



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

March 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, and Andy Menshek were present.

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT: General Manager Albert Lau, Board Secretary Celina McDowell, Seth Gates, Administrative Services Manager, 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, and members of the public were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Frieauf led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA – None

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS – None

ACTION AGENDA

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes – February 16, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

2. Receive and File Monthly Finance Reports
 - a. Budget Graphs
 - b. Disbursements
 - c. Monthly Investment Transaction Report
3. Waive Full Reading and Adopt a Resolution No. 23-04 Quitclaiming the District's Rights in an Easements Crossing APN 265-080-31 (Via Salud, Rancho Santa Fe, CA)
4. Waive Full Reading and Adopt Resolution No. 23-05 Concurring in the Nomination of Pamela E. Tobin, San Juan Water District, and Resolution No. 23-06 Concurring in the Nomination of Oliver Smith, Valley Center Municipal Water District, Candidates for the ACWA-JPIA Executive Committee

Director Johnson requested to move Agenda Item No. 2b from Consent Items for discussion. Upon a motion by Director Johnson and seconded by Vice President Friehauf, the Board unanimously adopted the Consent Calendar except for Agenda Item No. 2b. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Agenda Item 2b – Director Johnson inquired about the nature of a refund in the Disbursement report and ASM Gates provided clarification that the refund was from unused deposit. Upon a motion by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Menshek, the Board unanimously approved Item No. 2b, Disbursements. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. Consider Concept Approval for Proposed Reorganization to Include Detachment of APN 265-441-01 from Olivenhain Municipal Water District, Annexation into Santa Fe Irrigation District and Associated Sphere of Influence Adjustments

ESM Potter utilized 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 provide Concept Approval for Proposed Reorganization to Include Detachment of APN 265-441-01 from Olivenhain Municipal Water District, Annexation into Santa Fe Irrigation District and Associated Sphere of Influence Adjustments. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

6. Review Recent Changes in Teleconferencing Under the Brown Act (AB 2449) and Consider Format of Board and Committee Meetings

GM Lau presented the item and GC de Sousa utilized a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from the Board.

After discussion, a motion was made by President Hogan and seconded by Director Johnson, that the Board is permitting remote participation by Board members, both under the Traditional Teleconferencing rules and new rules under AB 2449. The Board decided that all meetings, both regular and special Board meetings, and committee meetings, will be done in a hybrid format where members of the public may participate remotely or in person. However, unless a Board Member is participating remotely under AB 2449, in the event that technology fails, the meeting will continue. Roll call was taken as follows:

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

7. Water Use Efficiency Standards/Water Supply Update

WCT Harrod utilized a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from the Board.

8. Legislative Update – Consider Issuing Letters of Support

PCO Penunuri utilized a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from the Board.

After discussion, a motion was made by Vice President Friehauf and seconded by Director Menshek, to fully support AB 30 and SB 23. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

9. Water Rates Outreach – Information Item

PCO Penunuri utilized a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from the Board. PCO Penunuri to provide information on Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) to the Board members.

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. Board Reports

- a. San Diego County Water Authority Board Meeting Report

The written report was included with the agenda materials. President Hogan will distribute a copy of the history of San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) rate increases to the Board members.

- b. Other Meetings/Conferences

President Hogan attended the Council of Water Utilities (COWU) meeting and California Special Districts Association (CSDA) meeting.

Vice President Frieauf stated that she saw a report that SDCWA approved the resolution for climate resiliency and dam safety funding. She also attended both public water rates outreach meetings.

Director Johnson attended both public water rates outreach meetings and requested to be updated when a public outreach meeting is scheduled with Fairbanks Ranch.

Director Menshek attended the City of Solana Beach presentation on Proposition 218 and Atmospheric River Forecasting & Drought presented by COWU.

Director Magnaghi attended the CSDA Conference and also met with the Rancho Santa Fe Association.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

12. Directors' Comments

Vice President Frieauf reported that the Friends of the Library along with the Solana Beach Community Connections is having an event on March 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the library.

13. Future Agenda Items

Director Johnson requested to add new EPA standards surrounding water quality to the future agenda items list.

14. General Manager's Report

GM Lau provided an update on Lake Hodges and answered questions from the Board.

GM Lau to provide information on how much water we are losing when water is being released per Director Menshek's request.

GM Lau reported that WCT Harrod has achieved his certification and is now a certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor.

15. General Counsel's Comments

GC de Sousa provided an update on the three (3) legislative bills – AB 557, SB 411, and SB 537 to the Board.

GC de Sousa also mentioned that she will not be present at the Public Hearing meeting on March 28, 2023, and Special Counsel will be present instead.

INFORMATION ITEMS – NONE

CLOSED SESSION

16. 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

17. Conference with Legal Counsel-Initiation of Litigation

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

One (1) potential case

18. Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2)

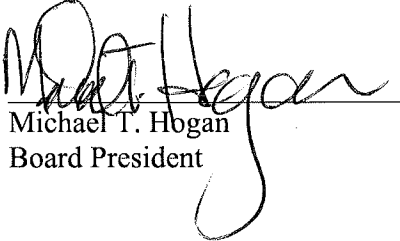
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President Hogan adjourned the meeting into Closed Session at 10:43 a.m.

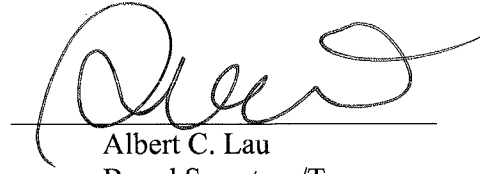
President Hogan reconvened the meeting into Open Session at 12:41 p.m. and there were no reportable actions taken in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hogan adjourned the meeting at 12:41 p.m.



Michael T. Hogan
Board President



Albert C. Lau
Board Secretary/Treasurer