



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

February 16, 2023  
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 Dana Frieauf, Directors Sandra Johnson, Ron Magnaghi (left the meeting at 11:35 a.m.), and Andy Menshek were present.

**STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT:** General Manager Albert Lau, Board Secretary Celina McDowell, Administrative Services Manager Seth Gates, Distribution System Manager Chris Bozir, Engineering Services Manager Marissa Potter, Water Treatment Plant Manager Tim Bailey, Public Communications Officer Teresa Penunuri, Water Conservation Technician Justin Harrod, General Counsel Paula de Sousa, Best Best & Krieger, Scott McClelland, Encina Water Authority, and members of the public were present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Menshek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS - None**

San Diego LAFCO Commissioner Baron Willis provided a summary of his goals for the upcoming re-election. The Board thanked Mr. Willis for his time.

**ACTION AGENDA**

**CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Findings to Continue Holding Remote/Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361

2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. January 19, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
  - b. January 19, 2023 Special Board Meeting
3. Receive and File Monthly Finance Reports
  - a. Budget Graphs
  - b. Disbursements
  - c. Monthly Investment Transaction Report
4. Annual Review of Director Compensation

Vice President Frieauf requested to move Agenda Item No. 5 for discussion. Upon a motion by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Menshek, the Board unanimously adopted the Consent Calendar except for Agenda Item No. 5. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Frieauf, Johnson, Magnaghi, Menshek, and Hogan  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

5. Authorize the General Manager to Sign-On as an Advocacy Agency for Encina Wastewater Authority (EWA) Potable Reuse Project

Vice President thanked and appreciated EWA's GM McClelland's efforts in exploring opportunities on potable reuse. Mr. McClelland thanked the Board and GM Lau for the continued support. Upon a motion by Vice President Frieauf and seconded by Director Menshek, the Board unanimously authorized the General Manager to sign on as an Advocacy Agency for EWA. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Frieauf, Johnson, Magnaghi, Menshek, and Hogan  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

## **ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

6. Discuss and Consider FY23 Mid-Year Budget Projections

GM Lau introduced the item. ASM Gates utilized a PowerPoint presentation to provide an overview of projections and responded to questions from the Board.

The Board directed staff to place local water funds to undesignated funds.

7. Discuss and Consider Proposed Reserve Policy Modifications

ASM Gates presented the item and responded to questions from the Board. The Board directed staff to provide the current vs. proposed minimum maximum and constraints between the two policies and bring the item back to the Administrative and Finance and Board meetings for further discussion.

8. Award a Construction Contract and Consider Actions Related to and for the Sedimentation Basins and Filters Concrete Repairs Project

ESM Potter presented the item utilizing a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from the Board.

After discussion, a motion was made by Director Menshek and seconded by Director Johnson to award a construction contract and Consider Actions Related to and for the Sedimentation Basins and Filters Concrete Repairs Project. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Frieauf, Johnson, Magnaghi, Menshek, and Hogan  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

9. Authorize Executing Purchase Contract for Construction Crew Truck Equipped with Mechanics Crane Body

DSM Bozir presented the item utilizing a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from the Board.

Director Menshek requested to add "Clean Fleet" as an item for discussion at the Water Resources Committee meeting agenda for March.

After discussion, a motion was made by Vice President Frieauf and seconded by Director Johnson to authorize executing purchase contract for Construction Crew Truck Equipped with Mechanics Crane Body. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Frieauf, Johnson, Magnaghi, Menshek, and Hogan  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

10. Discuss and Consider Findings and Recommendations Regarding a Solar Project at the Operations Yard for the Santa Fe Irrigation District

ESM Potter presented the item utilizing a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from the Board.

The Board directed staff to obtain proposals to meet the April 13, 2023 deadline for NEM2 and present back to the Water Resources Committee for review and recommendation.

After discussion, a motion was made by Director Menshek and seconded by Director Johnson to obtain proposals for the Solar Project at the Operations Yard. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Friehauf, Johnson, Magnaghi, Menshek, and Hogan  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

11. 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Kickoff Activities

PCO Penunuri presented this item utilizing a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from the Board. She mentioned that the Community Event is tentatively scheduled for June 20, 2023.

12. Water Supply Update

WCT Harrod presented the item and responded to questions from the Board. This item was for the Board's information only. No action was requested or required of the Board.

13. Lake Hodges Update

GM Lau presented the item and responded to questions from the Board. This item was for the Board's information only. No action was requested or required of the Board.

President Hogan requested from GM Lau to provide a copy of the Lake Hodges Area Capacity Table and Hydraulic Profile Raw Water Supplies to all Board members for their reference.

**REPORTS**

14. 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.

15. Board Reports

a. San Diego County Water Authority Board Meeting Report

The written report was included with the agenda materials.

b. Other Meetings/Conferences

February 8, 2023 – Directors Menshek and Frieauf attended the Solana Beach City Council meeting via Zoom.

January 27-28, 2023 – Directors Frieauf and Magnaghi attended the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) Colorado River Aqueduct System Tour.

Director Frieauf attended two receptions welcoming MWD’s new chair. She also attended the ACWA Board Meeting and mentioned that ACWA is advocating for funding for dam safety and funding for storage, conveyance, and supply.

**DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS**

16. Directors’ Comments - None

17. Future Agenda Items - None

18. General Manager’s Report

GM Lau reported that the Proposition 218 Notices were mailed out on February 9, 2023 and public outreach community meetings are planned.

19. General Counsel’s Comments - None

**INFORMATION ITEMS – NONE**

**CLOSED SESSION**

20. Conference with Labor Negotiators

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency designated representatives: Albert C. Lau, General Manager

Represented Employees: Santa Fe Irrigation District Employee Association

21. Conference with Legal Counsel-Initiation of Litigation

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4)

One (1) potential case

22. Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)  
One (1) potential case

***President Hogan adjourned the meeting into Closed Session at 11:09 a.m.***

***President Hogan reconvened the meeting into Open Session at 12:21 p.m. and reported Agenda Item No. 21 was not discussed and there were no reportable actions taken in Closed Session.***

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Hogan adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

  
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Michael T. Hogan  
Board President

  
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Albert C. Lau  
Board Secretary/Treasurer