

**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Santa Fe Irrigation District**

September 13, 2023
Santa Fe Irrigation District
5920 Linea del Cielo, Rancho Santa Fe, CA

PRESENT: President Hogan, Vice President Frieauf, General Manager Lau, Board Secretary Celina McDowell, and Public Communications Officer Teresa Penunuri were present.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

President Hogan called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA – None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 7, 2023 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes as presented.

2. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

PCO Penunuri introduced the item utilizing a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from the Committee. She reported on the following:

SFID Position Bills:

- AB 30 (Support) Atmospheric Rivers – signed by Governor
- AB 460 (Oppose) Water rights – failed
- AB 1205 (Oppose) Water rights – failed
- AB 1337 (Oppose) Water rights – failed (2-year)
- AB 1572 (Support) Nonfunctional turf – being considered
- SB 23 (Support) Expedited permitting – failed (2-year)

Other Bills:

- AB 249 (Holden) Lead testing – being considered
- AB 399 (Boerner) Emergency action rescinded, assembly concurrence
- AB 755 (Papan) Water usage demands – passed

GM Lau mentioned that AB 755 will be addressed at the Special Board of Directors meeting regarding Budget Based Rates later this month.

Vice President Frieauf requested for GC de Sousa to address this bill at the Board meeting and what it will mean for the cost-of-service study.

President Hogan expressed his concern that this bill will potentially put uniform rates at risk.

- AB 1072 (Wicks) Water conservation, low-income – failed (2-year)
- AB 1423 (Schiavo) Artificial turf – product safety
- AB 1573 (Friedman) Water conservation, model ordinance – inactive
- AB 1594 (Garcia) Zero emission vehicles – third reading
- AB 1637 (Irwin) Government websites
- SB 3 (Dodd) Discontinuation of residential water service – passed
- SB 583 (Padilla) Salton Sea Conservancy – Senate unfinished

Vice President Frieauf requested to add AB 460 – State Water Resources Control Board: Water Rights and Usage, to this list. PCO Penunuri will include the bill at the regular October Board meeting.

Future Legislative Proposals

- Water Authority Deadline:
 - Association of California Water Agency (ACWA) Deadline – September 30, 2023
 - Association of California Water Agency (ACWA) Deadline – ACWA Planning Session – October 20, 2023

President Hogan suggested for GM Lau to check with San Dieguito Water District General Manager on common issues that SFID can perhaps jointly pursue.

3. REVIEW OF DRAFT SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

GM Lau notified the Committee that Agenda Item No. 9 regarding an appeal for a late fee was added to the agenda. Vice President Frieauf requested staff to provide additional information on the administrative code requirement for this item at the regular Board meeting.

PCO Penunuri will provide more information on water use and percentage of reduction when presenting Water Use Efficiency Standards Update at the regular Board meeting.

The Committee reviewed and approved the draft agenda including the additional item.

4. REVIEW OF DRAFT SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

GM Lau informed the Committee that the sole agenda item is a kick-off of the cost-of-service series workshop. Habib Isaac of IB Consulting will be talking about the budget-base rate

structure. GM Lau also informed the Committee that Jason Martin, Director of Administrative Services from Rancho California Water District who helped implement their budget-based rate will come and speak at the meeting to provide some insight on what they went through, things they had to consider during implementation, pitfalls, and lessons learned from their experience.

Vice President Friehauf expressed that she would like to hear about customer feedback from Rancho California Water District.

President Hogan emphasized that we need to consider aligning our budget rates with future State regulations for smooth implementation.

5. REVIEW OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

GM Lau informed the Committee that Customer Survey was added to the bullpen.

The Committee reviewed and approved the item as presented with the additional item.

REPORTS

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

GM Lau stated that he and Vice President Friehauf attended Vista Irrigation District's 100th Year Anniversary celebration last Saturday, September 9, 2023.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER'S COMMENTS

President Hogan reported that he and GM Lau attended the Charting Local Water: San Dieguito Groundwater Study public meeting hosted by Olivenhain Municipal Water District on September 7, 2023.

INFORMATION ITEMS – None

CLOSED SESSION – None

ADJOURN

President Hogan adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.



Michael T. Hogan, President