

MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE SANTA FE IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 16, 2019 Santa Fe Irrigation District 5920 Linea del Cielo Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067

ROLL CALL - CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Hogan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Michael Hogan, Vice President Kenneth Dunford and Directors Marlene King, Andy Menshek, and David Petree were present.

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT: General Manager Albert Lau, Executive Assistant Kim Johnson, Administrative Services Manager Seth Gates, Engineering Services Manager Bill Hunter, Associate Civil Engineer Marissa Potter, General Counsel Paula de Sousa Mills, and members of the public were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Petree led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA - None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS - None

ACTION AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

- 1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. April 18, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
 - b. April 30, 2019 Special Board Meeting

- 2. Receive and File Monthly Finance Reports
 - a. Budget Performance
 - b. Disbursements
 - c. Monthly Investment Transaction Report
- 3. Authorize the General Manager to Execute Purchase Contract for Networking Equipment
- 4. Award Printer Lease and Service Agreement for the District and Joint Facilities Offices
- 5. Authorize the General Manager to Execute an Updated \$60,000 Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Solana Beach for the Glencrest Drive Pipeline Replacement (J-1800) Project

Upon a motion by Director Menshek and second by Vice President Dunford, the Board unanimously adopted the Consent Calendar.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. Review Final Draft FY20 Budget

ASM Gates gave a PowerPoint Presentation and responded to questions from the Board. The Board discussed personnel requests, impacts of potential reduced volumes available from Lake Hodges, CalPERS projections, and District investments. The Board also discussed the potential impacts from long range water use standards adopted by the State.

The Board directed staff to revise the line item related to the Unfunded Actuarial Liability, prepaying the total due in FY20 and saving approximately \$30,000, in the final budget for Board consideration at their regular June Board meeting.

7. Discuss District Participation in the Joint Lobbying and Cost Sharing Agreement for the North San Diego County Regional Recycled Water Project (NSDRRWP)

GM Lau presented the item and responded to questions from the Board. The Board discussed continued participation and after discussion, consensus was reached for the District to continue in the forum; however, discontinue participation in the group's lobbying efforts.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

8. Directors' Comments

Director Menshek complimented Director King on her recent OpEd piece in the Rancho Santa Fe Post and felt relayed good information.

Director King commented that while she did not attend the SFID Employee Recognition event this past December, she wanted to publically acknowledge the Above and Beyond Award recipient, Kim Johnson, Board Secretary. She apologized for the lack of Board recognition until this time.

9. Directors' Reports on Conferences, Activities, and Events - None

REPORTS

- 10. Operations Reports
 - a. R.E. Badger Filtration Plant Report
 - b. Water Resources Report

These reports were for the Board's information only. No action was requested or required of the Board.

11. San Diego County Water Authority Board Meeting Report – President Hogan

In addition to the written report was included with the agenda materials, President Hogan reported on the following:

- The CWA Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding related to the new National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. Under the permit, the Carlsbad plant will continue producing about 50 million gallons a day of high-quality, drought-proof drinking water for the region as Poseidon Water and the San Diego County Water Authority develop a permanent, stand-alone seawater intake and associated structures. Currently, the plant provides about 10% of the region's water supply.
- As of May 15th, a Senate budget subcommittee rejected Gov. Gavin Newsom's water tax plan on Wednesday, instead recommending finding \$150 million elsewhere to finance a safe and affordable drinking water fund.

12. Committee Reports

The Committee Reports were included with the agenda materials.

- 13. General Manager's Report GM Lau reported on the following:
 - He received a note from Olivenhain Municipal Water District, complimenting Customer Service Representative II, Rene Heraz, for his recent demonstration on the SFID Customer Portal for Automated Metering Customers.
 - He received a note from Rancho Santa Fe Association Manager, Christy Whalen, complimenting District mark-out staff, Damien Garcia, Eric Rodriguez, and Jason Meyer, for their exceptional service during the Association's fiber optic project, requiring hundreds of mark-outs weekly prior to the fiber optic installation.

GM Lau then utilized a PowerPoint presentation to report on possible Lake Hodges Dam improvements and impacts to water surface elevation and available local water.

14. General Counsel's Comments - GC de Sousa Mills also reported on the Senate Budget Subcommittee's actions rejecting the Water Tax, and that a lot of discussion at the recent ACWA Conference centered around the State's \$21.5 billion surplus and if only \$1 billion was used annually, it could fund the low income water customers proposals and the State water quality challenges, at a minimum.

INFORMATION ITEMS – None

CLOSED SESSION

- 15. Conference with Legal Counsel- Existing Litigation
 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)
 Rancho Santa Fe Association v Santa Fe Irrigation District
 Case No. 37-2018-00064214-CU-MC-NC
- Conference with Legal Counsel- Anticipated Litigation
 Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of
 Government Code Section 54956.9
 One potential case
- 17. Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant To Government Code Section 54957 Title: General Manager

President Hogan reported Closed Session was not necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hogan adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Board President

Albert C. Lau

Board Secretary/Treasurer