

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION REORGANIZATION MEETING
AND REGULAR MEETING OF
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(OPEN SESSION)

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: I would now call this
2 meeting to order.

3 It is 12:11.

4 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

5 On the roll.

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7 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
8 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
9 Levine is absent. Commissioner Bazian is not in
10 the room)

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12 MR. AMODIO: You have a quorum.

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

21 Will you please rise.

22 Commissioner Cleaves.

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24 (Pledge of Allegiance)

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1 MR. AMODIO: We have two new Commissioners
2 today. We'll have General Counsel swear them in.

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4 (Whereupon, Gerald Friend and Robert
5 Vannoy are sworn in as Commissioners)

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7 MR. AMODIO: Okay. We'll move onto the
8 public input portion.

9 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: We'll go onto the
10 public input.

11 We'll start with Mr. Bill Linteris.

12 MR. LINTERIS: Hello. My name is Bill
13 Linteris. I'm representing Passaic County Board
14 of Realtors today.

15 Thank you and congratulations to the new
16 Commissioners.

17 With regards to the Passaic Valley Water
18 Commission Levine Reservoir project, it appears
19 that the ACO is coming due and an extension has
20 not been requested from what I could tell. It
21 looks like with the documents that you have
22 published from the meeting, you're moving forward
23 with the Resolution to continue moving forward
24 with the Levine Reservoir.

25 I'd like to know what the update is on

1 Levine as well as the other two reservoirs, the
2 New Street and Great Notch. If there's been any
3 communication or any updates or movement forward
4 with Newark Water Supply and the joint venture for
5 that project for the Great Notch.

6 At this point, any information you have
7 that would be important for the public to know it
8 would be great to be able to have additional input
9 from the Commission.

10 Thank you very much and have a good day.

11 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Thank you.

12 Carol Van Savage.

13 MS. VAN SAVAGE: I'm also here on behalf
14 of Passaic County Board of Realtors.

15 For the new Commissioners, I'm a resident
16 of Clifton for 33 years.

17 I have an additional question today. I
18 saw something on TV a couple of weeks ago about
19 microbeads and becoming a problem in our water
20 supply. And I was wondering whether our facility
21 is taking this into consideration and what's being
22 done about it.

23 So, thank you.

24 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: You're welcome.

25 Bob Guarasci.

1 MR. GUARASCI: Good afternoon.

2 Today's agenda indicates that this
3 Commission is poised to move ahead with the plans
4 to draining Levine and install large concrete
5 water tanks.

6 The DEP ordered this Commission to
7 undertake a need for public outreach process to
8 ensure public input, yet, I believe that process
9 is so flawed that its results simply do not
10 require public sentiment on this issue.

11 As I said before, the process is akin to a
12 push poll designed to illicit and predetermine
13 outcome.

14 For two years now my colleagues and I have
15 been asking this Commission to stay away from
16 Levine. It lies within a national landmark
17 historic district. The tanks to be built there
18 will hold only five million of the 75 million
19 gallons of water that you need to store. The
20 outreach process never told ratepayers that
21 decommissioning Levine was an option. And because
22 water can come from the Wanaque Reservoir to serve
23 the area surrounding Levine, a viable alternative
24 exists. The right decision would be to
25 decommission the Levine Reservoir.

1 And so with your vote today, a new phase
2 of the fight will begin. We are currently
3 circulating petitions, I have a copy here, to
4 demonstrate the true sentiment of the ratepayers.

5 We will be meeting with representatives of
6 DEP and with legislators.

7 You haven't listened to the ratepayers who
8 do not want to drain Levine and replace it with
9 the concrete water tanks.

10 Now, we know that other jurisdictions are
11 fighting with all they have, but this Commission
12 is not. We know it's happening in New York and
13 the accommodations that are being made for New
14 York.

15 We know it's happening in other cities
16 like Portland where the authorities there have
17 listened to the ratepayers and have decommissioned
18 reservoirs. But not this Commission.

19 Even though it may not seem that way, I
20 believe that you're taking the easier route by
21 spending hundreds of millions of ratepayers'
22 dollars rather than fighting on behalf of the
23 ratepayers.

24 And when you vote today, myself and all of
25 the hundreds of thousands of ratepayers who care

1 about this issue will be watching.

2 Now, DEP has said that they would be happy
3 to provide an extension to the February 15th
4 deadline. I believe that office should be seized
5 to continue to work on alternatives. I'm kind of
6 doubting that you'll do that, because like the
7 public process, it appears that decisions have
8 been made well in advance but ultimately, I don't
9 believe this course of action, meaning draining
10 the Levine, will be upheld.

11 And so though I doubt you will, I
12 respectfully urge you today to seek an extension
13 from the DEP which they've indicated they are more
14 than happy to provide and they indicated to me
15 that personally, the Assistant Commissioner did.
16 I urge you to seek that extension and to continue
17 the dialogue that really is so important to come
18 to a solution that everyone can embrace.

19 Thank you.

20 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Thank you.

21 Eddie Gonzalez.

22 MR. GONZALEZ: Good afternoon, everyone.

23 Welcome to the new Commissioners.

24 My name is Eddie Gonzalez. I am the
25 Director of Community Outreach for NJCDC. More

1 importantly, I'm a resident, homeowner, and
2 Passaic Valley Water Commission ratepayer.

3 This morning I would like to address the
4 Commission as a strong opponent to the
5 construction of the tanks at the Levine Reservoir
6 in Paterson. We have begun to collect signatures
7 for a petition opposing any further action from
8 this Commission to construct tanks at the Levine
9 Reservoir in Paterson.

10 I personally went door to door in our
11 neighborhood and around the City of Paterson to
12 ask questions and ask for the survey that they
13 received and if they had an opportunity to give
14 feedback. And not to my surprise, many of them
15 have not received surveys or knew little or
16 nothing about the project. They strongly also
17 oppose this project and express great
18 disappointment. They then signed the petition
19 that we have opposing this project.

20 We will also need to hold any decision
21 making on this project simply because we do have
22 two new Commissioners on your Commission who have
23 not had the opportunity to hear our side, to hear
24 the stakeholder's concerns. And we would like the
25 opportunity to sit with these individuals to

1 update them on the progress that was made and the
2 opposition of the community and the, you know, our
3 position.

4 I would like to also mention that lately
5 in the news everyone has been hearing about Flint,
6 Michigan and the issue with the leaded water. We
7 continue to receive letters from Passaic Valley
8 Water Commission in bold font saying we have
9 higher levels of lead in our water, yet, we're
10 talking about draining the Levine Reservoirs and
11 building tanks. Unfortunately, there's many
12 issues that come from lead and in this notice that
13 you guys give out, I will read what it says here.
14 This comes from the Passaic Valley Water
15 Commission.

16 It says: "Important information about
17 lead in your drinking water. The Passaic Valley
18 Water Commission found elevated levels of lead in
19 drinking water in some homes and buildings. Lead
20 can cause serious health problems, especially, for
21 pregnant women and young children. Please read
22 this information closely to see what you can do to
23 reduce lead in your water."

24 And it goes onto talk about the health
25 effects.

1 "Lead can cause serious health problems if
2 too much enters your body from drinking water or
3 other sources. It can cause damage to the brain
4 and kidneys, and can interfere with the production
5 of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts
6 of your body. The greatest risk of lead exposure
7 is to infants, young children, and pregnant women.
8 Scientists", by the way, it's not Bob; it's not
9 myself; it's not David Soo, "Scientists have
10 linked the effects of lead on the brain with
11 lowered I.Q. in children. Adults with kidney
12 problems and high blood pressure can be affected
13 by low levels of lead more than healthy adults.
14 Lead is stored in the bones and can be released
15 from them later in life. During pregnancy, the
16 child receives lead from the mother's bones, which
17 may affect the brain development."

18 Again, this is a much bigger issue and my
19 question to you is: Can this Commission assure me
20 that what's happening in Flint, Michigan is not
21 happening or can happen in the City of Paterson
22 and the towns that receive water from the Passaic
23 Valley Water Commission?

24 I think we need to focus more on the lead
25 in the water. And I know that there's some

1 arguments that say the tanks will preserve the
2 water and help reduce the lead. But the fact is
3 that our children right now and, Chairwoman, you
4 are a member of the Board of Education in the City
5 of Paterson, you know the scores, you know the
6 effects of what's happening to our children,
7 they're failing day in day out, test scores are
8 showing this. Have we done any study to see if
9 there's any linkages between brain development in
10 our schools with lead from the Passaic Valley
11 Water Commission?

12 Thank you very much.

13 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: You're welcome.

14 David Soo.

15 MR. SOO: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank
16 you, Commissioners.

17 I have a couple of things I want to
18 address to the Board.

19 This vote is premature. The Board and the
20 Commission have legal obligations that they have
21 failed to meet that precede this motion.

22 In regard to historic preservation, in two
23 regards: One - There is an agreement with the
24 Department of Environmental Protection and the ACO
25 which required this Board during the process and

1 design from 2013 to '14, I believe, to present to
2 the Historic Sites Council in the State of New
3 Jersey. That was never engaged or done. It's a
4 requirement of the ACO.

5 Secondly is the 106 Review as mandated by
6 the Secretary of Interior. That review was begun
7 and should have been done at the earliest possible
8 opportunity in the design stages. That is a
9 Federal law and a requirement. It was not done.
10 That process was halted. Even if you're not a
11 hundred percent sure that you're going to have
12 Federal involvement, you're still supposed to
13 engage this process even if there's the chance
14 that it be true. So that really makes your action
15 today a void action because you have not lived up
16 to your agreement with the State and you have not
17 met your obligation to Federal law.

18 Now, in the survey there was not an
19 adequate presentation of information regarding the
20 National Landmark Historic District and the
21 national park. The takers of the survey did not
22 know that the State of New Jersey has already gone
23 on written record as saying that the removal and
24 draining of the Levine Reservoir and the
25 installation of the tanks would cause two adverse

1 effects to contributing element in the national
2 landmark district. That's the draining of the
3 water and the removal of the reservoirs is an
4 adverse effect and putting in the tanks is an
5 adverse effect.

6 These historic regulations require proper
7 seeking of alternatives. There are alternatives
8 that have been presented, but they have been
9 dismissed out of hand. Even if they cost more
10 money, they have not been adequately considered
11 and researched and the details have not been
12 played out.

13 And just personally, just speaking
14 personally, how many of us go through life only
15 doing the cheapest thing, you know. And that
16 seems like what we're doing here with these tanks.
17 We're just doing the cheapest things. It works,
18 I'm not going to say it's not going to work. I've
19 never objected to complying with the LT2
20 regulations. But we don't go to the supermarket
21 and just buy cornmeal and beans and rice, because
22 we like to eat something a little bit better and a
23 little more enjoyable.

24 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: What's wrong with
25 rice?

1 MR. SOO: My father's Chinese, he loves
2 rice.

3 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I'm sorry. I eat
4 that everyday.

5 MR. SOO: I do too. I do too.

6 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Mr. Soo, can I ask you
7 to --

8 MR. SOO: Lastly, I attended a water
9 conference a few weeks ago and the Commissioners
10 of the DEP said something very interesting which I
11 was able to confirm on the Internet which is that
12 the EPA has stated that there needs in New Jersey
13 to be eight billion dollars of drinking water
14 infrastructure improvements, eight billion
15 dollars. So when we talk about the difference in
16 cost between doing an alternative like
17 post-treatment or rerouting the water or any of
18 the number of different things, we're talking
19 about a difference of some millions of dollars.
20 But in the context of the eight billion dollars of
21 infrastructure improvements that the EPA is
22 estimating, these estimates are like from five
23 years ago, it's a drop in the bucket.

24 So on my final point, it's my
25 understanding that -- last point, I'll be very

1 brief.

2 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: You have to really
3 wrap it up.

4 MR. SOO: I will wrap it up.

5 It is my understanding that there is the
6 Vistas housing project at the other side of the
7 waterfall, one of the sites you guys were
8 considering. And you have your work that you're
9 doing here at Levine. If these two developments
10 take place, it is quite possible that the National
11 Landmark Historic District wouldn't be designated.
12 That the loss of historic fabric will become so
13 great that we will lose our Federal district, our
14 Federal historic district. Such a loss would be a
15 catastrophic humiliation for this community. It
16 will be national news. It will be a disgrace, an
17 absolute, utter disgrace.

18 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Thank you.

19 MR. SOO: So you fail to meet your
20 requirements of law, you fail to meet your written
21 obligations, and I urge you to not vote today,
22 properly investigate your obligations and fulfill
23 them.

24 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Thank you.

25 MR. SOO: Thank you very much.

1 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Thank you, Mr. Soo.

2 I cannot pronounce your last name but it's
3 Ann. What's your last name?

4 MS. SCHEAKENBERG: Scheakenberg.

5 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Ann Scheakenberg.

6 MS. SCHEAKENBERG: I know, I had trouble
7 with it the first week.

8 Thank you.

9 Welcome everyone and congratulations to
10 the appointees.

11 I'd just like to make a couple of
12 observations, a few observations here.

13 Consumer confidence and the safety of our
14 water supply and the integrity of those two things
15 to oversee is important, especially, in this day
16 and age. But sadly, it looks like confidence in
17 the way it's continuing to be handled remains
18 shaken.

19 Two crucial facts that are clearly stated
20 on your own primary website were omitted from the
21 Levine Reservoir's survey. And the PVWC is about
22 water quality website and the workshops that were
23 helping to educate the public regarding solutions,
24 possible solutions to LT2 mandate regarding our
25 local reservoirs.

1 One - Are those reservoirs affected by an
2 LT2 contain a reserve supply of our water; not all
3 of it.

4 Two - The water coming out of our faucets
5 is chlorinated by PVWC as it leaves those
6 reservoirs.

7 How many of you reviewed this material
8 before it was released to local mayors, State, and
9 Federal lawmakers and numerous members of the
10 public?

11 The survey issued indicates that our
12 entire water supply's being compromised because
13 once treated, the water is being allowed to become
14 dirty right before it's distributed to consumers
15 even though your own website says otherwise.

16 Why risk public confidence in the
17 community in this way? Why risk customer
18 confidence unless you know otherwise; you're
19 educated otherwise.

20 Another disturbing thing I found out is
21 that the construction firm, CH2M, was directly
22 involved in the writing and development of the EPA
23 mandate to their own benefit and that is also
24 consumer commented survey. I found that
25 disturbing.

1 Your website states things in opposition
2 to the water not being treated. It says that
3 because it's open water, it's exposed to elements
4 of weather, animals, and plant life. Chlorine
5 disinfectants can be added to the water as it
6 leaves the reservoirs on its way to our customers.

7 It also says after treatment, finished
8 water then comes from underground pipes to the
9 residents in the surrounding community.

10 On the other hand, the survey claims that
11 water from the Passaic River sent to the treatment
12 plant, cleaned water, drinking water is then
13 stored in the open Levine Reservoir before being
14 sent to your faucet leaving ratepayers to believe
15 that they have been consuming dirty water from
16 plants and animals containing algae fecal matter
17 and allergens. Therefore, it's no small wonder
18 that the majority of those questions responded in
19 favor of not storing the drinking water in open
20 reservoirs, who wouldn't after being told such
21 tales.

22 The material also refers to a hundred
23 percent of our drinking water is compromised
24 because it's being sent directly from the
25 reservoir to our faucets without any other safety

1 measures in place. Even though the website says
2 that some of this water is reserved, not all of
3 it. These kinds of contradictory statements are
4 indicative of a problem leaving out poor
5 information. The public is being denied poor
6 information about the situation and asking
7 individuals to answer questions based on such
8 faulty information is really unfair.

9 Results of the reservoir have been skewed
10 and unreliable. It appears to have been designed
11 to be responsive in favor of the destruction of
12 rolling the reservoirs which is, again, unfair.
13 The admission of critical facts and information
14 pertaining to the project has tainted the results.
15 Perception of phony data generated is also causing
16 the public to be even more suspicious of the Water
17 Commission's motives than it was back when
18 residents were being left out of the conversation.

19 In addition to this information regarding
20 water treatment processing, historical and
21 environmental impact of any of the projects being
22 promoted, the possibility of decommissioning the
23 reservoir combined with the bias nature of the
24 survey in favor of tank construction has rendered
25 this with an empty gesture and it's not in any way

1 increasing consumer confidence.

2 Please vote against moving forward with
3 this project and seek an extension.

4 Thank you.

5 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Thank you.

6 MR. GUARASCI: Madam, may we pass out
7 copies of the petition? We neglected to do it.

8 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Can you give it to
9 Louis and Louis will give it to us.

10 Mr. Bella, would you like to respond to
11 any of the questions that was asked?

12 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Can I just make a
13 motion to close the public hearing?

14 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Sure.

15 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

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17 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
18 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
19 Levine is absent)

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21 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

22 The time is 12:37.

23 MR. BELLA: First I'd like to say that the
24 microbead issue, that industry in general has
25 worked on that for a long time and the best way of

1 is the beginning. This is what will start all the
2 reviews that they've asked us to do. It will go
3 down to the State. 106 will be invoked. The
4 State has their other areas where they have to go
5 through where they'll have to approve it. They
6 said they've talked to the people at the State, so
7 that should all be, you know, they'll have their
8 input there.

9 The 106 Review will take place just like
10 it should and like we promised it would and like
11 we've, you know, committed to do.

12 The use of these reservoirs is extremely
13 important. And to minimize the use of this
14 storage going forward in the future is really
15 erroneous in the sense that we need to have
16 storage in our various systems, in our various
17 parts of our distribution system in the areas
18 where they're needed. We have hospitals here. We
19 have lots of senior care facilities. We have lots
20 of healthcare facilities. And further, you know,
21 other industry and having there and having that
22 supply is extremely important to us.

23 The issue of lead and copper. There's
24 three important parts to doing what we're doing
25 and what we've been presenting for many, many

1 years and have talked with them and told them and
2 explained this to them many years ago, lead and
3 copper issues are part of what we're doing. By
4 doing what we're doing, we'll be able to add
5 corrosion inhibitors which will cause us to be in
6 compliance all the time. And so far they have
7 been speaking about lead and copper and about how
8 we should solve this problem. And we've been
9 offering the solution. However, it seems to be
10 that it doesn't suit their needs but this is the
11 way to solve the problem by doing what we're
12 doing. You've taken a hard stance. You've done
13 the right thing. And I believe that's one of the
14 most important aspects of this project.

15 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Commissioner
16 Kolodziej.

17 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: On this lead
18 issue, because I think it is a lead issue and I
19 know we have committed a lot of our dollars into
20 replacing the outdated infrastructure that goes
21 there, however, I think it would be helpful for
22 the public to know what happens when we discover a
23 certain section or a certain home has this
24 problem, what do we do? How do we begin to
25 correct that problem to protect our customers from

1 that situation?

2 MR. BELLA: The main, what we could do and
3 what we have done is where we have a lead service,
4 we replace them. We replace over 30,000 of them
5 that belongs to us.

6 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Right.

7 MR. BELLA: The other thing we've done is
8 we replaced all our meters at great expense with
9 zero lead or, you know, lead brass meters so that
10 was not a source, but that was considered one of
11 the sources for lead.

12 When we do testing, which we do on a
13 regular basis, and we do more than we actually
14 need to do, when we discover that a home has high
15 lead, we offer the replacement of any lead
16 services at no charge to them. And so it's
17 probably more than most utilities do. We will
18 continue to do this and there will be other
19 opportunities.

20 And these regulations around lead are
21 changing. Actually, we will be ready to meet
22 those new regulations. And I think as the
23 Commission has always been, when it comes to water
24 quality, we'll be doing more than what we need to
25 do. And I've explained to them on many occasions.

1 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Last issue is
2 with the schools and has the schools, I know the
3 City of Clifton did that several years ago, called
4 in the Commission just to do and they found out
5 that their fountains were old and had to be
6 replaced, so we continue to work with the schools
7 in that regard. Anybody that wants us to. Right?

8 MR. BELLA: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Got it. Thank
10 you.

11 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: The same with
12 Passaic schools, Paterson schools, do you find
13 that the lead problem comes from inside the
14 building?

15 MR. BELLA: Well, we've been involved with
16 this and we explained to them about how you have
17 to go to low lead brass fittings, low lead
18 fittings, that kind of thing and how to flush.
19 We've worked with them all along in this instance
20 and wherever anybody asks.

21 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Has any of the
22 owner cities requested the services from us?

23 MR. BELLA: We have through the years.
24 We've been doing it.

25 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: I know in Paterson our

1 Director of Facilities has been replacing the
2 water fountain and the fixtures and things like
3 that. That was part of our agenda for last year
4 to combat the lead issue.

5 MR. BELLA: And I might add an important
6 part of this is to be able to add those phosphates
7 so they'll coat inside the pipes and that
8 insulates the pipe away from the water column so
9 you don't get lead leaching into the water column.

10 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So the bottom line,
11 this isn't only a Passaic Valley Water problem, it
12 has to do with buildings that we supply to.

13 MR. BELLA: Yes. That's why we like to
14 treat the water.

15 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Commissioner Bazian.

16 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: If I may, just a
17 couple of quick little questions.

18 With your permission, I'm going to ask, I
19 see the individual who actually put this together.

20 There have been charges and we've heard
21 these before with regard to the content of the
22 survey that the survey was skewed. Could you
23 respond to those, please?

24 MR. GETZ: I think that one of the
25 comments has been made is that we excluded the

1 feasible viabilities. And factually, we went
2 through the feasibility report and referenced
3 anything that was included. And my point to that
4 is Bob Guarasci likes to say that, you know, well,
5 just decommissioning the reservoir is a viable
6 option. And we have no evidence that that's the
7 case and, therefore, we didn't include it.

8 What we did include were the options that
9 were contained in the feasibility study and
10 recognized the viable options. Those included
11 post-treatment at the location, cover and liner,
12 and there were four variations of tanks, although
13 we consolidated that down to one.

14 In terms of distribution of the survey.
15 It was a blanket notification to 125,000
16 households and businesses in the primary service
17 area which includes all the owner cities as well
18 as I think Prospect Park and Lodi and North
19 Arlington. I may be getting those wrong. But the
20 point is it was over 125,000 notices were sent
21 multiple times. It was promoted through social
22 media. It was promoted through articles in the
23 paper. It was promoted through the website. So
24 there was any number of opportunities for people
25 to have been made aware of it.

1 The representative sampling that we got
2 back came from 75 different zip codes. And in my
3 30 years experience in doing this kind of work is
4 in fact a representative sampling of what we might
5 expect.

6 So to the comments that this does not
7 represent what the constituency wants, I would
8 adamantly oppose that and say very much it does
9 represent.

10 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: You and I had a
11 discussion yesterday, as I recall.

12 MR. GETZ: Yes, sir.

13 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: And I asked a very
14 pointed question. Specifically, the data that you
15 had given was conglomerated amongst the overall
16 survey and the owner cities. I asked you
17 specifically about the City of Paterson which is
18 the most affected by this and whether the results
19 were significantly different. What was your
20 finding?

21 MR. GETZ: They're nearly identical to the
22 overall responses.

23 If you'll recall we had -- I made a few
24 notes on this.

25 We had asked, there were about -- for an

1 example, the LT2 Rule. 4,500 people responded to
2 the LT2 Rule. Overall, 82 percent of the
3 respondents said they thought you should proceed
4 and move forward with the project. That
5 82 percent, when you look only at responses from
6 the City of Paterson is 78 percent. So certainly,
7 within the margin of our and certainly a very
8 similar result.

9 I didn't see anything significant in any
10 case that would indicate Paterson's responses
11 differ from any other location or more importantly
12 from the outreach.

13 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Was the response in
14 terms of the number of responses, we got a
15 significant number of responses, didn't we?

16 MR. GETZ: We had 4,849, I believe, total
17 responses. It was over 4,800.

18 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: And from Paterson?

19 MR. GETZ: Paterson was 768. So that
20 would put you in a margin of probably in four
21 percent, I think.

22 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: That's about what,
23 16, 17 percent of the total population. Is that
24 representative of Paterson's customer share within
25 the Commission? In other words, is Paterson

1 underrepresented within the terms of the survey?
2 Appropriately represented? Is what you expected?
3 Was it higher? Was it lower?

4 MR. GETZ: If I could flip the answer.
5 The answer that we saw was that Clifton seemed to
6 have a significantly higher percentage response
7 than all others. So if you exclude, and I have
8 not done this math, but if you were to exclude
9 Clifton, I would say Paterson is probably on the
10 low to average, somewhere in that range. It might
11 be a little bit lower than what we saw in some of
12 the other cities, but I can also tell you from 30
13 years experience that doing survey work and
14 outreach work in urban areas typically tend to be
15 lower than suburban areas and rural areas.

16 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Thank you very much.

17 Joe, let me ask you a question. The vote
18 that we're being asked to take here, as I
19 understand it, has two things, and please correct
20 me if I'm wrong. Number one: We're approving the
21 report to send it down to the State. Now, I
22 believe the State is going to review what we did
23 to make sure that we complied with what they
24 wanted us to do?

25 MR. BELLA: Yes. You know, the plans and

1 specs will go down; all the stuff with the reports
2 will go down. They will have everything that we
3 have.

4 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: They'll have
5 everything we have. But they mandated us to do
6 this public outreach. Correct? So if they looked
7 at it and they said: No, this is not a good
8 public outreach, they would send it back to us to
9 redo it, would they not?

10 MR. BELLA: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Next question:
12 After we're done, let's assume the State looks and
13 says it's okay. Let's assume it goes onto the
14 next step. We're not putting a shovel in the
15 ground right away. Right?

16 MR. BELLA: No.

17 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: So what are the next
18 reviews that has to happen in order for this
19 project to actually start happening?

20 MR. BELLA: Well, that would be typical of
21 any project, including the 106.

22 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: So let's deal with
23 the 106 for a second. The purpose of the 106
24 Review is to look at a project and say how it's
25 going to affect the historical site, park, that

1 kind of thing. Theoretically, if the project
2 would be damaging to the historical nature of the
3 park, couldn't or wouldn't a 106 Review say: No,
4 you can't do that because is that not the purpose
5 of a 106 Review or am I misunderstanding that?

6 MR. BELLA: That's my understanding or
7 they'll say make certain changes. That's what
8 this is about.

9 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: So, theoretically,
10 the historical nature of the park is going to go
11 under a strong review at the Federal and State
12 levels.

13 MR. BELLA: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: As to whether or not
15 this will negatively affect.

16 MR. BELLA: That's correct.

17 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I'll tell you what
18 my concern is and the reason I'm asking these
19 questions.

20 I have two expertise that are relevant;
21 one, I've been a water Commissioner for five
22 years; and two, zoning. Okay. Which I know we're
23 going to have to go through zoning approval.
24 Right?

25 MR. BELLA: That's correct.

1 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: And that is
2 municipal zoning.

3 MR. BELLA: That's correct.

4 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: So Paterson gets a
5 direct say at that point. Am I correct?

6 MR. BELLA: That's correct.

7 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: So here our primary
8 responsibility is safe water supply.

9 MR. BELLA: That's correct.

10 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Let me ask you one
11 last question and then I will turn it back to the
12 Chair. And I thank you for your indulgence, Madam
13 Chair.

14 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Any time.

15 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I'm trying to think
16 of how to say this.

17 I'm done, thank you.

18 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: You're done?

19 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: I just have one or
20 two comments.

21 It was mentioned about the new
22 Commissioners. I just want the public to know
23 that A, I've been following this issue before my
24 appointment as a Commissioner; and B, since my
25 appointment as a Commissioner two weeks ago, I

1 have reviewed minutes of the meetings publicly for
2 the last year or so. I reviewed the study that
3 was done and the Administration was kind of enough
4 to meet with me over the last two weeks, at least
5 twice, and we spent probably four or five hours
6 together going over the projects so that I could
7 be knowledgeable enough today to cast a vote. And
8 Commissioner Bazian has asked some of the
9 questions that I'm concerned about and discussed
10 prior to today, mainly, that what we're doing is
11 just going to the next step.

12 MR. BELLA: As required by the ACO.

13 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: As required by the
14 Administrative Consent Order that was entered
15 into. And even though some of the public has said
16 that the DEP is willing to extend that, do we have
17 any formal notification from the DEP that it has
18 been extended?

19 MR. BELLA: No.

20 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: No, okay.

21 So, you know, and in terms of the comments
22 concerning other issues like lead or what have
23 you, and as a member of the Commission here, I
24 will certainly want to address any issues that
25 affect the quality of our drinking water. So I

1 don't think one issue should be put off because we
2 have another issue to deal with and I think we
3 have sufficient staff or whatever that all of our
4 issues could be dealt with. And as I become
5 knowledgeable, I will certainly check on those
6 from time to time to make sure they are being
7 dealt with.

8 Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Well, just for you
10 who don't know, I've been here. I've been out of
11 the loop for about a year and a half. I was here
12 six and a half years prior. I'm very familiar
13 with this whole situation and I do have knowledge.
14 So the two new Commissioners, as this young man
15 just said, we definitely are up to speed on what's
16 going on.

17 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Thank you.

18 MR. GUARASCI: Question?

19 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: No.

20 MR. AMODIO: We'll move onto Unfinished
21 Business.

22 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Yes.

23 MR. AMODIO: We have the approval of the
24 December 16th, 2013, PVWC in camera and regular
25 public meetings.

1 Do I have a motion?

2 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

3 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

4 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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6 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
7 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
8 Friend and Vannoy abstain. Commissioner Levine is
9 absent)

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11 MR. AMODIO: Next: Does the Chair accept,
12 receive, and file miscellaneous purchase orders
13 placed by Linda Beckering, Purchasing Agent for
14 the period of December 17th, 2015, to January
15 10th, 2016?

16 PRESIDENT CLEAVES: Yes.

17 That means I don't get them anymore after
18 today?

19 MR. AMODIO: We'll move to Summary of
20 Disbursements and Payrolls through January 20th,
21 2016, in the amount of \$7,249,121.48.

22 Do I have a motion?

23 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So moved.

24 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

25 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

1 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
2 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioners
3 Friend and Vannoy abstain. Commissioner Levine is
4 absent)

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6 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Abstain.

7 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Abstain.

8 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

9 Next. General Counsel, would please take
10 the Chair.

11 MR. HANLEY: We'll accept nominations for
12 President.

13 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Mr. Chairman, I'd
14 like to nominate my colleague, Rigo Sanchez,
15 Commissioner Sanchez, for the Presidency of the
16 Water Commission.

17 MR. HANLEY: Okay. Is there a second?

18 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Second.

19 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

20 MR. AMODIO: Who seconded?

21 We'll give it to Commissioner Cleaves.
22 She hasn't been able to second.

23 MR. HANLEY: Any other nominations?

24 Hearing none. Call the roll, please.

25 MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Sanchez,

1 President, 2016.

2 On the roll.

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

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8 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

9 MR. HANLEY: I accept nominations for Vice
10 President.

11 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: I nominate
12 Commissioner Kolodziej.

13 MR. HANLEY: Is there a second?

14 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

15 MR. HANLEY: Are there any other
16 nominations for Vice President?

17 Hearing none, would you call the roll?

18 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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20 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
21 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
22 Levine is absent)

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24 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

25 MR. HANLEY: Accept nominations for

1 Treasurer.

2 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I hope
3 Commissioner Bazian is in a position to accept,
4 but I know he's under a number of time
5 constraints.

6 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I wish I could, but
7 I can't.

8 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Can I nominate
9 Commissioner Kolodziej for Treasurer?

10 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: No, I'm
11 already --

12 MR. HANLEY: That's a motion, Mr.
13 President?

14 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Commissioner Friend.

15 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Commissioner
16 Friend. Good choice. I'm going to second that.

17 MR. HANLEY: Okay. Do I have a second on
18 that?

19 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I'll second it.

20 MR. HANLEY: All in favor, aye.

21 Hearing no opposition, congratulations.
22 Nomination for Secretary.

23 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Commissioner
24 Cleaves.

25 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Second.

1 MR. HANLEY: Are there any other
2 nominations for Secretary?

3 Hearing none, call the roll.
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5 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
6 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
7 Levine is absent)

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9 MR. HANLEY: Mr. President, would you like
10 to take the Chair.

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12 (Whereupon, Commissioner Sanchez was sworn
13 in as President. Commissioner Kolodziej was sworn
14 in as Vice President. Commissioner Friend was
15 sworn in as Treasurer. Commissioner Cleaves was
16 sworn in as Secretary)

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18 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: I want to say welcome
19 to the new Commissioners and I look forward to
20 working with you guys and the rest of the
21 Commissioners.

22 Bobby has been here before. But, Jerry, I
23 want to welcome you aboard and now you are part of
24 the family.

25 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Thank you.

1 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Officially.

2 MR. AMODIO: Any comments by the outgoing
3 officers?

4 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: I would just like
5 to take this opportunity to thank the fellow
6 Commissioners for your vote of confidence in me
7 for the past year. I sit at this table with a
8 wealth of knowledge and a group of dedicated
9 individuals, not only to our respective cities but
10 to people as a whole. And I just want to say to
11 all of you, thank you for the opportunity to serve
12 in the capacity and I continue working to make
13 sure that the Water Commission provides the
14 quality of water and service to all of our
15 constituents.

16 Thank you.

17 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: I want to thank you,
18 Commissioner Cleaves. As you know, it was a tough
19 year. Guarasci was tough on you. But, you know,
20 I commend him for saying the things that he
21 believes and doing the things that he believes.
22 And he has a job to do and we have a job to do.
23 And I guess in the society that we live in and the
24 democracy that we live in, we get to argue our
25 points and at the end we make what we think is the

1 best decision, Mr. Guarasci. I want to thank you
2 all for the effort you put up this last year for
3 the issue that is concerning to all ratepayers of
4 Passaic Valley Water. We look forward to working
5 with you and in the end, we're going to make the
6 best decision, hopefully.

7 Thank you, all.

8 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Can the rest of
10 us weigh in here?

11 MR. AMODIO: Sure.

12 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: First of all, I
13 want to thank everyone for continuing the new
14 tradition of rotating the presidency. I just love
15 it and the fact that we have such a good working
16 relationship, in my opinion, is the fact that
17 that's just the Chair, we work as a group.

18 Commissioner Cleaves, you have done an
19 outstanding job.

20 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: You have put
22 together your committees in such a way they are
23 functioning, they are contributing, and you had
24 the knack of putting the right people at the right
25 committees and I think that has been part of the

1 reason why we've moved so forward.

2 Commissioner Vannoy, you and I have served
3 together before. You always put a smile on my
4 face and I love the way that your objectivity is
5 in the best interest of all the shareholders here.

6 And for those of you who are going to get
7 to know our new colleague, Commissioner Friend, I
8 can tell you that he brings a wealth of experience
9 that is going to be so valuable to us as we
10 continue to move forward on some of these very
11 tough issues that we're going to face. So I think
12 the City of Clifton has chosen well. Welcome
13 aboard.

14 MR. AMODIO: Anyone else?

15 Okay. Roll call.

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17 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
18 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
19 Levine is absent)

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21 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

22 The time is 1:03.

23 You have a quorum.

24 We will move onto committee reports.

25 I believe finance has a report.

1 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: With the permission
2 of our Treasurer. The committee met. You
3 reviewed the information. You have in your
4 packets a recommendation for Auditor which would
5 be a continuation of the existing auditor.

6 We looked at the OT. Overtime overall for
7 last year was up seven percent in terms of hours;
8 nine percent in terms of costs. That's actually a
9 lot better than I personally thought it was going
10 to come in because there was one time where
11 overtime was a lot higher than that.

12 In discussion with Administration,
13 Administration is also further qualified by saying
14 it is not unusual for us to have a project which
15 could either be done inhouse or sent to an outside
16 contractor and with the cost comparison doing it
17 inhouse even with overtime was cheaper than giving
18 it to an outside contractor. And certainly, I
19 don't necessarily object to overtime if it results
20 in lower costs overall.

21 I have requested of Administration and our
22 CFO, going forward at the very least, preferably
23 going back if they can, to do what they can to
24 document these cost savings because at this point
25 the only things that I can objectively report is

1 that overtime is up seven percent now and nine
2 percent in costs and any corresponding cost
3 reductions, I can't really, I don't have numbers
4 on those. So I've asked going forward that we do
5 what we can to document that, so for us in our
6 oversight role we can have more concrete and
7 objective information.

8 That's pretty much it. With that, I end
9 my tenure as Treasurer.

10 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I have two
11 additions here. I don't see it on the agenda but
12 we did discuss the need for the salary guide
13 study. So that will appear on the next agenda
14 because we're putting together information for us
15 to do.

16 I also brought up the issue of personnel
17 in general. We have worked so hard to reduce the
18 number of personnel that we had here. I believe
19 the number I was given, we started out with 300
20 and we have reduced it to about 200. And I hope
21 that finance and personnel will work very closely
22 together, because as we get this information, you
23 know, we have budgeted for it, we have budgeted
24 for 207 positions. It doesn't necessarily mean we
25 have to fill them. But part of that includes what

1 we under Madam President designated as a
2 succession for retiring employees who are in key
3 positions.

4 So those two committees, in my opinion,
5 are going to have a lot of work to do that have to
6 deal with the nitty-gritty of how we operate. So
7 I would just ask you to keep that in mind when
8 you're appointing your committees.

9 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: I will.

10 The other thing that I want you to do, I
11 want you to explain to the new Treasurer how the
12 overtime procedure works: We need to approve it,
13 how does it work, how does it get approved. And
14 he might have some input how it needs to get done.
15 But we need to watch the overtime.

16 We're going to take another look at our
17 Table of Organization and see what we need and
18 don't need and we're going to take it from there,
19 but we need to work at it.

20 Move on.

21 MR. AMODIO: Special projects. Is there a
22 report from special projects?

23 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: No.

24 MR. AMODIO: I don't think the other
25 committees met.

1 We'll move on to the Executive Director's
2 report.

3 MR. BELLA: First thing I'd like to do is,
4 we talked about that big pipe job that we did down
5 at the plant. I mentioned a bunch of names, but I
6 forgot the most important name. He works in the
7 Engineering Department. Ronald Umstead really was
8 the person on the job doing the day-to-day making
9 sure it gets done right and he did a fantastic
10 job, a lot of really good input to make the whole
11 job run smoothly. This is one of the biggest
12 piping changes upgrades to our, you know, hundred
13 year old valves, removing hundred year old valves.
14 As you know, we're continuing on for many years to
15 go.

16 Other than that, I mean, as far as
17 overtime last year, I just want to address that.
18 Last year was one of the toughest years in terms
19 of main breaks and snow removal. Believe it or
20 not, snow removal has a big impact on that and the
21 fact that we did so many projects, not just
22 inhouse but with contractors because we have to
23 use our own people to, let's say if we're doing
24 cleaning and lining, our people operate the
25 valves, our people make sure that they're

1 shutdown, hydrants are in certain condition.

2 Which brings me to the next thing I want
3 to talk about, hydrants. We have a program of
4 replacing many, many hydrants. In the last five
5 years, we probably replaced as many as we replaced
6 in the last 25 years. We've been focusing at
7 schools, replacing hydrants around schools
8 depending on their age. If they're a relatively
9 new hydrant, we'll leave it. But for the most
10 part we changed that. Changed the way they're set
11 in the ground, that kind of thing.

12 And at the plant everything is running
13 quite well. The water quality is very good. And
14 so we're moving along.

15 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Let me say this, Joe,
16 and I'm going to say this on behalf of you guys
17 and my colleagues.

18 I think we are one of the most proactive
19 public entities that is out there. I mean, I saw
20 in the paper the other day one of our guys fixed,
21 it was like below zero, fixing a main break in
22 Wallington. I feel proud. Those guys, they come
23 here, you call them, they show up, they do what
24 they need to do. I see other cities, Hoboken, the
25 whole city was full of water because they didn't

1 have the valve to shutdown because they're not
2 proactive. We put money in the budget to fix the
3 future problems. We're doing a lot more with less
4 people than what we used to do. And at that time
5 we didn't have Lodi; we didn't have Wallington.
6 So some of you guys that come here and complain
7 about things, I think you should know that this
8 entity, we really work hard for the ratepayers and
9 I wanted to say that and I want to thank all the
10 guys working here because you guys do a wonderful
11 job.

12 MR. BELLA: Thank you.

13 And the Commissioners have always been
14 proactive is important in our line of utility
15 business because it's so massive that if you get
16 too far behind, you never catch up. And you put
17 us in a position to be able to be very proactive
18 and that's where we're going, believe it or not.

19 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Thank you.

20 Let's move on.

21 MR. AMODIO: Next we'll move onto Requests
22 to Advertise an RFP for Project 16-P-60 which is
23 "Professional Engineering Services For
24 Rehabilitation of two PVWC Water Main River
25 Crossings".

1 Any discussion on that?

2 Motion.

3 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Move it.

4 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

5 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Bazian.

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 Levine is absent)

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13 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

14 Next we have item 7(c). Resolution of
15 Passaic Valley Water Commission approving the
16 Submission of Design Documents and Required Permit
17 Applications to NJDEP as required under the Second
18 Amended Administrative Consent Order.

19 Discussion.

20 Motion.

21 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: As required by
22 the DEP to move to the next step of this process,
23 I would move approval.

24 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

25 Do I have a second?

1 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Second.

2 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner

3 Friend.

4 On the roll.

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6 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
7 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
8 Levine is absent)

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10 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Yes, as stated by
11 the DEP.

12 MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

13 Moving onto Comptroller's report.

14 MR. WEISS: Cash on hand is \$18.9 million.
15 That includes our fully funded reserves of
16 10.8 million.

17 Our accounts receivable is at
18 14.4 million.

19 Our 30 days or less accounts receivable is
20 at 13.2 million which is approximately
21 91.4 percent. Last year this month was about
22 91.3 percent, so that's pretty much in line with
23 historical.

24 Our accounts payable is at 2.4 million.

25 We are preparing for our audit.

1 MR. AMODIO: Any questions?

2 That's it.

3 We have the self-insurance fourth quarter
4 activity report if anybody would like to comment
5 or question or anything.

6 No?

7 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Do we have anything
8 for closed?

9 MR. AMODIO: Yes.

10 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: We do?

11 MR. AMODIO: Yes, if we could have a
12 motion for closed session.

13 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Move it.

14 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Second.

15 MR. AMODIO: WHEREAS, Section 8 of the
16 Open Public Meetings Act permits the exclusion of
17 the public from a meeting in certain
18 circumstances; and

19 WHEREAS, the public body is of the opinion
20 that such circumstances presently exist;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the
22 Commissioners of Passaic Valley Water Commission:

23 1. The public shall be excluded from the
24 discussion of the hereinafter specified subject
25 matters; the general nature of the subject matters

1 being: Financial, Insurance, Personnel,
2 Contracts, Negotiations, Security, and Law. Under
3 Law we have Summary/Aging sheets and Woodland Park
4 and Paterson tax appeals.

5 Anything else, Counsel?

6 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: George, do we have
7 anything else for closed?

8 MR. AMODIO: And any other matter as may
9 be discussed.

10 2. It is anticipated that the
11 above-stated subject matters will be ratified
12 during public meeting following or as soon
13 thereafter as the reason for discussion no longer
14 exists.

15 3. This Resolution shall take effect
16 immediately.

17 Second by Commissioner Cleaves.

18 On the roll.

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20 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
21 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
22 Levine is absent)

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24 MR. AMODIO: Gentlemen, please close the
25 doors.

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The time is 1:15 p.m.

MR. AMODIO: Roll call.

(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner Levine is absent. Commissioner Bazian and Commissioner Cleaves left for the day)

MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

You have a quorum.

The time is 1:34.

Okay. We'll move onto the Resolutions. If you give me a chance, I'll recite them and do one vote.

First Resolution establish meeting dates and times for the year 2016.

If everybody would like to continue doing the third Wednesday of the month at 12:00 noon, there are two exceptions. I would like to say September, Mr. Bella will be away. He asked if we could do it on the 28th of September which would be the fourth week. We'll do the fourth. And

1 then November the League of Municipalities is the
2 third week, we'll move that up to the second week
3 of November.

4 Okay. We'll move on from there.

5 We have Resolution designating banking
6 institutions for the year 2016.

7 Resolution authorizing certain statutory
8 payments of claims and other claims regular in
9 nature.

10 Resolution authorizing investment of
11 funds.

12 We have Resolution awarding Project No.
13 16-P-8 "Professional Services to Public Auditor"
14 to Ferraioli, Wielkocz, Cerullo & Cuva.

15 Next Resolution is Resolution of Passaic
16 Valley Water Commission for private Verizon
17 Network for Remote SCADA Upgrade, State contract.
18 And "Data Communications Network Services" under
19 State contract for "Wireless Devices and Services"
20 with Verizon Networks.

21 15. Resolution awarding Project 15-P-41
22 "Professional Services for Rehabilitation of
23 PVWC's Hydroelectric Generators" Recommendation to
24 award to HDR Engineering of Mahwah, New Jersey in
25 the amount of \$1,236,322.00.

1 16. Resolution awarding Contract No.
2 16-B-1 "Sulfuric Acid" Recommendation to award a
3 two-year contract to Univar USA of Middletown, PA
4 in the amount of \$997,500.00.

5 17. Resolution awarding Contract No.
6 16-B-2 "Liquid Sodium Hydroxide" Recommendation to
7 award a two-year contract to Univar USA,
8 Incorporated of Morrisville, PA in the amount of
9 \$2,967,000.00.

10 And finally, item 18. Resolution
11 memorializing change in scope in professional
12 services for Project No. 15-P-56 "Professional
13 Services for Public Outreach and Participation For
14 the Levine Water Storage Improvements".

15 Do I have a motion?

16 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

17 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

18 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Kolodziej.

19 Second by Commissioner Vannoy.

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

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24 MR. AMODIO: That's it for the
25 Resolutions.

1 Commissioner Sanchez will establish the
2 committees and will send them out.

3 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: I'd like to ask you
4 for a favor. Some of the committees, they need to
5 pick a date and a time when they would like to
6 meet so that way it's easier for everybody. So as
7 we go along, please let us know about a schedule
8 so we know when everybody is on board.

9 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Can we get a list of
10 the committees? I kind of forgot what they are.

11 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: That's a good
12 place to start.

13 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: And I guess Lou is
14 going to communicate through every Commissioner
15 how we're going to handle that.

16 But I'd like to say last year we had great
17 committee work, so this year I think we should
18 continue that.

19 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Absolutely.

20 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: My first priority,
21 Joe, I'd like to go over the Table of
22 Organization, spend a couple of days on that and
23 whatever promotions, whatever hiring we're going
24 to do is going to be based on that findings. So
25 that's my first priority.

1 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So that would be
2 under personnel. But then you'll also send it to
3 finance so finance can take a look at it.

4 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Then to finance so
5 finance can take a look. Okay.

6 Thank you, guys.

7 MR. AMODIO: No recommendations from
8 Executive Session.

9 Good and Welfare. Does anybody have
10 anything for Good and Welfare for the new year?
11 Hopefully, Commissioner Levine's family issue is
12 resolved. Hopefully.

13 Nothing else being said, the next meeting
14 is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th at 12:00
15 noon.

16 Motion to adjourn.

17 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

18 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Kolodziej.

19 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

20 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner
21 Vannoy.

22 On the roll.

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

MR. AMODIO: Time is 1:39.

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