



**MINUTES  
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
OF THE SANTA FE IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

August 30, 2018  
Santa Fe Irrigation District  
5920 Linea del Cielo  
Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

President Hogan called the meeting to order at 8:31 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 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT:** General Manager Michael J. Bardin, Executive Assistant Kim Johnson, Administrative Services Manager Seth Gates, Engineering Services Manager Bill Hunter, Operations Manager Cor Shaffer, General Counsel Paula de Sousa Mills and Kelly Salt, Best, Best & Krieger, and members of the public were present. Also present were Pierce Rossum and Jennifer Ivey, Carollo Engineers, Christy Whalen, Rancho Santa Fe Association (RSFA) Manager, Dr. Kees Corssmitt and Ben Benumof, RSFA, and members of the public.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice President Dunford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA** - None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Douglas Barnhart expressed his discontent with the process to qualify for the District's agricultural program and that he felt staff was unreasonable and did not provide good customer service.

**ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Board Workshop: Discussion of Cost of Service Recommendations and Related Items

President Hogan invited public comment prior to staff presentation of the item.

Chuck Badger urged the Board to continue the ag rate and program and noted the expenses borne by participants to qualify for the program were costly.

Robert Pace questioned how the cost of water is determined and did not feel the proposed cost of water sources was justified.

Greg Gruzdownich introduced Dr. C. W. Corssmit, and Ben Benumof who would be making a presentation on behalf of the RSFA.

Dr. Corssmitt and Mr. Benumof provided a 20 minute PowerPoint on the RSFA issues and position.

District General Counsel Salt provided comments on the RSFA presentation prior to staff's presentation.

GM Bardin introduced the item and Pierce Rossum, Carollo Engineers, gave a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from the Board.

The Board discussed the basis for local water charges, peaking, cost allocation to the tiers, and continuing to pass through wholesale charges.

President Hogan invited public comment.

Christy Whalen, RSFA Manager, thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate in the workshop and stressed the importance of rate equitability for all customers.

Greg Gruzdownich commented that the local water reservoir, San Dieguito Reservoir, was funded by the community and felt that Tier 1 users have a benefit from Tier 2 users and asked the Board to direct staff to prepare a use chart by District Division and compare them. He also recommended the Board set the break point for Tier 1 at 15 HCF, instead of the 37 HCF recommended.

***President Hogan called for a recess at 10:51 a.m.***

***President Hogan reconvened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.***

The Board continued discussion on cost of service principles and characteristics. After a lengthy discussion, the Board reached consensus to move forward with preparing the Draft Cost of Service Study report and Proposition 218 notice using the Base Case Recommendation presented by Carollo.

***President Hogan noted that Closed Session items would be considered prior to Board action on Item 2, and Item 4 will not be necessary.***

## **CLOSED SESSION**

5. Public Employee Appointment  
(Pursuant To Government Code Section 54957)  
Title: General Manager

6. Conference with Labor Negotiators  
(Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6)  
Agency designated representatives: General Manager  
Represented Employees: Santa Fe Irrigation District Employee Association

*President Hogan adjourned into Closed Session for items 5 and 6 only at 11:58 a.m.*

*President Hogan reconvened into Open Session at 1:16 p.m. and reported no reportable actions were taken in Closed Session.*

2. Adopt Resolution No. 18-10, Approving the Memorandum of Understanding with the Santa Fe Irrigation District Employees' Association and Amending the District's Administrative Code, Article 8, Employment Policies

Upon a motion by Director Menshek and second by Vice President Dunford, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 18-10, Approving the Memorandum of Understanding with the Santa Fe Irrigation District Employees' Association and Amending the District's Administrative Code, Article 8, Employment Policies. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Dunford, King, Menshek, Petree, and Hogan  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

## **DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

3. Directors' Comments
  - a. Director King Written Comments  
Director King's written comments were included with the agenda materials.

Director Menshek commented on Director King's written comments, stating he respects her comments and the time taken to write them; however, he takes issue with being quoted. He supports outdoor irrigation use for gardening and trees; however, not for extensive landscape.

Director King commented that she recently read an oral deposition she had given and stated she appreciates the patience of her fellow Board Directors because she is not a linear speaker.

## **INFORMATION ITEM – None**

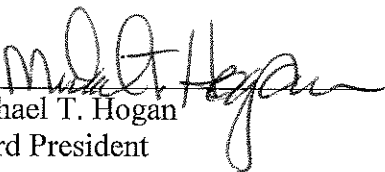
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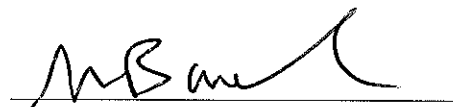
*Item taken out of order. Please see minutes on Page 2.*

4. 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
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**ADJOURNMENT**

President Hogan adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

  
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Michael T. Hogan  
Board President

  
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Michael J. Bardin  
Board Secretary/Treasurer