

**MINUTES
SANTA FE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

April 1, 2021
Santa Fe Irrigation District
5920 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067

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PRESENT: Director Andy Menshek, Director Dana Frieauf, General Manager Albert Lau, Executive Assistant Kim Johnson, Administrative Services Manager Seth Gates, Engineering Services Manager Rania Amen, Distribution Operations Manager Chris Bozir, Associate Civil Engineer Marissa Potter, Public Communications Officer Teresa Penunuri, and members of the public were present. Also present was Sally Johnson, Woodard & Curran.

Chairman Menshek called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF MARCH 4, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

The Committee approved the minutes as presented.

3. REVIEW DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2022 CAPITAL ACQUISITION BUDGET

ASM Gates utilized a PowerPoint presentation to report the proposed CAP budget and responded to questions from the Committee.

After discussion, the Committee agreed with staff’s recommended budget and directed staff to move the item forward for full Board consideration.

2. REVIEW DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET

Due to technical difficulties, this item was taken out of order, following Item 3.

ESM Amen utilized a PowerPoint presentation to share the proposed CIP budget. She and GM Lau responded to questions from the Committee.

The Committee discussed the recent proposed Federal stimulus plan and asked if the District had any information on local government allocations. GM Lau responded that while it was promising to see a local government component to the Bill, the Federal process can be quite lengthy, so any District impacts would be unknown for quite some time.

ESM Amen also reported that San Dieguito Water District is supportive of the proposed joint capital projects.

After discussion, the Committee agreed with staff's recommended budget and directed staff to move the item forward for full Board consideration.

3. REVIEW DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2022 CAPITAL ACQUISITION BUDGET

Item taken out of order. Please see minutes on Page 1.

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE ADMINISTRATIVE DRAFT 2020 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

ESM Amen introduced Ms. Johnson who utilized a PowerPoint presentation to provide a summary of each of the nine chapters in the UWMP. She and ESM Amen responded to questions from the Committee.

In her comments, Director Frieauf suggested clarification to chapter 2 related to sources for information.

After discussion, the Committee agreed with staff's recommendations and directed staff to move the draft Plan forward for full Board consideration.

5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR ALUMINUM CHLOROHYDRATE (ACH)

WTPM Bailey presented the item and responded to questions from the Committee. After discussion, the Committee concurred with staff's recommendation for Board approval and directed staff to move the item forward for full Board action at their regular April meeting as a Consent item.

6. CONSIDER CANCELING THE MAY 6, 2021 WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair Menshek reported he would not be available for the May 6, 2021 WRC meeting; therefore, requested the Committee cancel the meeting.

The Committee agreed to cancel the meeting.

REPORTS

7. FY21 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS STATUS REPORT

ESM Amen reported the construction projects are moving along well, remaining on schedule.

8. ENGINEERING SERVICES MANAGER'S REPORT

ESM Amen reported that the Master and Energy plans are taking quite a bit of staff time, in addition to managing capital development projects.

9. DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MANAGER'S REPORT

DSM Bozir reported system demands are increasing with the warmer weather. He also shared photos of several recent maintenance system jobs, including replacement of aging drain lines in Larrick Reservoir in Solana Beach. This required coordination with the City of Solana Beach to drain the reservoir in their sewer system.

10. WATER TREATMENT PLANT MANAGER'S REPORT

WTPM Bailey reported that the Plant continues to run well, noting flows have jumped in the last two weeks, from 16 mgd to 23 mgd, which is expected with the warmer weather. He added that the San Diego County Water Authority is changing their source water which causes fluctuations in the Plant treatment formula. He also thanked Engineering staff for their great work overseeing the construction projects at the Plant.

11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

GM Lau gave kudos to the Managers and their staff as they all "have a lot on their plates" and they coordinate well together. He also reported that the District Landscape Area Measurement has been received from the Department of Water Resources and will be reviewed by staff. He added that the data will be shared with the Water Resources Committee at an upcoming meeting.

12. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Chairman Menshek asked if the District employees were eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, and if so, was the percentage of vaccinated employees known. GM Lau referred to HIPAA compliance concerns preventing the employer from inquiring, but anticipated two thirds of the employees vaccinated by the end of May.

INFORMATION ITEMS – None

ADJOURN

Chairman Menshek adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

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Andy Menshek

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Andy Menshek, Chairman