



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

October 19, 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, and Directors Sandra Johnson and Andy Menshek. Director Magnaghi was absent.

**STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT:** General Manager Albert Lau, Director of Administrative Services Seth Gates, Director of Distribution System Chris Bozir, Director of Engineering Services Marissa Potter, Public Communications Officer Teresa Penunuri, General Counsel Nicholas Norvell, Best Best & Krieger, and a member from the public were present.

**ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA – None**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Hogan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None**

**PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS – None**

**ACTION AGENDA**

**CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. September 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

- b. September 26, 2023 Special Board Meeting
- 2. Receive and File Monthly Finance Reports
  - a. Budget Graphs
  - b. Disbursements
  - c. Monthly Investment Transaction Report
- 3. Quarterly Treasurer's Report
- 4. Quarterly Board Expenses Report

Upon a motion by Director Menshek and seconded by Director Johnson, the Board unanimously adopted the Consent Calendar except for Item Nos. 1a and 2a. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Vice President Frieauf pulled Item No. 1a, September 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, and requested to add a note stating that the Board provided their individual comments on Item No. 2.

Director Johnson pulled Item No. 2a, Budget Graphs, and DAS Gates provided clarification on the spending delays on Page 16.

Upon a motion by Vice President Frieauf and seconded by Director Johnson, the Board unanimously adopted Consent Calendar Item Nos. 1a and 2a. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

**ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 5. Reject All Construction Bids for the Filter Washwater Header and Associated Piping Project J-2354

GM Lau introduced the item and informed the Board that this item was not presented to the Water Resources Committee as there was no meeting in October.

DES Potter presented the item and responded to questions from the Board.

Upon a motion by Director Johnson and seconded by Vice President Frieauf, the Board unanimously approved to reject all construction bids for the Filter Washwater Header and

Associated Piping Project J-2354 and directed staff to take the appropriate action. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

6. Discussion and Other Associated Actions Related to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation

DAS Bozir presented the item and responded to questions from the Board.

DAS Bozir will provide the Board with the total number of after-hours requests received to date as requested by Director Menshek.

Vice President Friehauf inquired if charging stations will be available for staff's use and GM Lau stated that it is subject for discussion.

Upon a motion by Vice President Friehauf and seconded by Director Menshek, the Board unanimously voted to approve the appropriation adjustment and authorize the General Manager to execute a purchase order with National Auto Fleet Group. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

7. Water Supply and Water Use Efficiency (WUE) Regulation Update

PCO Penunuri provided a verbal update utilizing a PowerPoint presentation and responded to questions from the Board. PCO Penunuri reported on the following items:

- Seasonal Temperature Outlook
- Seasonal Precipitation Outlook
- Current Conditions on Major Water Supply Reservoirs

PCO Penunuri informed the Board that the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) letter is not available at this time. Comment letters were submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, and the rulemaking will take effect one year from this date.

PCO Penunuri will provide a full update on all the bills that the District is tracking and potential impacts at the November Board meeting.

## REPORTS

8. Operations Reports
  - a. R.E. Badger Filtration Plant Report
  - b. Water Resources Report
9. Board Reports
  - a. San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) Board Meeting Report

President Hogan reported that SDCWA held a special Board meeting on October 12, 2023, focusing on scenario planning.

- b. Other Meetings/Conferences

Vice President Frieauf attended the ACWA Board meeting on September 29, 2023, the Voice of San Diego Politifest 2023 on October 7, 2023, and Council of Water Utilities Lunch on October 17, 2023.

Director Menshek attended the ACWA Exploring the Impact of Illegal Marijuana Cultivation on California's Water Resources webinar on October 17, 2023.

## DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

*Director's comments are comments by Directors concerning District business, which may be of interest to the Board. They are placed on the Agenda to enable the individual Board members to convey information to the Board and the public. No action is to be taken on comments made by the Board members.*

10. Directors' Comments

President Hogan announced that he will not be at the November Board meeting.

11. Future Agenda Items – None

12. General Manager's Report

GM Lau thanked the Board for providing the comments on LAFCO's presentation last month. The District will prepare a written comment based on the input received and will be submitted by the end of this month. President Hogan requested that the comment letter is presented to the Executive Committee prior to submission.

GM Lau reported that he attended the Voice of San Diego Politifest 2023 on October 7, 2023.

GM Lau informed the Board that the AMI Survey will be going out today to all existing users and will be posted on our website next week. He also informed the Board that the District is

coordinating with former Director Westphal a tour of our R.E. Badger Water Treatment Plant with the Rancho Santa Fe Infrastructure Committee on October 30, 2023.

13. General Counsel's Comments

GC Norvell provided an update on SB 1439, 2022, Amendments to Levine Act/Political Reform Act, that took effect on January 1, 2023, which now applies to all elected Board members.

GM Lau informed the Board that the District is planning to update the Administrative Code.

**INFORMATION ITEMS – None**

**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)*

14. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

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

15. 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

16. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957  
Title: General Counsel

***President Hogan adjourned into Closed Session at 9:49 a.m.***

***President Hogan reconvened into Open Session at 10:50 a.m. and reported no reportable actions were taken during the Closed Session.***

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Hogan adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.



Dana Friehauf  
Board Vice President



Albert C. Lau  
Board Secretary/Treasurer