

October 31, 2018  
Regular Meeting  
5:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District convened in regular session on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the San Benito County Water District office at 30 Mansfield Road, Hollister, California. Members present were: President Joe Tonascia, Vice President Sonny Flores and Director John Tobias; Directors Frank Bettencourt, and Bob Huenemann were absent. Also present were District Counsel David E. Pipal, Assistant Manager Sara Singleton, Supervising Accountant Natalie Sullivan and Board Clerk/Office Specialist III Barbara Mauro.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Tonascia called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

- a. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**  
President Tonascia 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 Vice President Flores, the Agenda was unanimously approved.
- d. **Public Input: Members of the Public are Invited to Speak on any Matter not on the Agenda**  
There were no public comments.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **Approval of Minutes for: September 26, 2018 Regular Meeting**
2. **Allowance of Claims**
3. **Acknowledgement of Paid Claims prior to the October Board Meeting**
4. **Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report, Ending September 30, 2018**

With no questions from the Board, a motion was made by Vice President Flores and seconded by Director Tobias; the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

### **REGULAR AGENDA:**

5. **Discuss and Consider Approval of Grant Agreement between the State of California (Department of Water Resources) and San Benito County Water District, Agreement 4600012676, 2017 Proposition 1, Sustainable Groundwater Planning (SGMP) Grant and Authorize the District Manager to sign agreement**  
Mrs. Singleton stated this agreement is the culmination of the efforts with the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the Prop 1 grant funding for the GSP preparation. Once the District has executed the agreement, staff can begin to submit invoices against the grant. Mrs. Singleton then gave a brief timeline of the grant process.

Director Tobias asked if the District has to do submittals to get the grant funds. Mrs. Singleton stated yes, the District will file submittals and then be reimbursed for expenses incurred as a result of the GSP process. She added the District is working in conjunction with our two consultants on this process, Todd Groundwater and Data Instincts.

President Tonascia asked why the District's name isn't on all of the exhibits. Mrs. Singleton stated this was corrected once before but it appears the final documents have reverted back to the same error. She stated the amounts in the exhibits are correct, it is just a name issue. Mrs. Singleton will work with the DWR to make the corrections.

With no further questions, Director Tobias made a motion to approve, subject to the correction of the District's name on the exhibits; it was then seconded by Vice President Flores; the Board of Directors unanimously Approved of the Grant Agreement between the State of California (Department of Water Resources) and San Benito County Water District, Agreement 4600012676, 2017 Proposition 1, Sustainable Groundwater Planning (SGMP) Grant and Authorized the District Manager to sign agreement.

**6. Discuss and Consider setting the September, November and December Board Meeting dates for 2019**

Mrs. Mauro reviewed the calendars for September, November and December, 2019 and gave the staff's recommendation for board meetings in those months.

With a motion by Vice President Flores and a second by Director Tobias, the Board of Directors unanimously approved to move both the November and December Board Meetings, due to the holidays, to November 20, 2018 and December 18, 2019 respectively.

**7. Consider Authorizing Director Attendance at the 2018 ACWA/JPIA's Board of Directors' Meeting on November 26 through 27, 2018, San Diego, California**

Mrs. Singleton stated Director Bettencourt usually attends the Board of Directors meeting for ACWA/JPIA, but he is not tonight's meeting. The Board agreed to allow his attendance, if he is interested.

**8. Consider Authorizing the District Manager (or his Designee) and Director Attendance at the 2018 ACWA Fall Conference, November 27 through November 30, 2018 in San Diego, California**

President Tonascia and Vice President Flores expressed interest in attending the ACWA Conference. With a motion by Director Tobias and a second by Vice President Flores, the Board of Directors unanimously approved Board attendance at the 2018 ACWA Fall Conference, November 27 through November 30, 2018 in San Diego, California.

**9. Committee/Agency Representative Reports:**

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

Mrs. Singleton stated she will cover this under the Manager's report.

**b) Administration Committee (Tobias/Flores)**

Mrs. Singleton reported the committee discussed the lease renewal for 10 Mansfield Road. The committee asked staff to do some further research.

**10. District Manager/Engineer's Report:**

**a) Reach 1 Operations**

Mrs. Singleton reported a meeting is scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup>, per the District's request, to meet with Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) to review the recap of the Pacheco Rehab Project. Also, she reported the quarterly meeting is scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**b) Zone 3 Operations**

Mrs. Singleton reported District staff has completed the rehab of both hydraulic cylinders for the valves at Hernandez Reservoir. She added the spillway repairs will continue into next year and that the District will work with a contractor in the future to replace the rip/rap at the end of the spillway. Mrs. Singleton stated the repair will be discussed further at a future meeting and staff will offer the Board some photos of the repairs. She stated the reservoir is ready to go for the upcoming year and staff will use the Hernandez Ops plan to guide releases. It is likely all water from the upcoming year will be released.

**c) Zone 6 Operations**

Mrs. Singleton reported the District continues to percolate and have percolated 2965 AF since October 2017 in Tres Pinos and San Benito River.

**d) San Luis Delta Mendota Authority Activities**

Mrs. Singleton reported the Authority's final strategic planning session is scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup> and they continue their search for a new executive director. She reported Friant is still pursuing the Temperance Flats Reservoir but the District will not be participating. Mrs. Singleton reported storage projection without Phase 1 of the San Joaquin Water Quality Control Plan is that San Luis Reservoir will fill under the 50% exceedance scenario; 90% exceedance is that it won't fill and will be 100,000 AF short. She added SJWQCP is still an open issue and the next decision date will be following the elections, with Westlands leading the effort for revisions. If all phases of the plan happen, Ag deliveries would be approximately 10-15% which would mean a 50% M & I Allocation.

**e) SGMA Update**

Mrs. Singleton reported the second Technical Advisory Meeting for SGMA is scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup> and the first Public Workshop is scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans Memorial Hall.

**f) Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project**

Mrs. Singleton reported staffs of both SBCWD and SCVWD will begin meeting monthly on the project, with the first meeting scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, she reported the Finance Committee will need to begin meeting for discussions on the agreements that will be necessary for the project. SCVWD is making progress with landowner agreements for access and they continue to look at WIIN Act and other federal funding opportunities for the project.

**11. Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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Joe Tonascia, President

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Barbara L. Mauro, Board Clerk