going to
16 be --

17 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Leave it for special
18 improvements.

19 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: We have two
20 things on our agenda.

21 MR. BELLA: Far reaching, we move water
22 around. It's all going to be just replace a
23 hundred year valve down at the plant. So I'll
24 give the special projects committee a report and
25 keep you informed. We're going to have to

1 advertise in the newspaper about possible dirty
2 water and stuff like that.

3 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yes, exactly.

4 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: The November meeting
5 is the same week of the League of Municipalities.
6 I know that I will be there. I'm not sure who
7 else is going. If we want to move the meeting.

8 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I think we
9 should.

10 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: We can move the
11 meeting.

12 MR. AMODIO: The following week is the
13 25th which would be the day before Thanksgiving or
14 the 24th, the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

15 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: How about the 24th?

16 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Tuesday is fine.
17 Tuesday or Wednesday.

18 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: The Tuesday.

19 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I'm okay with
20 Tuesday.

21 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: We'll do Tuesday.

22 MR. AMODIO: The 24th.

23 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Just poll us and
24 time wise.

25 MR. AMODIO: Tuesday at 12:00 noon.

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November 24th at 12:00 noon.

Motion to adjourn.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Second.

MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

Time is 1:35 p.m.

Thank you, everyone.

(Proceedings concluded)

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