



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

March 17, 2022
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 Sandra Johnson, and Directors Dana Frieauf, Andy Menshek, and Kenneth Westphal were present.

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT: General Manager Albert Lau, Board Secretary Kim Johnson, Administrative Services Manager Seth Gates, Distribution System Manager Chris Bozir, Engineering Services Manager Marissa Potter, Water Treatment Plant Manager Tim Bailey, Public Communications Officer Teresa Penunuri, Customer Service Representative II Rene Heraz, General Counsel Paula de Sousa, Best Best & Krieger, and members of the public were present. Also present was Jack Bebee, Fallbrook Public Utility District General Manager, Juan Guerreiro, City of San Diego Public Utilities Department Interim Director, and Stephanie Smith, Best Best & Krieger.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hogan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

1. Employee Recognition – Rene Heraz, Celebrating 5 years with the District

GM Lau introduced Mr. Heraz, provided comments about his service to the District, and thanked him for his dedication. The Board congratulated Mr. Heraz on his five year anniversary and also thanked him for his service.

2. City of San Diego Lake Hodges Presentation

GM Lau introduced the item and Mr. Juan Guerreiro, Interim Director, Public Utilities Department, City of San Diego, who utilized a PowerPoint presentation to provide an overview of Lake Hodges Dam Improvement Projects, short term and long term, including conceptual improvement alternatives and proposed project timelines. He and GM Lau responded to questions from the Board.

The Board thanked Mr. Guerreiro for taking the time to provide such an informative update.

3. Fallbrook PUD/Rainbow MWD Detachment Presentation

Jack Bebee, Fallbrook General Manager, utilized a PowerPoint presentation to share an overview of the detachment, including a map of Fallbrook Public Utility District and Rainbow Municipal Water District service areas in relation to Metropolitan Water District (MWD) pipelines and San Diego County Water Authority (CWA) pipelines, noting Fallbrook and Rainbow are the only CWA member agencies with direct MWD connections and have the ability to run infrastructure in their service area off MWD pipelines. He provided background information and reviewed previous actions taken which led to Fallbrook and Rainbow submitting detachment applications to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). Mr. Bebee shared a graph showing CWA water rate projections at a higher rate compared to Eastern Municipal Water District's (Eastern) projections and explained Fallbrook and Rainbow are in an area in which they can annex into Eastern's system resulting in significant savings for the Districts. He reviewed actions taken by CWA opposing the detachment unless certain conditions are met and explained negotiations between the entities were unsuccessful. In closing, he shared options for CWA to offset cost impacts and stated Fallbrook and Rainbow's Board of Directors are supportive of moving forward with the detachment process. Mr. Bebee responded to Board questions regarding aspects of the negotiation process and why negotiations were unsuccessful.

GM Lau reported that the San Diego County Water Authority will provide a presentation to the Board at their regular April meeting on this subject.

ACTION AGENDA

CONSENT ITEMS

4. Approval of Minutes – February 17, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
5. Receive and File Monthly Finance Reports
 - a. Budget Graphs
 - b. Disbursements
 - c. Monthly Investment Transaction Report
6. Findings to Continue Holding Remote/Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361
7. Authorize the General Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with The Pun Group, LLC for Auditing Services

Upon a motion by Director Menshek and second by Director Friehauf, the Board unanimously adopted the Consent Calendar. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Friehauf, Johnson, Menshek, Westphal, and Hogan
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARING

8. Review of Redistricting Alternatives

GM Lau introduced the item and Stephanie Smith, BB&K Demographer, utilized a PowerPoint presentation to again share the requirements upon which redistricting must be based and Google maps to present the proposed options, including the addition of Option 4, for public review and Board consideration.

President Hogan opened the Public Hearing.

Board Secretary Johnson read an email received providing public comment.

Al Evans, on behalf of the St. Francis Court HOA, supported options 2 or 3 as most beneficial to their development, comparing their use and lot sizes to Solana Beach, and that their community shares Solana Beach characteristics.

President Hogan invited public comment from those attending in person.

Al Evans provided additional public comments reiterating the written comments provided, noting their neighborhood feels Division 2 is a much better fit than Division 1, and encouraged the Board to support either option 2 or 3.

Seeing no one present wishing to speak, President Hogan closed the Public Hearing.

The Board engaged in discussion of all four options, sharing their support and concerns for each.

After discussion, a motion was made by Director Menshek and seconded by President Hogan to approve Option 3 for Division boundaries for the District.

Roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Friehauf, Johnson, Menshek, Westphal, and Hogan
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. Adopt Resolution No. 22-03, Adjusting the Boundaries of District Divisions Pursuant to Census 2020

Upon a motion by Director Menshek and second by Vice President Johnson, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 22-03, Adjusting the Boundaries of District Divisions Pursuant to Census 2020. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Friehauf, Johnson, Menshek, Westphal, and Hogan

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

10. Review and Discuss Continued Participation in North San Diego County Regional Recycled Water Project Joint Lobbying Cost Share Agreement (*Continued from February 17, 2022*)

GM Lau presented the item and shared a list of projects that had benefitted from participation in the Coalition.

After discussion, a motion was made by Vice President Johnson and seconded by Director Friehauf to not support continued District participation in the Joint Lobbying Agreement; however, reserving the opportunity to revisit this effort in the future if District projects, including potable reuse projects, warrant renewed involvement. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Friehauf, Johnson, Menshek, Westphal, and Hogan

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

11. Adopt Resolution No. 22-04, Honoring San Dieguito Water District's 100-year Anniversary

GM Lau presented the item, commenting that San Dieguito Water District proposes many upcoming celebrations which will be shared with the Board once details are received.

Upon a motion by Director Menshek and second by Vice President Johnson, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 22-04, honoring San Dieguito Water District's 100-year Anniversary. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Friehauf, Johnson, Menshek, Westphal, and Hogan
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

President Hogan called for a recess at 10:27 a.m.

President Hogan reconvened the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

12. Water Supply Update

PCO Penunuri presented the item and responded to questions from the Board. This item was for the Board's information only. No action was requested or required of the Board.

13. Legislative Update

PCO Penunuri presented the item and responded to questions from the Board. This item was for the Board's information only. No action was requested or required of the Board.

14. Ad Hoc Committee on SFID 100-yr Anniversary Celebration Report

PCO Penunuri presented the item and responded to questions from the Board. This item was for the Board's information only. No action was requested or required of the Board.

REPORTS

15. Operations Reports

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

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

16. Board Reports

- a. San Diego County Water Authority Board Meeting Report

In addition to the written report included with the agenda materials, President Hogan reported that he participated in the SDCWA Board Workshop which focused on improving Board communication. He was happy to report that approximately 90% of the Directors attended in person. Mr. Hogan also shared that he had been appointed by SDCWA Board Chair Gary Croucher to chair a newly established Ad Hoc Committee to develop a Code of Civil Discourse for the SDCWA Board.

- b. Other Meetings/Conferences

Director Friehauf reported she attended the following:

- February 10, 2022 – ACWA Legislative Symposium
- February 15, 2022 – Council of Water Utilities, speaker Alex Tardy, NOAA

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

17. Directors' Comments

Vice President Johnson commented she has informed Christy Whalen, RSFA General Manager, and Bill Weber, RSFA Board President, of the upcoming Cost of Service workshops.

Director Westphal reported that he recently resigned from the RSFA Water Committee and will participate in a different committee to avoid any potential conflict while serving on the SFID Board.

18. Future Agenda Items – No items were requested

19. General Manager's Report - GM Lau reported that the City of Oceanside is hosting a Ribbon Cutting at their Pure Water facility on March 22, 2022 and all Directors are invited to attend.

20. General Counsel's Comments - GC de Sousa reported on the following:

- Two pieces of proposed legislation related to local government teleconferencing and the benefit in continuing virtual participation (AB 1944 and AB 2449);
- An initiative proposed by Tom Hiltachk, attorney, with a circulation title of "Limits Ability of Voters and State and Local Governments to Raise Revenue for Governmental Services," which would place additional restrictions on and further limit the ability of local government to set fees and charges. If enough signatures are gathered, it will be placed on the November 2022 General Election ballot.

INFORMATION ITEMS


- 21. News Release – FEMA Infrastructure Funding for Dam Safety
- 22. Letter to Metropolitan Water District, Comments on Proposed Rates.

These items were for the Board's information only.


CLOSED SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT

President Hogan adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

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