



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

February 20, 2020
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 Kenneth Dunford, and Directors Marlene King and Andy Menshek

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Director David Petree

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT: General Manager Albert Lau, Executive Assistant Kim Johnson, Administrative Services Manager Seth Gates, Engineering Services Manager Rania Amen, Distribution System Manager Chris Bozir, Water Treatment Plant Manager Tim Bailey, Associate Civil Engineer Marissa Potter, General Counsel Paula de Sousa, Best Best & Krieger, and members of the public were present. Also present was San Diego County Water Authority Water Resources Manager Elizabeth Lovsted.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Dunford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA – None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Greg Gruzdowich expressed concern over the legality of Vice President Dunford voting because he no longer lives within the Division he represents and asked for clarification on election laws enabling him to continue on the Board. He also commented he felt Mr. Dunford owed his constituency an explanation of his moving out of the District and not resigning from the Board.

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

1. San Diego County Water Authority Presentation – Governor’s Draft Water Resiliency Program

SDCWA Water Resources Manager Elizabeth Lovsted utilized a PowerPoint presentation to provide details on the Governor’s recently released Draft Water Resiliency Program and responded to questions from the Board.

The Board thanked Ms. Lovsted for her presentation.

ACTION AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

2. Approval of Minutes - January 16, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
3. Receive and File Monthly Finance Reports
 - a. Budget Performance
 - b. Disbursements
 - c. Monthly Investment Transaction Report
4. Annual Review of Director Compensation
5. Waive Full Reading and Adopt Resolution No. 20-03, Quitclaiming the District’s Rights in Easement - APN 263-191-06 (559 Ford Ave, Solana Beach)

Vice President Dunford requested to consider Items 2 and 4 separately from the Consent Calendar. Upon a motion by Director Menshek and second by Director King, the Board voted 4-0 to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended (Petree absent).

2. Approval of Minutes - January 16, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

Vice President Dunford requested that Attachment A, a verbatim script of comments given by Director King, be removed from the January 16, 2020 Board meeting minutes because he did not feel it was appropriate and did not want to set a precedent. Director Menshek asked for General Counsel direction because it is not typical to have an attachment to meeting minutes.

GC de Sousa read from the District’s Administrative Code, Article 4.5, Minutes, stating that the code offers for a summary of actions taken at the meeting and suggested that the statement given by Director King be instead made part of the agenda materials and retained as required by the District’s Administrative Code.

A motion was made by Vice President Dunford and seconded by Director Menshek, to remove the attachment from the January 16, 2020 Board meeting minutes and include the statement with the agenda materials, and to refer the matter to the Executive Committee for policy discussion. Motion passed 3-1 (King voting no, Petree absent).

4. Annual Review of Director Compensation

Vice President Dunford pulled the item to emphasize the list of County agencies, (attached to the memo) with their annual Director budgets and noted the District's expenses are quite low in comparison.

Upon a motion by Director Menshek and seconded by Vice President Dunford, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the recommendation that no changes in per diem be considered. (Petree absent)

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. FY20 Mid-Year Budget Review

ASM Gates gave a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the District's financial status at midyear. There were no mid-year adjustments requested by staff; therefore, there was no action requested or required of the Board.

7. 2020 Urban Water Management Plan

GM Lau introduced the item and ESM Amen utilized a PowerPoint presentation to highlight the actions that will be undertaken to prepare the 2020 UWMP Update as required by the State. ESM Amen and GM Lau responded to questions from the Board.

This item was an informational item. No action was requested or required of the Board.

8. Lake Hodges Operation Plan Update

ESM Amen utilized a PowerPoint presentation to provide an update on the recently developed Lake Hodges Operation Plan and responded to questions from the Board.

This item was an informational item. No action was requested or required of the Board.

9. Consider District Customer Leak Credit Policy

ASM Gates presented the item and utilized a PowerPoint presentation to provide the conditions of the proposed customer leak credit policy. He reported the item had been the subject of two robust discussions by the Administrative and Finance Committee. The AFC recommended that the Board consider whether the District should have a leak credit policy, and if yes, consider the proposed policy developed by staff.

The Board discussed the low number of other agencies who have a leak credit policy and how the District's deployment of automated meter infrastructure should play a part in this decision.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Director Menshek, seconded by President Hogan, to adopt the District's Customer Leak Credit Policy as presented by staff as a Pilot

program, to be reviewed by the Board in one year. Motion passed 3-1 (Dunford voting no, Petree absent).

The Policy will be provided as an Information Item on the regular March Board agenda.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

10. Directors' Comments

President Hogan reported he had been notified by the District that his Automated Meter will be installed soon.

11. Directors' Reports on Conferences, Activities, and Events

Vice President Dunford and President Hogan reported attended a Colorado River/Hoover Dam region tour hosted by MWD on January 31-February 1, 2020.

President Hogan reported he attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the City of Oceanside's Pure Water project on February 19, 2020.

REPORTS

12. Operations Reports

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

These reports were for the Board's information only. No action was requested or required of the Board.

13. San Diego County Water Authority Board Meeting Report – President Hogan

The written report was provided with the agenda materials.

14. Committee Reports

The written report was provided with the agenda materials.

15. General Manager's Report

- Water Supply Update

GM Lau reported that he will have a more regional update at the next Board meeting. Although storage is above average throughout the state; however, the State is tracking slightly below average rainfall for the water year and Sacramento is again using "drought" in their water supply discussions.

16. General Counsel's Comments – GC de Sousa reported that AB1184 has been reintroduced as AB2093, which would require a two year retention for email transmissions. She noted that the Governor vetoed AB1184 and no revisions have been made in the language in AB2092. Ms. de Sousa added that state agencies including California Special Districts' Association and Association of California Water Agencies have led the opposition to this bill.

INFORMATION ITEMS - None

CLOSED SESSION

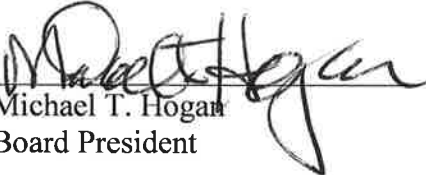
17. Conference with Legal Counsel- Existing Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)
Rancho Santa Fe Association v Santa Fe Irrigation District
Case No. 37-2018-00064214-CU-MC-NC
18. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)
Rancho Del Lago Homeowners' Association v Santa Fe Irrigation District, San Dieguito
Water District, County of San Diego, San Diego County Flood Control District
Case No. 37-2019-00047074-CU-OR-NC

President Hogan adjourned into Closed Session for 11:30 a.m.

President Hogan reconvened into Open Session at 11:42 p.m. and reported no reportable actions were taken in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hogan adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.


Michael T. Hogan
Board President


Albert C. Lau
Board Secretary/Treasurer

