



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

April 21, 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, Senior Utility Worker Eric Christiansen, Water Treatment Operator III Tommy Booker, General Counsel Paula de Sousa, Best Best & Krieger, and members of the public were present. Also present was Dan Denham, San Diego County Water Authority Deputy General Manager, Chris Palmer, CSDA Senior Public Affairs Field Coordinator, Andy Sells, ACWA/JPIA Chief Executive Officer and Adrienne Beatty, ACWA/JPIA Assistant Executive Officer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hogan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

1. Employee Recognition:
 - a. Tommy Booker, celebrating 25 years with the District
 - b. Eric Christiansen, celebrating 25 years with the District
 - c. Introduction of New Hires:

- i. Francisco Aparicio, Utility Worker I
- ii. Warren Wilson, Utility Worker I

GM Lau introduced Mr. Booker and Mr. Christiansen and provided an overview of their service accomplishments with the District. Mr. Booker expressed his gratitude to his fellow coworkers and the Board for the successful 25 years he has had and looked forward to many more. Mr. Christiansen also thanked District staff and the Board for the 25 years of support. The Board thanked Mr. Booker and Mr. Christiansen and congratulated them on this milestone.

GM Lau introduced Mr. Aparicio and Mr. Wilson and provided their backgrounds prior to joining the District. The Board welcomed them both.

2. ACWA JPIA Refund Check Presentation – Andy Sells, JPIA CEO

GM Lau introduced Mr. Sells, who congratulated the District on their ongoing safety “culture” and performance which awarded them over \$59,000, commenting that this amount represents the District’s share of the pool returned to JPIA member agencies based on claims. He added that the District staff had participated in over 3,000 virtual classes during COVID and said that commitment directly correlates to the culture and dedication.

The Board thanked Mr. Sells and congratulated staff on this accomplishment.

3. Special District Leadership Foundation District (SDLF) Transparency Certificate of Excellence Presentation– Chris Palmer, CSDA

GM Lau introduced Mr. Palmer, who presented the District with the SDLF Transparency Certificate of Excellence. He added that the next level is the District of Distinction which only 36 of nearly 3,400 California special districts have achieved. Mr. Palmer thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend and present the award.

The Board thanked Mr. Palmer for his attendance and thanked staff for the achievement.

4. San Diego County Water Authority – Update on Fallbrook PUD and Rainbow MWD Detachment – Dan Denham, Deputy General Manager

President Hogan introduced Mr. Denham, who utilized a PowerPoint presentation to provide an overview of the proposed detachment and explained the complexities if this were to occur.

Mr. Denham responded to questions from the Board and shared the potential impacts, both environmentally and financially, if the detachment moved forward.

The Board thanked Mr. Denham for his informative presentation.

**ACTION AGENDA
CONSENT ITEMS**

5. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. March 17, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
 - b. March 30, 2022 Special Board Meeting
6. Receive and File Monthly Finance Reports
 - a. Budget Graphs
 - b. Disbursements
 - c. Monthly Investment Transaction Report
7. Quarterly Treasurer's Report
8. Quarterly Board Expenses Report
9. Receive and File Updated OPEB Actuarial Valuation Report
10. Findings to Continue Holding Remote/Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361

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

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

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

11. Review FY23 Proposed District Budget

ASM Gates presented the item and responded to questions from the Board. Mr. Gates utilized a PowerPoint presentation to provide an overview of revenue sources, reserve fund requirements, and expenses. He added that Board policies will be incorporated into revenue requirements in the upcoming cost of service study.

President Hogan called for a recess at 10:35 a.m
President Hogan reconvened the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

ASM Gates noted some minor modifications will be made prior to Board consideration of the final draft FY23 budget at their regular May meeting, including the San Diego County Water Authority final water rates.

12. Consider Actions Related to and for the Cielo Pump Station Valve Replacement Project (J-2052):
 - a. Award a Construction Contract for Project J-2052 to the lowest responsive bidder, Ahrens Mechanical, in the amount of \$649,200 (SFID \$372,186 and SDWD \$277,014); and

- b. Authorize the General Manager to approve, if necessary up to \$97,380 for construction contingency (SFID \$ SFID \$55,828 and SDWD \$41,552); and
- c. Adopt Resolution No 22-05 finding the Condition Assessment and Rehabilitation Recommendations Project (Projects J-2052), Categorically Exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act and Approving the Projects

GM Lau introduced ESM Potter who utilized a PowerPoint presentation to provide an overview of the actions requested of the Board and responded to questions from the Board.

After discussion, a motion was made by Director Menshek and seconded by Director Frieauf to:

- Award a Construction Contract for Project J-2052 to the lowest responsive bidder, Ahrens Mechanical, in the amount of \$649,200 (SFID \$372,186 and SDWD \$277,014); and
- Authorize the General Manager to approve, if necessary up to \$97,380 for construction contingency (SFID \$ SFID \$55,828 and SDWD \$41,552); and
- Adopt Resolution No 22-05 finding the Condition Assessment and Rehabilitation Recommendations Project (Projects J-2052), Categorically Exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act and Approving the Projects

Roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Motion passed unanimously.

13. Water Supply Update

The written report was included with the agenda materials. There was no action requested or required of the Board.

14. Legislative Update

The written report was included with the agenda materials. There was no action 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 commented on the efforts of the San Diego delegates to the Metropolitan Water District Board to reduce the MWD rate increase to 5% for each of the next two years versus the 8-9% MWD staff had proposed.

b. Other Meetings/Conferences

Director Friehauf reported she attended the following:

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| 3/22/22 | Oceanside Pure Water Project Ribbon Cutting |
| 3/25/22 | ACWA Board meeting |
| 3/30/22 | Women In Water Symposium |
| 4/13/22 | ACWA Board Strategic Planning |

President Hogan reported he also attended the March 22, 2022 Oceanside Pure Water ribbon cutting event.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

17. Directors' Comments

Vice President Johnson thanked Mr. Denham for his presentation.

President Hogan reported that the City of Solana Beach is hosting a workshop this evening on a proposed neighborhood pocket park.

18. Future Agenda Items

Director Menshek requested an update on available recycled water projects be presented to the Water Resources Committee/Board.

19. General Manager's Report - GM Lau reported on the following:

- The Community meeting tonight in Solana Beach on the proposed pocket park will be attended by ESM Potter;
- Staff is working with the city of San Diego on a press release regarding the emergency repairs needed at Lake Hodges Dam;
- The Oxygenation Project at Lake Hodges, installed several years ago utilizing some grant funding in conjunction with the SDCWA and City of San Diego could help aquatic life during the Lake draw down.

20. General Counsel's Comments - No further comments

ADJOURNMENT

President Hogan adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

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