

September 26, 2018
Regular Meeting
5:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District convened in regular session on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the San Benito County Water District office at 30 Mansfield Road, Hollister, California. Members present were: Vice President Sonny Flores and Directors John Tobias, Frank Bettencourt, and Bob Huenemann; President Joe Tonascia was absent. Also present were District Manager/Engineer Jeff Cattaneo, District Counsel David E. Pipal and Supervising Accountant Natalie Sullivan.

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of President Tonascia, Vice President Flores called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

- a. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
Vice President Flores led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b. **Speakers will be limited to 5 minutes to address the Board; rebuttal will be limited to 3 minutes; no new business agenda items will be heard after 8:00 p.m.**
- c. **Approval of Agenda**
With a motion by Director Tobias and a second by Director Bettencourt, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the Agenda.
- d. **Public Input: Members of the Public are Invited to Speak on any Matter not on the Agenda**
There was no public input.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Approval of Minutes for: August 29, 2018 Regular Meeting**
2. **Allowance of Claims**
Regarding Claims, Director Bettencourt asked what project Mark Nicholson completed, as reflected in the claims. Mrs. Sullivan stated it was for a repair on Riverside Road. Mr. Cattaneo added the District utilizes Nicholson when paving repairs are needed.
3. **Acknowledgement of Paid Claims prior to the September Board Meeting**

With no further questions from the Board, a motion was made by Director Huenemann and a second by Director Tobias; the Board of Directors unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA:

4. **Discuss and Consider a Budget Adjustment to the 2018-2019 Budget, adding 1 more Water Distribution Maintenance I/II/III position**
Mr. Cattaneo stated the Board approved, as part of the 2018-2019 Budget, 4 Water Distribution Maintenance positions. Until 2016, the District ran the O & M Department with 5 of these positions but when we had two employees leave, one retired and one left the District, Mr. Cattaneo stated he decided to run the department with 4 employees to improve its efficiency. He reported the efficiency has greatly improved and the District

has 2 candidates, both with a Class A License. Due to the reduction in personnel, it has been difficult to keep up with the regular maintenance work or complete any of the extra projects reported Mr. Cattaneo. Staff and the Personnel Committee are asking the Board to amend the current budget by increasing the staffing of the Water Distribution Maintenance I/II/III by 1 and the budget to be increased by \$100,000.

With a motion by Director Tobias and second by Director Bettencourt, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the Budget Adjustment to the 2018/2019 Budget, adding 1 more Water Distribution Maintenance I/II/III and increasing the budget for this department by \$100,000.

5. Committee/Agency Representative Reports:

a) San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority (Tobias/Tonascia)

As per Mr. Cattaneo, he will cover this under his report.

b) Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority (Bettencourt/Flores)

As per Director Bettencourt, the Authority continues to discuss the levee project.

c) Water Resources Association (Flores/Bettencourt)

As per Director Flores, he was not in attendance at the meeting.

d) Personnel Committee (Tobias/Tonascia)

As per Director Tobias, the committee discussed the Water Maintenance position. Staff and the committee agreed having adequate personnel to do repairs and keep the system running was important.

6. District Manager/Engineer's Report:

a) Reach 1 Operations

Mr. Cattaneo reported that the Pacheco Rehab Project is now complete. Discussion continues on whether it finished on or over budget. Mr. Cattaneo and Mrs. Singleton had a meeting with SCVWD to discuss these discrepancies and how to resolve them.

b) Zone 3 Operations

Mr. Cattaneo reported that District staff will begin the Hernandez Reservoir Spillway repair next Monday. The first step will be having staff pull out the other ram for repair. The first phase will take about 2 weeks and there is a lot of miscellaneous work to do while the ram is being repaired. When the ram is repaired and reinstalled, both rams will have been repaired and should have a life of 5-10 years before any maintenance would be necessary.

c) Zone 6 Operations

Mr. Cattaneo reported staff continues to work on the schedule for the shutdown in November/December, which would involve subsystems 7-11. Subsystems 7-9 will be down for about 3 days and 10 & 11 for about 4 days. Additional work will be needed at Flow 2 to Sub 10.

d) San Luis Delta Mendota Authority Activities

Mr. Cattaneo reported there is a 50% exceedance for refilling of the San Luis Reservoir, meaning a 50/50 chance for the reservoir to fill. Mr. Cattaneo predicts San Luis Reservoir will likely not fill. Discussion ensued about whether the Federal Government will pull water from Shasta. Mr. Cattaneo further reported that it will depend on the hydrology and whether there is sufficient rainfall as that will determine if the State Water Resources Control Board decides enough can be run through the San Joaquin River to fill San Luis Reservoir on Federal side. Mr. Cattaneo reported ACWA and the State Farming Alliance are working on the alternative plans for flows. The Authority is still seeking a new Executive Director.

Mr. Cattaneo stated the USBR and the State are working on a Seismic Retrofit for San Luis Reservoir by raising it up about 20 feet. However, this raise would not increase the capacity. The Authority is considering looking at increasing it by an additional 10 to 20 feet and that could add about another 150,000 AF of storage. The Federal government would own the facility, similar to San Justo Reservoir, but the partners could operate that storage and control that storage. The cost for this would be about \$700 million. Negotiations would need to occur between the Bureau and the Authority. Participation between the partners would be through an Activity Agreement. If the District chose to participate our share would be 2.5% of the \$700 million for about 2.5% of storage.

e) SGMA Update

Mr. Cattaneo reported the next TAC (Technical Advisory Committee) Meeting will be on November 7th to discuss the draft plan. Also, the first Public Workshop has been scheduled for November 14th at the Veteran's Memorial Building.

f) Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project

Mr. Cattaneo reported SCVWD is working with consultants to begin the design and environmental work. Also, Mr. Cattaneo will be meeting with SCVWD on the first Monday of each month to go review the progress and to create the 4 agreements between our two Districts for the project. The 4 agreements are: Allocation Agreement, Provisional Operating Agreement, Overhead Issues and Funding

Director Tobias asked about the additional \$100 million of Federal Grant funds previously discussed. Mr. Cattaneo reported SCVWD is still pursuing this grant funding.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

7. Conference with legal counsel—Existing litigation

Government Code 54956.9(a)

San Benito County Water District v. Randy McAlpine (CL-13-00437)

The Board retired into Executive Session at 5:25 p.m.

8. **OPEN SESSION:**

The Board returned to Open Session at 5:38 p.m.

Report action, if any

Vice President reported there was no action taken.

9. **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Joe Tonascia, President

Barbara L. Mauro, Board Clerk