



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

September 19, 2019
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 MEMBER ABSENT: Director David Petree*
**Director Petree arrived at 8:32 a.m.*

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT: General Manager Albert Lau, Executive Assistant Kim Johnson, Administrative Services Manager Seth Gates, Engineering Services Manager Bill Hunter, Associate Civil Engineer Marissa Potter, Distribution System Manager Chris Bozir, Water Treatment Plant Manager Tim Bailey, Public Communications Officer Mary Montgomery, Senior Accounting Technician Erica Saenz, General Counsel Paula de Sousa Mills, Best Best & Krieger, and members of the public were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Director Menshek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA – None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

**Director Petree arrived at 8:32 a.m.*

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

- 1. Presentation of the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the District’s FY 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

ASM Gates reported on the receipt of this award, for the 13th consecutive year, and thanked the Board and staff for their work necessary to achieve this honor. The Board congratulated staff and GM Lau thanked staff for their diligence.

- 2. Introduction of New Water Treatment Plant Manager, Tim Bailey
- 3. Introduction of New Distribution System Manager, Chris Bozir
- 4. Introduction of New Employee – Mary Montgomery, Public Communications Officer

GM Lau introduced the employees and stated he looks forward to working with each of them in their new careers.

- 5. Employee Recognition – Erica Saenz, 5 years with the District

GM Lau introduced Ms. Saenz, and provided brief comments about her service to the District. The Board congratulated Ms. Saenz and thanked her for her service.

- 6. San Diego County Water Authority Presentation on AB1668 (Conservation Way of Life)

GM Lau introduced Elizabeth Lovsted, SDCWA Water Resources Manager, who utilized a PowerPoint presentation to report SDCWA activities to implement SB606 and AB1668. She responded to questions from the Board on variances, weather impacts, and how individual properties would be evaluated for irrigated and irrigable areas. President Hogan thanked Ms. Lovsted for the comprehensive presentation.

President Hogan invited public comment.

Rory Kendall commented that the presentation did not address water supplies and that rate payers are being blamed for excessive use. He added that no new sources of water are identified and development is not being taxed.

**ACTION AGENDA
CONSENT ITEMS**

- 7. Approval of Minutes
 - a. June 20, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
 - b. August 15, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
- 8. Receive and File Monthly Finance Reports
 - a. Budget Performance
 - b. Disbursements

- c. Monthly Investment Transaction Report
- 9. Cast District Vote for ACWA 2020-2021, Region 10 Officers and Board Members Election
- 10. Waive Full Reading and Adopt Resolution No. 19-11, Quitclaiming the District's Rights to Two Easements crossing APN 267-020-21 (6923 La Valle Plateada, Rancho Santa Fe
- 11. Authorize a Budget Amendment for \$7,615.53 and Authorize the General Manager to Execute Purchase Contract for CASE 570N Skip-loader

Upon a motion by Director Menshek and second by Vice President Dunford, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Consent Calendar.

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 12. Reject All Construction Bids for the Mechanical Dewatering Improvements and San Dieguito Dam Improvements Projects J-1752/1753/1754 and Reject Bid Protest

President Hogan reported that a Confidential Memorandum had been sent electronically by General Counsel to the Board prior to today's meeting to avert a Closed Session; however, Counsel is available if any Director wished to meet in Closed Session.

Seeing no one wishing to adjourn to Closed Session, a motion was made by Director Menshek and seconded by Director Petree to reject all construction bids for the Mechanical Dewatering Improvements and San Dieguito Dam Improvements Projects J-1752/1753/1754 and Reject Bid Protest. Motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

- 13. Directors' Comments

Director King reported on the State spending money to eliminate nutria, a small aquatic-type rodent type animal who eats vegetation that can weaken levees. She commented she had an uncle who worked in South America and hunted nutria resulting in a coat made for his wife. Director King added that she had made a cape for a "Barbie doll" from those fur scraps in her youth.

- 14. Directors' Reports on Conferences, Activities, and Events - None

REPORTS

- 15. 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.

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

In addition to the written report included with the agenda materials, President Hogan reported on the following:

- He is a member of the SDCWA Fiscal Sustainability Task Force who is reviewing the fiscal outlook and current Cost of Service study as related to potential “roll offs” and the financial impacts. He added a long-term continuation of the Temporary Special Agricultural Water Rate is being considered and that new applications may be accepted for program participation.

17. Committee Reports

The Committee Reports were included with the agenda materials.

18. General Manager’s Report – No report

19. General Counsel’s Comments – No comments

INFORMATION ITEMS – None

CLOSED SESSION


20. 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

21. Conference with Legal Counsel- Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of
Government Code Section 54956.9
One potential case


President Hogan reported that Closed Session will be discussed following the Board workshop; therefore, Items 20 and 21 would not be discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hogan adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.



Michael T. Hogan
Board President



Albert C. Lau
Board Secretary/Treasurer