



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

September 26, 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 Frieauf, Directors Sandra Johnson, Ron Magnaghi, and Andy Menshek

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT: General Manager Albert Lau, Board Secretary Celina McDowell, Director of Administrative Services Seth Gates, General Counsel Paula de Sousa, Best Best & Krieger, and Special Counsel Lutfi Kharuf, Best Best & Krieger were present. Also present were Habib Isaac, IB Consulting, and Jason Martin, Rancho California Water District.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Frieauf led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Special Board Workshop on Budget Based Rates

A written comment from Ms. Marlene King was read by Board Secretary McDowell regarding the bar graphs of bi-monthly/monthly water budgets and variances on pools that was part of the PowerPoint presentation.

DAS Gates introduced the item and informed the Board that this is the first series of meetings to discuss the potential implementation of budget-based rates for the District's potable water service.

Mr. Isaac, IB Consulting, utilized a PowerPoint presentation and provided information and responded to questions from the Board.

Director Menshek commented that the District needs to consider building-in budget-based rate when updating the AMI portal.

President Hogan called for a brief recess at 9:53 a.m.

President Hogan reconvened the meeting at 10:01 a.m.

Mr. Martin, Rancho California Water District (RCWD), presented an overview of the process that RCWD went through prior to implementing budget-based water tiered rates in their district which was in phases between 2010 and 2015, and responded to questions from the Board.

DAS Gates informed the Board that the next workshop is scheduled for November 2, 2023.

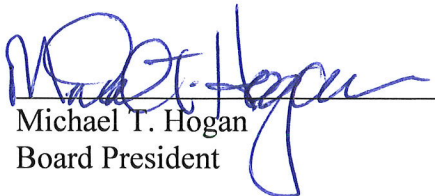
DAS Gates requested the Board to discuss the potential timelines at the next meeting if considering transitioning to budget-based rates.

President Hogan suggested that the Board need to identify the purpose of considering going to a different rate structure at the next meeting.

Vice President Frieauf agreed with President Hogan's suggestion and recommended some public outreach on water use efficiency objectives established by the State as part of next cost-of-service study.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hogan adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.



Michael T. Hogan
Board President



Albert C. Lau
Board Secretary/Treasurer