



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

June 15, 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, and Andy Menshek. Director Ron Magnaghi was absent.

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 a member from the public were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hogan the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA – None

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

1. Recognition of Water Awareness Poster Contest Winners

GM Lau introduced the item and PCO Penunuri utilized PowerPoint slides in presenting the winning entries. The Board congratulated students Avery Westbrook and Emily Fang on their artworks and thanked them for their participation.

ACTION AGENDA

CONSENT ITEMS

2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. April 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
 - b. May 18, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
 - c. June 8, 2023 Special Board Meeting
3. Receive and File Monthly Finance Reports
 - a. Budget Graphs
 - b. Disbursements
 - c. Monthly Investment Transaction Report
4. Waive Full Reading and Adopt Resolution No. 23-15 Nominating Cathy Green for President of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Board for Election 2024/2025 Term
5. Consider Casting the District Vote for the California Special District Association (CSDA) 2024-2026 Election – Board of Directors, Southern Network, Seat C
6. Direct District General Manager to Execute Contract with [RE]DESIGN Group for Managed IT Services

Upon a motion by Director Menshek and seconded by Director Frieauf, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. Adopt Resolution No. 23-14 Expressing Appreciation and Commending Jeff Ehrman for Outstanding Service to the Santa Fe Irrigation District.

GM Lau introduced the item and shared with the Board Mr. Ehrman's history with the District and all his accomplishments. The Board thanked Mr. Ehrman for his service.

Upon a motion by Director Johnson and seconded by Vice President Frieauf, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 23-14, Expressing Appreciation and Commending Jeff Ehrman for Outstanding Service to the Santa Fe Irrigation District. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

8. Consider Resolution No. 23-16, Approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Santa Fe Irrigation District and the Santa Fe Irrigation District Employees' Association (SFIDEA), Resolution No. 23-17, Establishing Wage and Benefit Levels for Management and Confidential Employees, and Resolution No. 23-18, Adopting Annual Pay Schedule (effective July 1, 2023)

GM Lau introduced the item and SFIDEA President Mr. Jason Nunez thanked the Board for the support and consideration in approving the new MOU. Mr. Nunez stated the new MOU will provide fair wages and benefits for the next five years and was overwhelmingly approved by the SFIDEA membership and the MOU will encourage employees to keep their experience and skills with the District as it provides the stability that their members need.

ASM Gates also thanked the Board for its support in establishing the new MOU and how it will enable to communicate clearly to current and prospective employees on staying long-term members of SFID.

The Board thanked Mr. Nunez and the staff for all the efforts and harmonious negotiation process.

9. Adopt FY24 District Budget

ASM Gates presented the item and responded to questions from the Board.

Director Johnson requested a correction on Page 151, Board of Directors, to show that she is an elected representative for District 3 instead of District 2.

Director Menshek requested to have the current rating of Lake Hodges documented on the last paragraph of Page 133.

Upon a motion by Vice President Friehauf and seconded by Director Johnson, the Board unanimously approved to adopt FY24 District Budget the Reserve Policy and modifications and directed staff to move forward as presented. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

10. Receive and File Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment Reports

ASM Gates presented the item and responded to questions from the Board. He also mentioned that this report provides a one-year snapshot and is filed annually.

Upon a motion by Director Menshek and seconded by Vice President Friehauf, the Board unanimously approved to receive and file Annual Water Supply and Demand Assessment Reports and directed staff to move forward as presented. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

11. Consider Rescinding Drought Level 2 Actions and Adopt Resolution No. 23-19

PCO Penunuri presented the item utilizing a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from the Board.

Upon a motion by Vice President Friehauf and seconded by Director Johnson, the Board unanimously approved to rescind Drought Level 2, return to Drought Level 1, and adopt Resolution No. 23-19. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

12. Update on AMI Customer Portal

GM Lau introduced the item and PCO Penunuri presented the item utilizing a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from the Board.

Resident Mr. Rory Kendall provided a comment to the Board.

After discussion, the Board directed staff to have this item agendaized for further discussion. A special workshop will be scheduled in the near future.

13. Legislative Update – Consider Issuing Letters of Opposition

PCO Penunuri presented the item utilizing a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from the Board. The following bills are presented for opposition:

- AB 460 – Bauer-Kahan (Orinda)
- AB 1272 – Wood (Healdsburg)
- AB 1337 – Wicks (Contra Costa)

Upon a motion by Director Menshek and seconded by Vice President Frieauf, the Board unanimously approved to issue letters of opposition and directed staff to move forward as presented. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

REPORTS

14. Operations Reports

- a. R.E. Badger Filtration Plant Report
- b. Water Resources Report

15. Board Reports

- a. San Diego County Water Authority Board Meeting Report

President Hogan reported that the budget meeting will happen next week.

GM Lau reported that LAFCO had a special meeting yesterday to oppose AB 530 and any subsequent bill related to that and moved up the original meeting for the proposed Fallbrook/Rainbow detachment scheduled in August to July.

- b. Other Meetings/Conferences

Vice President Frieauf attended the ACWA Board meeting on June 2nd.

President Hogan attended the CDSA San Diego Chapter last month.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

16. Directors' Comments

Vice President Frieauf commented on the Lake Hodges Fact Sheet and reiterated on how important to get the message out to our customers that the Board tries to continue to take steps to mitigate the rate structure.

Director Johnson reported on having the Ad Hoc meeting regarding the 100th Year Anniversary Celebration and thanked both GM Lau and PCO Penunuri for their efforts in coordinating the event. She also thanked GM Lau for the opportunity to tour the R.E. Badger Plant.

Vice President Frieauf also thanked GM Lau and PCO Penunuri for all their hard work.

17. Future Agenda Items – None

18. General Manager’s Report

GM Lau reminded everyone about the Lake Hodges Fact Sheet provided to them and thanked Vice President Frieauf for her comment.

He thanked the 100th Year Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee for providing ideas and PCO Penunuri for the execution. PCO Penunuri provided the Board with the program details.

GM Lau also reported that he attended the meeting last night at the City of Solana Beach and was presented with the proclamation recognizing SFID’s 100th Year Anniversary and thanked the mayor on behalf of the District. The mayor is also going to be one of the speakers at the event. He also took this opportunity to personally invite all City Council members and key staff to the event.

19. General Counsel’s Comments – None

INFORMATION ITEMS - None

CLOSED SESSION

20. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Title: General Manager

21. Conference With Labor Negotiators Pursuant To Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency designated representatives: Board of Directors

Unrepresented Employee: General Manager

22. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

(1) potential case

23. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)

Name of Case: *Santa Fe Irrigation District v. All Persons Interested in the Matter of the Proceedings for Resolution No. 23-07, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Santa Fe Irrigation District Modifying the District’s Rates for Potable and Recycled Water Service Charges*, Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, Case No. 37-2023-00015115-CU-MC-NC

24. 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 10:45 a.m.

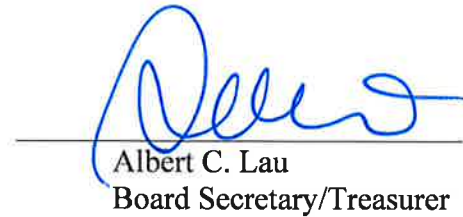
President Hogan reconvened the meeting into Open Session at 11:57 p.m. and there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hogan adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.



Michael T. Hogan
Board President



Albert C. Lau
Board Secretary/Treasurer