



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

October 12, 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 Friehauf, Directors Sandra Johnson, and Andy Menshek. Director Magnaghi arrived at 8:48 a.m.

**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, Special Counsel Andre Monet, Best Best & Krieger, and a member from the public were present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None**

**ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Long Range Local Versus Imported Water Economic Discussion

GM Lau introduced the item and shared the goals of the meeting to the Board.

DAS Gates presented the item utilizing a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from the Board.

***Director Magnaghi arrived at the meeting at 8:48 a.m.***

In response to Director Menshek’s request, GM Lau will continue to stay engage in conversation about the Lake Hodges Dam Replacement schedule with the City of San Diego Public Utilities Director.

President Hogan requested for staff put together a summary sheet of the Lake Hodges Dam Replacement schedule.

***President Hogan called for a brief recess at 10:00 a.m.***

***President Hogan reconvened the meeting from brief recess at 10:11 a.m.***

Vice President Frieauf commented that the District should continue to protect the existing long-term water rights at Lake Hodges which will be cheaper than imported water at the end.

Director Johnson suggested the Board look at all available water supply options before ruling anything out.

President Hogan proposed to consider purchasing 100% treated water from San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) as an option to explore.

GM Lau stated that there will be ongoing discussions on water supply options.

The Board thanked staff for providing all the information that was presented.

Mr. Rory Kendall, a member of the public, extended his appreciation for the discussion.

**CLOSED SESSION**

*At any time during the Regular Session, the Board may adjourn to Closed Session to consider litigation or discuss with Legal Counsel matters within the Attorney/Client Privilege, subject to the appropriate disclosures. Discussion of litigation is within the Attorney/Client Privilege and may be held in Closed Session. (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9)*

- 1. Conference with Real Property Negotiations
  - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
  - Property: Water Rights in San Dieguito Groundwater
  - Agency Negotiator: Al Lau, General Manager
  - Negotiating Parties: Olivenhain Municipal Water District
  - Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
  - (1) Potential case

*President Hogan adjourned into Closed Session at 11:21 a.m.*

*President Hogan reconvened into Open Session at 12:13 p.m. and reported no reportable actions were taken during the Closed Session.*

## ADJOURNMENT

President Hogan adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

  
Dana Frieauf  
Board Vice President

  
Albert C. Lau  
Board Secretary/Treasurer