



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

March 3, 2021
Santa Fe Irrigation District
5920 Linea del Cielo
Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067

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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 Frank Creede, and Directors Dana Frieauff, Sandra Johnson, and Andy Menshek were present.

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT: General Manager Albert Lau, Executive Assistant Kim Johnson, Administrative Services Manager Seth Gates, Engineering Services Manager Rania Amen, Distribution System Manager Chris Bozir, Water Treatment Plant Manager Tim Bailey, Public Communications Officer Teresa Penunuri, General Counsel Paula de Sousa, Best Best & Krieger, Martin Rauch, Rauch and Associates, and members of the public were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hogan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA – None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Board Secretary Johnson read an email received prior to the meeting from Marlene King. Ms. King expressed concern that the agenda materials were promoting potable reuse rather than “refining” the District’s mission and vision statements. She discussed the value of Lake Hodges’ water, and the lack of community outreach.

There were no other comments received nor members of the public indicating they wished to address the Board at this time.

DISCUSSION

1. Board of Directors’ Planning Workshop

GM Lau introduced the item and then introduced Martin Rauch, facilitator for the workshop. Mr. Rauch guided the Board through a more detailed discussion of the current District Mission and Vision statements to ensure they accurately reflect the direction and focus of the Board during the development of short and long-term Focus Areas.

The Board expressed the importance of being good stewards of rate payers’ funds and that all customers must be equally represented, rather than community focused.

Mr. Rauch led a few exercises asking for Director input on specific questions and the impacts of word choices.

Hourly breaks were taken and the discussions were round robin in nature on potential revisions to the District’s Mission and Vision statements and development of District Values.

DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS

2. Directors’ Comments

Director Johnson stated she appreciated the dialogue between Directors; she feels it is in the best interest for all of our customers. She added she feels it is a good step in the right direction to serve as role models for our communities.

Director Friehauf echoed Director Johnson’s comments, stating helpful statements were made and she appreciated the dialogue.

Vice President Creede thanked everyone for their input.

Director Menshek stated Mr. Rauch did a good job “herding cats” and feels we are on the right path. He also echoed prior comments and really appreciated everyone’s positive attitudes.

President Hogan agreed that the comments were thoughtful and he appreciated the Board’s time and effort. He also thanked Mr. Rauch for his leadership and for providing the materials

prior to the meeting and felt it very much stimulated the Board discussion and being prepared for the discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hogan adjourned the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

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Michael Hogan
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Michael T. Hogan
Board President



Albert C. Lau
Board Secretary/Treasurer

