

November 28, 2018
Regular Meeting
5:01 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District convened in regular session on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 5:01 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 Directors John Tobias and Frank Bettencourt; Director Bob Huenemann was absent. Also present were District Manager/Engineer Jeff Cattaneo, District Counsel David E. Pipal, Assistant Manager Sara Singleton, Deputy District Engineer Garrett Haertel, Supervising Accountant Natalie Sullivan and Board Clerk/Office Specialist III Barbara Mauro.

CALL TO ORDER

President Tonascia called the meeting to order at 5:01 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 Bettencourt and a second by Director 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: October 31, 2018 Regular Meeting**
- 2. **Allowance of Claims**
- 3. **Acknowledgement of Paid Claims prior to the November Board Meeting**
- 4. **State Water Rights Fees**
 - a. **Approve Payment of Water Rights Fees Under Protest and Petition for Reconsideration for Zone 6**

Prior to the Board making a motion or taking a vote, Mr. Cattaneo stated the District would be considering paying item #4, the State Water Rights Fees, but NOT under Protest.

Making that notation, a motion was made by Vice President Flores and seconded by Director Bettencourt, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

REGULAR AGENDA:

- 5. **Confirming President changing name of Pacheco Reservoir Exploratory Committee to Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project Committee**
Mr. Cattaneo stated this is simply a change in the name due to the change in the project. With a motion by Director Tobias and a second by Director Bettencourt, the Board of

Directors unanimously confirmed the President's name change of Pacheco Reservoir Exploratory Committee to the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project Committee.

6. Committee/Agency Representative Reports:

- a) **San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority (Tobias/Tonascia)**
As per Mr. Cattaneo, he will cover this under his Manager's Report.
- b) **Water Resources Association (Flores/Bettencourt)**
As per Director Flores, general business was discussed.
- c) **Finance Committee (Bettencourt/Tonascia)**
As per Directors Bettencourt and Tonascia, rates were discussed.

7. District Manager/Engineer's Report:

- a) **Reach 1 Operations**
Mr. Cattaneo reported Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) is still working on the recap of the Pacheco Rehab Project. Also, Mr. Haertel will attend a Lessons Learned Meeting which pertains to the Pacheco Inspection Project.
- b) **Zone 3 Operations**
Mr. Cattaneo reported repair work on the valves is complete. The spillway work is approximately half done and will be completed next year. Also, a contractor will likely need to be hired to bring in some large rocks to place near the bottom of the spillway chute.
- c) **Zone 6 Operations**
Mr. Cattaneo reported that the shutdown is being postponed. The valve order has been delayed so staff has decided to wait until January instead for the shutdown, so all of the valves will be in.
- d) **San Luis Delta Mendota Authority Activities**
Mr. Cattaneo reported the Authority is currently dealing with an issue with the tile drain. There is an agreement with the USBR to do O & M on the tile drains but the issue is whose responsibility it is to maintain and who reaps the benefits. There will be a special meeting on December 10th where further discussion will take place.

Another issue, per Mr. Cattaneo, is with the State Water Resource Control Board Phase I Plan and the next meeting where it can be further discussed is on December 12th.
- e) **SGMA Update**
Mr. Cattaneo reported the first Public Workshop was held on November 14th. He estimates about 20 people attended. The workshop went well and was well received. Mr. Cattaneo reported the next workshop is likely to be sometime next April. The next Technical Advisory Committee Meeting will be on January 14th, just prior to the presentation of the Annual Groundwater Report.

f) Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project

Mr. Cattaneo reported SCVWD issued two contracts, 1 for design work and 1 for project management. The design work is approximately \$130 million and the project management is approximately \$25 million.

g) Election Results

Mr. Cattaneo reported the District had 2 seats up for election. District 1 was uncontested and will continue to be filled by John Tobias. Election results are not yet certified but it does appear Doug Williams has sufficient votes to serve on the Board for District 4. Director Bob Huenemann's service will end November 30th and the District would like to thank him for his service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

8. Conference with legal counsel—Existing litigation

Government Code 54956.9(a)

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

(The Board convened into Executive Session at 5:37 p.m.)

9. OPEN SESSION:

Report action, if any

(The Board reconvened in Open Session at 5:43 p.m.)

President Tonascia stated no action was taken.

10. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Sonny Flores Vice President

Barbara L. Mauro, Board Clerk