

April 24, 2019
Regular Meeting
5:03 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District convened in regular session on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 5:03 p.m. at the San Benito County Water District office at 30 Mansfield Road, Hollister, California. Members present were: President Sonny Flores, Vice President John Tobias and Directors Frank Bettencourt, Joe Tonascia and Doug Williams. 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, Water Conservation Program Manager Shawn Novack and Board Clerk/Office Specialist III Barbara Mauro.

CALL TO ORDER

President Flores called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
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 Tonascia and a second by Director Bettencourt, the Agenda was unanimously approved.
- d. Public Input: Members of the Public are Invited to Speak on any Matter not on the Agenda**
Michael Halperin, a District customer, asked to address the Board. His blue valve was hit over 4 months ago and he is still waiting for it to be repaired. He is asking for resolution to the problem.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approval of Minutes for: March 27, 2019 Regular Meeting**
- 2. Allowance of Claims**
- 3. Acknowledgement of Paid Claims prior to the April Board Meeting**
- 4. Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report, Ending March 31, 2019**

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

- 5. Consider Resolution Proclaiming May as Water Awareness Month**
Mr. Novack reminded the Board that May is the start of the irrigation season, which is why it is deemed Water Awareness Month. He advised the Board of the events he is participating in, related to Water Awareness Month. He also discussed the water awareness video contest he held, with the Board. Mr. Novack also showed a diagram of water use for natural turf versus the amount of annual rainfall we typically receive. The

diagram showed that the amount of water required for turf is 51 inches and our average annual rainfall total is 13 inches.. Mr. Novack then read the resolution into the record.

With no questions from the Board, a motion was made by Director Tonascia and seconded by Director Bettencourt, Resolution #2019-07, *A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District Proclaiming May as Water Awareness Month* was unanimously approved.

6. Discuss and Consider the following:

Mr. Cattaneo stated it is a requirement of the State of California for a project of 500 units or use of water equal to what 500 units would use, to have a water supply assessment completed. Because this project anticipates having its own wastewater plant, there is also a requirement to have a water quality vulnerability study done as well. In addition to the reimbursement agreement, there are 2 contracts with Todd Groundwater to complete the two studies. The studies would need to be completed in 90 days.

Iris Priestaf, of Todd Groundwater, stated a law in 2001 required projects to show they had an adequate water supply, hence the requirement of water supply assessments.

Mr. Cattaneo added District Counsel developed the reimbursement agreement and has reviewed the 2 contracts with Todd Groundwater. Mr. Cattaneo asked Brian Hardy, representing the project, if their counsel had reviewed the agreement and Mr. Hardy stated yes, it had been reviewed.

a. Approval of a Reimbursement Agreement with The Vintage Specific Plan (Lima Ranch Property) for a Water Supply Assessment and a Water Quality Vulnerability Study

With a motion by Director Tonascia and seconded by Director Bettencourt, the Board of Directors unanimously approved of a Reimbursement Agreement with The Vintage Specific Plan (Lima Ranch Property) for a Water Supply Assessment and a Water Quality Vulnerability Study.

b. Authorizing the District Manager to sign Contracts with Todd Groundwater for a Water Supply Assessment and a Water Quality Vulnerability Study for The Vintage Specific Plan (Lima Ranch Property) contingent on receipt of:

i. the signed Reimbursement Agreement from The Vintage Specific Plan (Lima Ranch Property)

ii. the 50% deposit from The Vintage Specific Plan (Lima Ranch Property)

With a motion by Vice President Tobias and a second by Director Bettencourt, the Board of Directors unanimously Authorized the District Manager to sign Contracts with Todd Groundwater for a Water Supply Assessment and a Water Quality Vulnerability Study for The Vintage Specific Plan (Lima Ranch Property) contingent on receipt of: the signed Reimbursement Agreement from The Vintage Specific Plan (Lima Ranch Property) and the 50% deposit from The Vintage Specific Plan (Lima Ranch Property).

7. **Discuss and Consider Resolution Restating the District's Investment Policy**
Mrs. Singleton stated the Investment Policy calls for an annual review. District Counsel reviewed the policy versus current laws and found no updates were needed; it was also reviewed with the Investment Committee.

With a motion by Vice President Tobias and a second by Director Tonascia, Resolution #2019-08, *A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District Restating the District's Investment Policy* was unanimously approved.

8. **Discuss and Consider changing the date of the Regular Board Meeting for May 2019 from May 29, 2019 to May 22, 2019**

Mr. Cattaneo stated that he and Mrs. Singleton will both be out of town on May 29th; he is proposing changing the date to May 22nd instead. With a motion by Vice President Tobias and a second by Director Bettencourt, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the date change for the May 2019 meeting to May 22, 2019.

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

- a) **San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority (Tobias/Tonascia)**
As per Director Tonascia, the Strategic Plan was discussed. Mrs. Singleton added that Tom Boardman discussed the anticipated increase of the Ag allocation.
- b) **Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority (Bettencourt/Flores)**
As per Director Bettencourt; he was ill and did not attend.
- c) **Water Resources Association (Flores/Bettencourt)**
As per Director Flores, Mr. Novack covered this item.
- d) **Investment Committee (Flores/Tobias)**
As per Directors Flores and Tobias, this has already been covered.
- e) **City of Hollister RDA Advisory (Tobias)**
As per Director Tobias, they continue to reallocate bond money to the agencies.

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

- a) **Reach 1 Operations**
Mr. Cattaneo reported the District is waiting for the Reach 1 2019-2020 Budget and the proposal for the revised overhead.
- b) **Zone 3 Operations**
Mr. Cattaneo reported Hernandez is at 12,500 AF, which is about 2/3 full and Paicines Reservoir is at 1600 AF, which is also about 2/3 full. District staff will continue to release from Hernandez Reservoir and repairs are still needed at Hernandez Spillway. The engineering department has applied for grant funding to offset some of the costs for the spillway. When asked when staff starting moving water from Hernandez Reservoir, Mr. Cattaneo stated 1.5 weeks ago.

c) **Zone 6 Operations**

Mr. Cattaneo discussed hydrology of the percolation the District has done over the last year and that the San Juan Valley basin is almost full. He plans to hold back water, moving it from Hernandez Reservoir to fill the Paicines Valley. Mr. Cattaneo reported he will continue to percolate at Union Road. He added the Ag allocation was recently raised to 65%.

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

Mr. Cattaneo reported this has already been covered.

e) **SGMA Update**

Ms. Priestaf, of Todd Groundwater, gave a brief PowerPoint Presentation to the Board on SGMA. She reviewed what had been discussed today at the Technical Advisory Committee Meeting and reviewed the schedule for the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

f) **Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project**

Mr. Cattaneo reported staff continues to work with Valley Water. There will be a Financing Meeting on May 7th and an Allocation Meeting on May 23rd.

11. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the May 22, 2019 regular Board meeting and were signed by the presiding board member.

/s/John Tobias

John Tobias Vice-President

/s/Barbara L. Mauro

Barbara L. Mauro, Board Clerk