

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 MR. AMODIO: Would you like to call the
2 meeting to order.

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4 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
5 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
6 Levine not present yet)

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8 MR. AMODIO: You have a quorum.

9 The time is 9:38 a.m.

10 All of the requirements of the Open Public
11 Meetings Act have been met. Commission meeting
12 notice have been furnished to all Commissioners,
13 City Clerks of Paterson, Passaic, and Clifton,
14 North Jersey Herald News, the Record - Passaic
15 County edition and the Commission's Executive
16 staff with a copy posted on the main bulletin
17 board in the Clifton facility.

18 Will you please rise.

19 Commissioner Kolodziej, if you would
20 please lead us.

21 I don't believe there's any members of the
22 public.

23 If you'd like to start, we can start with
24 committee reports.

25 I guess we could do -- Commissioner Levine

1 is not here so I guess we can hold on finance.

2 Would personnel like to give their report
3 before we start?

4 PRESIDENT VANNOY: I'm waiting for
5 Commissioner Rodriguez.

6 MR. AMODIO: Okay. IT.

7 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: When Jim gets in
8 here, I'll have him report --

9 MR. AMODIO: Security.

10 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: -- On the telephone
11 system.

12 The IT committee was given a resume of
13 a -- this was pursuant to what the Board had
14 determined before that they wanted to hire a
15 college kid for \$15 an hour. I was shown a
16 resume. It looked reasonable. They want to try
17 him out. Assuming that everything is okay
18 procedurally, they asked me what I thought, I said
19 I don't have an objection to it. So they're
20 trying it out.

21 The other thing is we have on the agenda
22 today is the Business Process Review and that's
23 coming out of both IT and legal affairs.

24 Jim, telephone system.

25 MR. GALLAGHER: There should be a

1 recommendation for NEC.

2 MR. DUPREY: No, Jimmy, can I give an
3 update?

4 MR. GALLAGHER: Sure.

5 MR. DUPREY: What happened was we were
6 putting together all the information on NEC and we
7 asked them for a detailed breakdown of all the
8 items that we had under the New Jersey State
9 contract. And it turned out the vast majority of
10 them were, there was a few line items that were
11 actually not under the State contract and they
12 were over the bid threshold. So we had no
13 recourse other than to have Linda reach out to
14 other State contractors who offered that and then
15 we would come back. And unfortunately, it didn't
16 make this meeting, but we would come back to the
17 Board at the next meeting, included in the
18 Resolution would be a recommendation to award to
19 NEC for those portions that are under their New
20 Jersey State contract and also to award the
21 cabling and the networking component which would
22 be under another State contract vendor like ADT or
23 someone like that. And that's what we bring to
24 the Board for the next meeting.

25 So, unfortunately, it didn't make this

1 meeting because of that. But we should have it by
2 the next meeting.

3 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Jim, please be
4 prepared at the next IT meeting. I'd like to see
5 a detailed plan, please, for how this thing gets
6 done. Especially, given we're going into April
7 now.

8 MR. GALLAGHER: I can tell you from both
9 conversations with NEC as of two weeks ago they're
10 giving me a window to get from start to
11 implementation, including training, is less than
12 128. They're saying about 120 days, four months,
13 which gets us, if it's approved next month, we'd
14 still be within the Mitel window.

15 The window is getting smaller and kind of
16 FYI for the Commissioners, the Mitel system, a
17 major component in the Mitel system is currently
18 down. The vendor has not been terribly
19 cooperative. However, we have had a number of
20 meetings. The parts were ordered for this system.
21 They're anticipated, I believe it's March 25th.
22 We should have the new parts in and then they'll
23 be installed soon thereafter and the system should
24 be back up to its capacity, which is significantly
25 less than what the new system will go off and I

1 say significantly less. There are a number of
2 features on the new system that our current system
3 never --

4 PRESIDENT VANNOY: I don't know if this is
5 for Menachem, Commissioner Bazian, does that
6 include the two lines that we talked about as
7 opposed to the one? Somebody has given us one
8 port.

9 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Yeah. I mentioned
10 this at the last meeting and I'll defer to Jim on
11 the answer. But the issue was at every location
12 where someone is working, how many lines, how many
13 wires are pulled to that location. Siemens was
14 recommending one, which in my professional
15 opinion, is insufficient. Although, they were
16 giving us a "workaround" and I put that in quotes,
17 by plugging the computer in through the phone.
18 And I discussed at that point the issues that I
19 had with that.

20 I believe right now, unless, please
21 correct me if I'm wrong, is that we're talking two
22 pulls per station.

23 In a discussion that we had in IT
24 committee, Jim has also indicated to me it's not
25 just going to be two pulls to match what we have

1 today, but they're actually going to be reviewing
2 where everybody is, where printers are going to be
3 going, where are there going to be phones. It
4 seems like in some cases we have more phones than
5 people.

6 So they're actually going to be reviewing
7 that so we have a system that is going to make
8 sense rather than just replicate what we currently
9 have under new technology which is the way I
10 recommend it be done.

11 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Can I ask a
12 question? IT we had discussions about WiFi. This
13 is not part of that?

14 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I have been
15 reluctant to push the idea of WiFi for two
16 reasons. One, it's a luxury. Granted, it's a
17 cheap luxury. It's something that we can provide
18 for this room at probably under a hundred dollars;
19 a hundred dollars total. All you need is what's
20 known as either a wireless access point or at
21 most, a wireless router to give you some
22 additional security. That's it. But I don't know
23 whether there's benefit beyond just myself,
24 because I'm the one who typically comes in with a
25 computer. So if it's just for me, I'm not pushing

1 it too much. If the Commission as a whole feels
2 that there is a benefit to having WiFi in this
3 room, I think that can be relatively cheap.

4 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Can you restrict it to
5 this room?

6 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: WiFi cannot be
7 restricted to the room, but --

8 MR. GALLAGHER: You can limit.

9 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Well, it wouldn't be
10 throughout the building because I highly doubt you
11 would get a single wireless access point with a
12 strong enough signal to reach throughout the
13 building. But I don't know where there's any lead
14 or anything in the paint around here that could
15 block the signal. But certainly, I would
16 anticipate when we're doing wiring, I believe the
17 plan is to put a port in this room, at least one.
18 We could put a wireless port there. Certainly, in
19 Louie's office we can do that very easily and that
20 signal would come into here. You would also,
21 obviously, need password protector router.

22 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Of course.

23 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: There are other
24 options, such as what's called a hot spot router
25 which provides additional security. If the

1 Commission feels would be something of a benefit
2 to the Commission as a whole rather than just to
3 me, then I'll be glad to put it on the IT agenda.

4 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Would any of the
5 staff use it?

6 MR. GALLAGHER: One of the advantages of,
7 like, the smart phones, tablets, could all use
8 that. That would be an adjunct to --

9 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Like an iPad?

10 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Yes.

11 MR. GALLAGHER: I don't want to say iPads.
12 We tend to buy tablets.

13 PRESIDENT VANNOY: I have an iPad.

14 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Well, we would need
15 to define the purpose of the usage and also the
16 scope of the usage.

17 For example, if we're planning for it for
18 wireless enabled devices, such as tablets and
19 smart phones, are we talking just this room? Are
20 we talking just this side of the building? Are we
21 talking the entire building? What about the
22 building across the hall? The more of an area you
23 want to cover, it gets to be a little bit more
24 complex because you're talking about multiple
25 transmitters.

1 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I think we were
2 talking about this room.

3 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Originally, we were.

4 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I believe,
5 Commissioner, correct me if I'm wrong, I thought
6 we were talking about this room. When we come in
7 for a meeting and we want to bring our computer,
8 not necessarily for this, but, you know, our
9 committee meetings.

10 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Right. And the only
11 reason why I brought up the scope issue is because
12 Jim mentioned, you know, phones and tablets. I
13 happen to know that our Executive Director has a
14 tablet that he's been testing out. That is
15 something that is going to be perhaps more common
16 as some of our people have tablets so they can do
17 work orders with them, et cetera. If we provide
18 them with WiFi, they don't have to be using the
19 data on their mobile plans for that. So we can
20 possibly save money on that depending upon how
21 much data they're allowed.

22 So there are reasons to potentially expand
23 the scope of the idea.

24 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Right.

25 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: If I may, I'll put

1 this on the IT agenda. We'll discuss it.

2 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: That's a good idea.

3 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Yes. And it is
4 password protected. So it's not like everybody
5 can use it.

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7 (Whereupon, Commissioner Levine is present
8 at 9:49)

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10 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Mr. President, I'm
11 sorry. This would be separate from everything
12 else that we're talking about. The telephone
13 system and wiring is independent of the wireless.

14 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Okay. Put it on the IT
15 agenda.

16 MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Levine is here,
17 if you'd like to give a finance update.

18 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: We went through the
19 vouchers for the overtime. We didn't get time to
20 coordinate everybody together. We're doing that
21 this month.

22 We went over the Business Review Plan
23 mostly to talk about what we were looking for out
24 of that, which we were basically concerned that
25 it's not just software that we're looking at, we

1 want them to look at our process, how we get to,
2 you know, the chain of command of everybody.
3 Where it goes from when it leaves like the
4 Executive Director's hands, where it goes and how
5 it gets there rather than just changing our
6 software which originally we thought and that was
7 one of the main things that we were having them
8 look at; where we have our personnel or where
9 engineering sits somewhere in our building rather
10 it has to be closed, I'm just making it up,
11 Customer Service. The whole way we operate in the
12 chain of command and also our Table of
13 Organization, make sure everything is in order the
14 way it should be to run as efficient as properly
15 looked at. We just want to make sure it's just
16 not software. Again, we're not saying update your
17 software package, update this and it's going to
18 work. We get somebody that's familiar with the
19 water company and I believe we went through the
20 whole thing.

21 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Just one thing to
22 add with regards to the BPR contract for anybody
23 who's interested, attached to your Resolution, the
24 really thick Resolution, is the proposal from
25 Westin, which is the company that the IT committee

1 is recommending. They are the lowest price of the
2 three that we got. They are the recommendation of
3 the staff and looking at it, it looks like they do
4 have extensive work order experience. But you do
5 have that.

6 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: It's the original
7 proposal?

8 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I'm sorry?

9 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: That's in the
10 original proposal.

11 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: This is the original
12 proposal.

13 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Right. You reviewed
14 ahead of time.

15 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Exactly.

16 MR. AMODIO: That's it for finance.

17 Security, anything?

18 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I hope you read
19 our Director's report because in his report there
20 is a paragraph on the security that we took steps
21 to put in place as well as another initiative that
22 our Administration has been in place which our
23 Director said is working fine.

24 So right now we're okay and we don't have
25 to go back for the second piece that we have taken

1 off the Sheriff's contract because the Director
2 said it's working fine and we'll continue to
3 monitor.

4 MR. BELLA: That's correct.

5 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Can I ask a question
6 related to security?

7 I guess, Joe, your report, the security,
8 the cyber security that you mentioned, the
9 Homeland Security, how does that affect us?

10 MR. BELLA: It doesn't affect us and it
11 doesn't cost us anything. That's a service that
12 the Department of Homeland Security offers and,
13 you know, at one of the meetings I was at I got
14 talking to somebody from another utility, they
15 said they used it. It was excellent. And Laura
16 followed up on it and it's a good thing.

17 MR. AMODIO: Personnel.

18 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Oh, we had a
19 personnel meeting and we decided after a little
20 bit of research, I myself to begin with, the two
21 gentlemen that came from the Sewerage Commission
22 were more than qualified and they just got caught
23 up in the politics over there. But they were
24 very, very -- they came highly recommended and
25 highly qualified from people that are still there.

1 And also after meeting with Joe and Jim,
2 we realized what we really needed were three Water
3 Treatment Operators and now because the season is
4 getting high, the volume is going to start getting
5 high, we might as well train all three of them at
6 the same time. These are all three apprentice
7 jobs.

8 With Carter leaving, March 1st, again, we
9 are behind the eight ball. We really, really need
10 to pay close attention when these people leave,
11 you know, when people are going to retire, our
12 employees are going to retire, that we have people
13 set up already to come in and start doing the
14 work.

15 So there's a new hire, Jose Diaz, Jr., for
16 laborer.

17 There's a title change for Teila Krahn and
18 it's just no salary, no salary increment, just a
19 title change.

20 And also another issue that we're looking
21 at is the issue of making the Secretary of this
22 Board permanent, not permanent, that's what it is,
23 permanent? I call it Civil Service. But it is
24 permanent. And I think it's long overdue and very
25 well deserved.

1 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I just have a
3 question on the laborer's position. We tabled it
4 basically last month because procedure wasn't
5 followed which left the personnel committee out of
6 the loop. Thank you for a detailed report. On
7 the laborer's position, it will be just replacing
8 an existing vacancy?

9 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: That's all I need
11 to know.

12 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Can I? We're going
13 to have a personnel meeting to review our labor
14 force, where we are and what we need to do. So I
15 think that our Chairman is going to set up a
16 meeting.

17 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Right. We're
18 going to do just that, just looking at the Table
19 again and see what's vacant. Because based on the
20 report that was given to us earlier, there's going
21 to be a lot of people leaving.

22 MR. AMODIO: Okay. There will be nothing
23 else for committee reports.

24 We'll move on to the Executive Director's
25 report.

1 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Joe.

2 MR. BELLA: A couple of things I wanted to
3 get you up to speed on.

4 The reservoir, we had the pre-bid meeting
5 on that. It was really well attended.

6 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Oh, great.

7 MR. BELLA: We had maybe 35 people and ten
8 firms or something like that. Just about
9 everybody that's capable. These are --

10 MR. HANLEY: Designers.

11 MR. BELLA: -- Designers. And that's due
12 the end of the month. So we'll get their
13 proposals the end of the month.

14 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Thirty?

15 MR. BELLA: At least 35 people, probably
16 ten different firms.

17 The other thing is, remember we were last
18 fall we were doing the rehab on the 30-inch main
19 on Clifton Avenue. Well, we only got about
20 halfway through that, which we expected. We are
21 going to be starting now in April. So there's
22 going to be a lot of activity going on and water
23 changes and some dirty water problem most likely,
24 but we should be able to complete that and that's
25 three months. So hopefully, we'll have that

1 complete before the summer season.

2 This one's going to be big. We'll have
3 Main Street and Clifton Ave. shut down. It's
4 going to be a mess.

5 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Is that the one in
6 Paterson?

7 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: No.

8 MR. BELLA: Paterson we start in the fall.
9 We start that again in the fall. Actually, we're
10 replacing a few valves here and there now, but the
11 big heavy lifting is going to start there.

12 The cleaning and lining project that we
13 had scheduled for Paterson we're postponing until
14 next year. It's just too much.

15 And that's it for those. They are the two
16 big issues right now.

17 The other thing is, I'm sending out a lead
18 and drinking water information and we passed, but
19 I think it's a good idea to continue to be
20 proactive because until we have the reservoirs, we
21 may slip back into being, you know, having a
22 little more corrosion in the water so we can
23 actually start adding corrosion filters. So I
24 think it's good to be proactive and continue to
25 keep that public education and effort going.

1 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: But we will be
2 able to tell the press that we passed?

3 MR. BELLA: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Because something
5 like this goes out, I don't know about the rest of
6 you, but I get phone calls. So this way I'll be
7 able to say we're just being proactive. We
8 passed. Don't worry.

9 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: They want to know if
10 they can drink the water.

11 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Exactly.

12 You get those calls, too.

13 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I think that what we
14 send out should say that.

15 MR. BELLA: It does. It does.

16 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Excellent.

17 MR. BELLA: Commissioner, you had some
18 questions about the report?

19 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Yeah. If I may?
20 Just some questions based upon what I read in the
21 report.

22 You gave us a tally for work orders in
23 2011. It would be interesting to be able to
24 compare those from the prior year.

25 MR. BELLA: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: You mention on page
2 seven of your report that the power plant
3 generated zero kilowatt hours.

4 MR. BELLA: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Is that a good
6 thing?

7 MR. BELLA: No. We're in the process of
8 rehabbing. Remember, we had those contracts and
9 everything. We're in the process of rehabbing.
10 We'll have one on line by the end of this month
11 and it will be, you know, give or take a week or
12 two. And the second one on line probably by the
13 end of the following month. And then the next two
14 have much more extensive work will be done. We're
15 getting the information together and we'll have to
16 go out to bid for the complete rehab of those and
17 that will entail some major work there.
18 Certainly, worthwhile. We have two on line,
19 probably get about 90 percent of all power we can
20 generate. So that will help. And that we expect,
21 even though -- unless we have a really dry year,
22 we expect that those two generators running will
23 probably bring in four or \$500,000.

24 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: On your OT report,
25 which by the way is very helpful, I appreciate it,

1 I noted in my e-mail to you two employees who I
2 will not name because they haven't been Riced.

3 MR. BELLA: I got you.

4 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: One employee who
5 I've seen consistently almost every day an hour,
6 an hour, an hour, an hour, in fact, so I was
7 wondering about that.

8 And another employee, I reference those
9 two employees who just seem to be consistently
10 coming up one more than the other. I was
11 wondering --

12 MR. BELLA: They are our mark out crews.
13 And when you get a call from one call which is
14 the, you know, call before you dig. So if, you
15 know, PSE&G is going to be working on a gas line
16 and they have an emergency, we have to respond to
17 that mark out.

18 There was another option which we explored
19 one time and the Commission decided not to do it
20 was to hire an outside firm that would do that.

21 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Do what? The actual
22 mark out?

23 MR. BELLA: To do the mark outs. You just
24 call them up and pay them a fee over the course of
25 the year and the Commission decided, this is

1 probably about four or five years ago, and the
2 Commission decided not to do it because the cost
3 was fairly substantial and --

4 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Cost effective.

5 MR. BELLA: But we can relook at that
6 again if you like.

7 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I guess what it
8 comes down to is two questions.

9 MR. BELLA: But there are two people that
10 do it.

11 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: The two questions I
12 have are, why am I consistently seeing three, four
13 hours several times a week for this? I mean, does
14 it have to be done as overtime?

15 MR. BELLA: Yes. If you get a call at
16 4:00 or 4:30, you got to call them back in and
17 they got to go back out.

18 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Are we getting three or
19 four calls a week at 4:00?

20 MR. BELLA: Oh, yeah. We get a lot of
21 calls. And it depends on the time of the year.
22 That kind of thing.

23 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: What is the
24 turnaround on this? We have to do a two hour
25 turnaround?

1 MR. BELLA: Well, sure. Because by the
2 time they come in, they have to go to the charts
3 and get all that stuff. They have to go out and
4 mark it. They have to drive out to the spot. I
5 mean, it's...

6 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Let me see if I
7 understand this. Are we getting a call, say, from
8 PSE&G that they have an emergency and we have to
9 send somebody out right away or are we getting a
10 call, for example, in Clifton on Lakeview Avenue,
11 there was a bridge there and they just did some
12 new, I don't know, fencing or whatever on the
13 bridge and I happen to bump into one of our guys
14 who was doing a mark out on the bridge. Okay. So
15 that was clearly something scheduled.

16 So if I'm seeing this on the overtime
17 report, are we dealing only with emergency stuff
18 or if I'm putting up fencing and I'm going to do
19 it next week and I call you --

20 MR. BELLA: Well, there's actually two
21 different issues. If they're scheduled -- for
22 instance, when we were doing this 30 inch, we call
23 in a mark out. We say we need this for April 1st.
24 They'll come out on their regular time. PSE&G's
25 big that they have people around the clock

1 working. In our case, we would go out and do it
2 on normal time.

3 If there's an emergency or they call up
4 and say, hey, we're not sure. So a lot of times
5 it's, you go out and do the mark out, and they
6 say, geez, we're not quite sure we understand
7 this. We'll dig here and we saw this pipe. We
8 have to call somebody back out even though we did
9 it on regular time. Especially, in these owner
10 cities, you just don't know what you're going to
11 run into. You dig down and there's a pipe there
12 that nobody knew.

13 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I think my fellow
14 Commissioner is concerned about, it's like a
15 pattern. It's like a pattern and --

16 MR. BELLA: I'll talk to them.

17 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Emergency doesn't
18 happen on such a regular basis.

19 MR. BELLA: Some of this might be on call.

20 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I can only tell you
21 that I'm seeing 34 occurrences in February. That
22 seems like a lot. That's more than one day.

23 MR. BELLA: I wouldn't be surprised at
24 all. In fact, I think that's pretty reasonable.

25 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Pretty reasonable.

1 PRESIDENT VANNOY: That's 34 emergencies,
2 Joe?

3 MR. BELLA: That's 34 calls. If you call
4 in -- if you had a, you know, your gas line on in
5 your house and it broke and you don't have heat,
6 they call up. You have to respond within one
7 hour. You have to be there in an emergency,
8 especially in gas leaks, water main leaks, you
9 have to be there. If you don't, you get fined.
10 We've been through this before. We've actually
11 got fined because we weren't out there so fast.

12 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: In a normal
13 situation you don't schedule annual mark outs for
14 overtime?

15 MR. BELLA: No.

16 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Perhaps, if I may,
17 Joe, if you could just briefly look into this and
18 let's discuss it in finance committee.

19 MR. BELLA: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Because there might
21 be certain things we can do, perhaps changing
22 certain people's schedules. If they're doing mark
23 outs, we can have one person doing mark outs this
24 time and that time.

25 MR. BELLA: Okay. No problem. No

1 problem.

2 PRESIDENT VANNOY: One other question.
3 You said we had spoken about a mark out crew. Did
4 we look at cost versus our overtime?

5 MR. BELLA: We did five years ago and we
6 were told not to do it. So, therefore, we'll look
7 at it again. It's a very reasonable thing to do.

8 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: And I like that.
9 This might be one area that we can privatize if
10 the price is right and also a liability issue,
11 because I assume whoever is hired has liability
12 for marking this out and not us, which would cost
13 us.

14 MR. BELLA: Yes.

15 MR. HANLEY: We can --

16 MR. BELLA: The way that's written --

17 MR. HANLEY: We can draft it so they would
18 get it. That doesn't mean we're off the hook.

19 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: All right. But
20 the place to discuss it is finance, because it's
21 taking what we have, seeing if we can do it
22 different, more cost effective and if not, compare
23 it.

24 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I think we should
25 look into it.

1 MR. BELLA: I think that's a good idea,
2 too. I really do.

3 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: The other question
4 was and, again, I hope you have the report in
5 front of you. I was a little concerned the first
6 item of overtime on the report, I'm not sure who
7 that refers to and, again, I can't mention names
8 because the person hasn't been Riced, but --

9 MR. BELLA: No, it's not.

10 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: It's not who I think
11 it is?

12 MR. BELLA: No.

13 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: So we have two
14 employees with that last name?

15 MR. BELLA: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Thank you very much.

17 MR. BELLA: One is our valve --

18 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: That's all. Thank
19 you.

20 MR. AMODIO: Moving along.

21 Any other questions?

22 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I have a question on
23 Joe's report, not his report but the next item
24 listed, the medical insurance thing.

25 MR. BELLA: That's Jim.

1 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I don't remember
2 seeing this. I don't know what it's for.

3 MR. BELLA: That's Jim Gallagher.

4 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I'm a little
5 confused. I don't know what --

6 MR. AMODIO: Well, the contract is
7 expiring. It's a one year contract.

8 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I just want to know
9 what it is. I don't know what it is for.

10 MR. AMODIO: We'll wait for Jim and move
11 onto Controller's Report.

12 MR. HANLEY: Mr. President, if I may. Mr.
13 Paris is here from Mr. Genitempo's office on the
14 one issue. I don't know if you need him, if any
15 Commissioners need him to remain? Jim asked him
16 to come in case there were any questions. The
17 question is if you want him to remain, he will.
18 If you don't, it's not necessary.

19 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: That's on the
20 permanency?

21 MR. HANLEY: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: We don't need
23 anybody. We're all on the same page.

24 Thank you for the opinion. It made it
25 much easier.

1 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Thank you for your time
2 today.

3 MR. AMODIO: Okay. We'll move on to the
4 Controller's Report.

5 MR. WEISS: Cash on hand is \$14 million.

6 Our accounts receivable is 11.4 million.

7 Our 30 days or less accounts receivable is

8 10.9 million which is about 95 percent.

9 Accounts payable is at 4.3 million.

10 You've got copies also of our overtime
11 reports. The overtime so far through the end of
12 February is down by about \$100,000 compared to
13 last year. Just about every department is down.

14 You also got a copy of our budget, our new
15 and improved budget to actual report. If you take
16 a look at that, every department except for one is
17 coming in under budget which is great.

18 And that's it.

19 If anybody has any questions, I'm more
20 than happy to answer.

21 MR. AMODIO: Any questions for the
22 Controller?

23 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Yes, I have a
24 question. Under Budget --

25 MR. WEISS: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Under Legal it says,
2 Salary - \$360,000 for 2012.

3 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I think I can
4 assist. We had discussed in legal affairs the
5 potential of adding --

6 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Okay. Fine.
7 Understood. It's under Legal.

8 So the answer is we discussed in legal
9 affairs potentially hiring. Okay. Thank you.

10 Sorry about that.

11 MR. AMODIO: Any other questions?

12 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I want to make
13 sure from Legal that when we're doing that, we're
14 doing that with the purpose of not relying on
15 outside people. So we should be able to show a
16 cost savings by not using outside people if we
17 bring somebody else in.

18 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: That is precisely.
19 Actually, we got two potential additions.

20 As a matter of fact, I noted, by the way,
21 for the record, Mr. President, that legal affairs
22 is not listed under committees for reports.
23 Perhaps we should add it.

24 But in our legal affairs meeting, we
25 discussed making a recommendation to Personnel to

1 add a secretary/paralegal which we haven't had for
2 many years to our Legal Department that would
3 enable us to do certain filings and things
4 inhouse.

5 We also discussed the possibility of
6 adding a second attorney. I believe the
7 discussion was part time. So I guess we could
8 bring more legal work inhouse. We requested our
9 attorney, George Hanley, to look into this for us
10 so we can try to come up with an idea of potential
11 cost savings.

12 We are spending, my memory may be failing
13 me, but if memory serves, we're spending somewhere
14 along the lines of some \$700,000 a year
15 approximately on outside counsel and I think it
16 behooves us to look to see if there are ways that
17 we can reduce that. And certainly matters that
18 are routine in nature and not complex should be
19 brought inhouse, if possible. And that is exactly
20 what we're trying to accomplish.

21 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: If you can do that,
22 some of these non-complicated issues. But from my
23 experience some of these issues that we deal with,
24 they're a specialty, you know, and those --

25 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Those we don't

1 change.

2 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Those unfortunately
3 have to be referred out.

4 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: It's also helpful
5 that Commissioner Bazian sits on finance. So
6 after he does all this work on legal affairs, he
7 comes to finance and lays it out very nicely to
8 us.

9 MR. AMODIO: Okay. Anything further?

10 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Just my question of
11 -- I'm sorry.

12 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Before we put that
13 to bed. Yitz, the question was asked of you, is
14 my memory correct that the \$360,000 budget for
15 legal salaries is because we added those two
16 positions?

17 MR. WEISS: That's true.

18 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Which may or may not
19 be filled. In my mind, the figure of \$100,000 --

20 MR. WEISS: That's correct, yes.

21 MR. AMODIO: Okay. Mr. Gallagher.

22 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I had a question on
23 this "Professional Services for Medical Insurance
24 Issues." What is that for?

25 MR. GALLAGHER: That's Brown & Brown.

1 That's the consultant.

2 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I thought we did
3 that already.

4 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: We did risk
5 management.

6 MR. GALLAGHER: As far as I know we have
7 not.

8 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: This is something
9 that we --

10 MR. GALLAGHER: Every year.

11 MR. AMODIO: Every year since we left
12 State health benefits.

13 MR. GALLAGHER: True. It's such a long
14 time ago.

15 I will also, if I can, I will tell you
16 that they are doing a major project for us, for
17 the employee contracts that has potential to save
18 us a significant amount of money. And I'd rather,
19 if you want to go into further discussion, it
20 would be better off in closed.

21 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: We have an
22 insurance committee, right? We used to have an
23 insurance committee.

24 MR. GALLAGHER: It's personnel. It's a
25 personnel issue.

1 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Dealing with some
2 of us in a smaller session.

3 MR. GALLAGHER: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Okay. Sounds
5 good.

6 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Bring it back to
7 personnel.

8 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: That's what he
9 said.

10 MR. GALLAGHER: We can discuss it. We
11 have to do it in closed session because it's
12 contract.

13 MR. HANLEY: Maybe you should follow
14 Commissioner Kolodziej's suggestion for now.

15 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: It's going to
16 your committee.

17 MR. GALLAGHER: Okay.

18 MR. AMODIO: Do we need a vote on that?

19 MR. HANLEY: What's the vote? I'm not...

20 MR. AMODIO: Request to Prepare and
21 Advertise an RFP for Project 12-P-20 "Professional
22 Services For Medical Insurance Issues."

23 MR. HANLEY: Yes, they should authorize.

24 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: There's no harm
25 in going out.

1 I would move to go out to bid.

2 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

3 Motion by Kolodziej.

4 Do I have a second?

5 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

6 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Sanchez.

7 On the roll.

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9 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
10 present respond in the affirmative, Commissioners
11 Rodriguez and DeVita not present in the room)

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13 MR. AMODIO: There will be nothing else
14 for open.

15 We will go to closed session.

16 Do I have a motion?

17 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Move it.

18 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

19 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Bazian.

20 Second by Commissioner Kolodziej.

21 WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public
22 Meetings Act permits the public from meeting in
23 certain circumstances; and

24 WHEREAS, the public body is of the opinion
25 that such circumstances present exist;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the
2 Commissioners of the Passaic Valley Water
3 Commission:

4 1. The public shall be excluded from
5 discussion of the hereinafter specified subject
6 matters; the general nature of the subject matters
7 being: Financial, Insurance, Personnel,
8 Contracts, Negotiations, Security. Under Law, we
9 have Summary/Aging Reports. North Arlington v.
10 PVWC. Lodi v. PVWC. Delford Gardens v. PVWC.
11 Defensive Driving Courses. Filters. In The
12 Matter of James Bonafield: Letter dated
13 November 1st, 2011. Peach Tree Associates &
14 Clifton Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, PA versus
15 PVWC. Under New Hires --

16 MR. HANLEY: One more may I add under Law?
17 Fiberglass tanks.

18 MR. AMODIO: Okay. Fiberglass tanks DEP.
19 Under Personnel: New Hires: Jerry Mahoney,
20 Kenneth Mamary, Richard Vogt - Water Treatment
21 Plant Operator Apprentices. Jose Diaz, Jr. -
22 Laborer. Title Change: Teila Krahn - Water
23 Treatment Plant Operator. Louis Amodio -
24 Secretary to the Board. Administration: We have
25 Lyndhurst Agreement, Shut-off/Bad Check Policy and

1 any other matter as may be discussed in camera.

2 2. It is anticipated at this time that
3 the above-stated subject matters will be ratified
4 during public meeting following or as soon
5 thereafter as the reason for the discussion no
6 longer exists.

7 3. This Resolution shall take effect
8 immediately.

9 Second by Commissioner Kolodziej.

10 On the roll.

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12 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
13 respond in the affirmative)

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17 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

18 You have a quorum.

19 The time is 10:50 a.m.

20 PRESIDENT VANNOY: We're doing good.

21 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yes, we are, Mr.
22 President. You are the best.

23 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: We can go play nine
24 holes.

25 MR. AMODIO: We have Consent Agenda.

1 Minutes of Passaic Valley Water Commission in
2 camera session and Regular Public Meeting of
3 February 29th, 2012.

4 Do I have a motion?

5 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

6 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Kolodziej.

7 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

8 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Sanchez.

9 On the roll.

10 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: You got the
11 correction I sent you?

12 MR. AMODIO: Yes. You can speak with
13 Lynann when we're done.

14 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Subject to one minor
15 correction, yes.

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17 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
18 respond in the affirmative)

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20 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I also have a
21 correction that I pointed out to Lou and I think
22 page 75 about a vote I didn't vote for something
23 that said I voted.

24 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I voted for you.

25 MR. AMODIO: For the record, Commissioner,

1 we have made that correction.

2 Next, we have Miscellaneous Purchase
3 Orders. Does the Chair accept, receive, and file
4 Miscellaneous Orders placed by Linda Beckering,
5 Director of Purchasing, for the period of
6 February 20th, 2012 to March 11, 2012?

7 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Yes.

8 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

9 Moving forward.

10 Requests For Action.

11 Contract #12-B-16.

12 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Can you do them as
13 a group?

14 MR. AMODIO: If there's no objections, we
15 can do that all as one group.

16 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Can we do that?

17 MR. AMODIO: Any objections?

18 Hearing none.

19 Contract #12-B-16 "Liquid Oxygen."

20 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I have a question.

21 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Are we talking about
22 just six, seven, and eight?

23 MR. AMODIO: Yes.

24 Okay. "Liquid Oxygen" recommendation to
25 award a two year to Airgas East, Inc. of Salem,

1 New Hampshire in the amount of \$248,240.

2 Contract #12-B-17 "Furnish and Deliver
3 Water Meters and Appurtenances and Scheduling
4 Services" recommendation to a award a two year
5 contract to Neptune Technology Group, Incorporated
6 of Tallassee, Alabama in the amount of
7 \$2,442,569.45.

8 Contract #12-B-20 "Prospect Park
9 Standpipe, Prospect Park, New Jersey"
10 recommendation to award a one year contract to
11 Caldwell Tanks, Inc., of Louisville, Kentucky in
12 the amount of \$863,200.

13 Question?

14 Motion?

15 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Move it.

16 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Bazian.

17 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

18 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner
19 Kolodziej.

20 On the roll.

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22 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
23 respond in the affirmative)

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25 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

1 Moving onto Resolutions.

2 We have "Resolution authorizing --

3 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Mr. President, can
4 we do possibly -- I just have a question on ten.
5 Can we do nine, 11, and 13 as one?

6 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Yes.

7 MR. AMODIO: Okay. Hold on.

8 All right. The Resolutions for the
9 retirements, I'm going to pass them around.
10 Everyone can please sign them. There's three of
11 them.

12 And we will do Resolution Authorizing
13 Agreement for Project #12-P-47 "Professional
14 Business Process Review and IT Strategic Plan"
15 recommendation to award to Westin Engineering,
16 Incorporated of Rancho Cordova, California on a
17 Take-and-Pay, Time and Material basis,
18 not-to-exceed \$342,410.

19 Do I have a motion?

20 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

21 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Kolodziej.

22 Do I have a second?

23 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Second by.

24 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Rodriguez.

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1 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
2 respond in the affirmative)

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4 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Yes, because
5 Commissioner Bazian took out from his time to
6 really go over this with me and I appreciate it.
7 Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I was reluctant on
9 this but after hearing all the explanations and
10 reading everything, it's something that we have to
11 have. Yes.

12 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Also, yes. I spoke
13 with Joe at length and as our Executive Director,
14 I follow his direction. I think he knows. And he
15 said that this is good. So, yes.

16 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

17 Motion approved.

18 We will go back to Resolution authorizing
19 the sale of Vehicles/Equipment and Personal
20 Property to another "Contracting Unit."

21 Commissioner Bazian has a question.

22 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Yeah. How does this
23 bid process work? We're talking about, you know,
24 junk vehicles out of our inventory and giving it
25 to another company and they're going to sell it at

1 auction. Are they paying us for the vehicles?
2 How does this work?

3 MR. HANLEY: No. This is an exception to
4 the rule. We're actually in effect giving merely
5 these to another "Contracting Unit." That's a
6 term of art in the statute, which means another
7 government, in this instance, Paterson.

8 It's my understanding from Linda Beckering
9 that these vehicles were offered to Paterson,
10 Clifton, and Passaic. The other two localities
11 were not interested and Paterson is and you're
12 allowed to do that under the statute.

13 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: So we're basically
14 just giving it to them?

15 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Yes. Bottom line,
16 yes.

17 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Okay. Move it.

18 MR. AMODIO: Move by Commissioner Bazian.

19 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

20 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner
21 Sanchez.

22 On the roll.

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

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COMMISSIONER LEVINE: This is for the sale of vehicles?

MR. AMODIO: We're giving the vehicles to the City of Paterson.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Yes, that's fine.

MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

Next we have Summary of Payrolls and Disbursements in the amount of \$3,519,994.24.

Does the Treasurer find them in order?

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Yes.

MR. AMODIO: Make a motion.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I make a motion for approval.

Second?

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Second.

MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Rodriguez.

On the roll.

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

MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

Motion approved.

Recommendations from Closed Session.

1 We have new hires.

2 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Can we do them all
3 at one time?

4 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Actually, I'm going
5 to ask if we can have a separate vote on numbers
6 one and two, please.

7 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: For the title
8 change you're saying?

9 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: No, new hires. I'm
10 sorry; (a) and (b).

11 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: (A) and (b).

12 MR. AMODIO: Okay. (A) and (b), which
13 would be Jerry Mahoney and Richard Vogt, Water
14 Treatment Plant Operator Apprentices.

15 Proposed Salary: \$35,000.

16 Proposed Range: \$30,000 to \$42,000.

17 Motion.

18 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

19 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Kolodziej.

20 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Second.

21 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Rodriguez.

22 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I'm sorry, I missed.
23 I apologize. I abstain.

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25 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners

1 respond in the affirmative. Commissioner Bazian
2 having abstained)

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4 MR. AMODIO: We'll move the rest of
5 Personnel items (c) and (d), number two, and
6 number three.

7 Do I have a motion?

8 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Move it.

9 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

10 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Is the new
11 Resolution here?

12 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Everyone.

13 MR. AMODIO: Yes. I'll make that
14 Resolution a part of it.

15 PRESIDENT VANNOY: You have two. Title
16 changes, too. You said (c) and (d).

17 MR. AMODIO: No. (C), (d), number 2(a),
18 Title Change.

19 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So moved.

20 MR. AMODIO: Move by Commissioner Sanchez.

21 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Second.

22 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner
23 Rodriguez.

24 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: It was actually
25 moved by Commissioner Bazian, but who's counting.

1 MR. AMODIO: Let's start again.

2 Commissioner Bazian, would you like to
3 move it?

4 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Yes.

5 MR. AMODIO: And who seconded it?

6 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I did.

7 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Kolodziej.
8 On the roll.

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10 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
11 respond in the affirmative)

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13 MR. AMODIO: Thank you, Commissioners.

14 I do have just one thing I'd like to
15 mention. You should have received an e-mail from
16 Mary Silvestro from the State of New Jersey State
17 Ethics Commission for the Financial Disclosure
18 Statement. That's due May 15th. There is a \$50
19 per day fine every day you're late. Please,
20 Commissioners. If anybody needs a copy.

21 COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: By the way, they
22 are going to implement that because the State
23 needs the money.

24 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Due May or?

25 MR. AMODIO: May 15th.

1 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: The sooner you do
2 it the better. You got to do it on-line.

3 MR. AMODIO: If you would please, print
4 one out and just give it to me for my files, I
5 would appreciate that.

6 PRESIDENT VANNOY: I'll stop by and do it
7 together.

8 MR. AMODIO: I did have something else.

9 Everyone is aware that the RFPs are going
10 to be coming back for the Professional Services.

11 PRESIDENT VANNOY: Are we going to have a
12 special meeting for that?

13 MR. AMODIO: We have in the past. If the
14 Commission would like to do that.

15 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: When are they in?

16 MR. AMODIO: They'll actually be in the
17 29th of this month. So I will send out
18 notification that they're in. If anybody would
19 like to come in; if committees would like to
20 review certain ones as a committee, please let me
21 know. I'll have them available.

22 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Louis, let's
23 schedule a legal affairs committee meeting to
24 schedule to go over --

25 MR. AMODIO: Absolutely. As soon as

1 they're in we'll do that.

2 I have nothing else.

3 The next Commission meeting is scheduled
4 for April 18th; 9:30 a.m.

5 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I did want to
6 make mention that the summer employment at our
7 finance committee, that's one of the areas that we
8 may have to do without. We had suggested that if
9 we can keep that money in the budget for that,
10 that we all look for summer help that will
11 actually enhance the work of our department heads.
12 So if we're able to keep that, that's the kind of
13 summer help we should be looking for. We're not
14 in any position to do this. And next month we
15 will have to make a decision on this. But I'm
16 giving you a heads up on this today and finance
17 will deal with it one more time.

18 MR. AMODIO: Also, Commissioner, the
19 fishing program at the reservoirs, too, is coming
20 up.

21 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So you know what
22 we're up against so these are the things you're
23 going to have to decide.

24 MR. AMODIO: Just on a personal note, I
25 want to thank every Commissioner here today. I

1 appreciate the vote of confidence. It's a
2 pleasure to serve you.

3 Motion to adjourn.

4 It's 11:02.

5 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Motion.

6 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

7 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
8 Bazian.

9 Second by Commissioner Kolodziej.

10 Everybody agrees, meeting adjourned.

11 Time is 11:02 a.m.

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13 (Proceedings concluded)

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