

May 22, 2019  
Regular Meeting  
5:03 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District convened in regular session on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 5:03 p.m. at the San Benito County Water District office at 30 Mansfield Road, Hollister, California. Members present were: Vice President John Tobias and Directors Frank Bettencourt, Joe Tonascia and Doug Williams; President Sonny Flores was absent. Also present were District Manager/Engineer Jeff Cattaneo, Assistant Manager Sara Singleton, Deputy District Engineer Garrett Haertel, Supervising Accountant Natalie Sullivan and Board Clerk/Office Specialist III Barbara Mauro; District Counsel David E. Pipal was absent.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

- a. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**  
Vice President Tobias 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**  
There were no public comments.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Approval of Minutes for: April 24, 2019 Regular Meeting**
- 2. Allowance of Claims**
- 3. Acknowledgement of Paid Claims prior to the May Board Meeting**

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

### **REGULAR AGENDA:**

- 4. Committee/Agency Representative Reports:**
  - a) San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority (Tobias/Tonascia)**  
As per Director Tonascia, a lively discussion was had on the Harder Bill, which is in support of certain water projects but has excluded the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project. The Authority was asking for members to sign a letter of support for it; Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) and our District voted against signing the letter.

Mr. Cattaneo added the Authority requires an 85% vote for the members to authorize the letter of support. He further went on to describe the highlights of

the bill. Mr. Cattaneo stated our District would consider signing the letter if it was accompanied by a letter strongly asking the Pacheco Project be included. He added, support of the Authority members will be needed for the Pacheco Project.

Director Tobias asked if the Authority helped write the letter. Mr. Cattaneo stated yes. He did add the bill still has the ability to be amended.

Mr. Cattaneo also reported that Tom Boardman, Westlands Water District, gave a report on the water supply. The Bureau is unlikely to increase the allocation at this point, based on the demand forecast; the next increase would be to increase 100% M & I allocation.

**b) ACWA Spring Conference, May 7-10, 2019, Monterey, California (Tonascia and Singleton)**

As per Director Tonascia, he attended the Ag Committee meeting, had a Groundwater presentation and the Water Resiliency Plan for California was discussed. Director Tonascia and Mrs. Singleton reported that relative to other agencies, our District is in good shape on our GSP and the state of our basin.

**c) Association of California Water Agencies—Joint Powers Insurance Authority, Spring Board of Directors Meeting, May 6, 2019, Monterey, California (Bettencourt)**

Per Director Bettencourt, the JPIA consisted of election information and they thanked agencies such as our District for hosting trainings. The financial report showed that the JPIA is doing well.

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

**a) Reach 1 Operations**

Mr. Cattaneo reported staff attended the quarterly meeting last week, where they received the budget and a letter of SCVWD adjusting the overhead, which offers a savings of approximately \$100,000 annually. He added the two districts are still working on reducing the pump rebuild costs.

**b) Zone 3 Operations**

Mr. Cattaneo reported the Paicines Reservoir is full and by the end of the week, will discontinue moving water into that reservoir. He reported staff will continue releasing water from Hernandez over the next 3-4 weeks. The goal is to have 5,000-6,000 acre feet stored in Hernandez Reservoir by the end of the year. .

**c) Zone 6 Operations**

Mr. Cattaneo reported District staff will continue to percolate at Union Road and the District has asked the City of Hollister to use their percolation ponds at the wastewater treatment plant to percolate as well.

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

Per Mr. Cattaneo, this was covered in the committee reports.

e) **SGMA Update**

Mr. Cattaneo reported the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on April 24, 2019. The Committee received the draft Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model and Groundwater Conditions which was also distributed to the Board at tonight's meeting.

f) **Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project**

Mr. Cattaneo reported this project is moving forward. Tomorrow there is a meeting scheduled at SCVWD to discuss the allocation plan. He further reported significant progress has been made on the financing portion of the project. Any decisions that need to be made will come to the Board for its approval.

**6. Adjournment**

With no further items to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

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The minutes were approved at the June 26, 2019 Board meeting and signed by the presiding board member.

/s/Sonny Flores  
Sonny Flores, President

/s/Barbara L. Mauro  
Barbara L. Mauro, Board Clerk