

July 10, 2019
Special Meeting
5:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District convened in special session on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the San Benito County Water District office at 30 Mansfield Road, Hollister, California. Members present were: President Sonny Flores, and Directors Frank Bettencourt, Joe Tonascia and Doug Williams; Vice President John Tobias was absent. Also present were District Manager/Engineer Jeff Cattaneo, District Counsel David E. Pipal, Assistant Manager Sara Singleton, Deputy District Engineer Garrett Haertel and Board Clerk/Office Specialist III Barbara Mauro.

CALL TO ORDER

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

- a. Pledge of Allegiance**
President Flores led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b. Speakers will be limited to 5 minutes to address the Board**
There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1. Discuss and Consider Resolution—Intention to undertake a Project and Setting a Public Hearing—San Felipe-Recycled Water Intertie Percolation Project**
Mr. Haertel gave the Board the background on the project. He stated that this is the first step for a new project, as per the District Act. Mr. Haertel stated the District would be using assets of the City of Hollister that are currently underutilized, for storage of our groundwater supply.

The project, per Mr. Haertel, will connect the San Felipe system to the recycled water line at Wright Road and it will flow backward into the storage ponds. The District will use a reduced pressurized device to prevent backflow. The line will either send CVP water to the storage ponds or recycled water to the delivery system.

This is especially important this year, with the availability of the CVP water. The District will be able to use the City of Hollister's facilities for storage. Mr. Haertel stated this project has been discussed with stakeholders, the City of Hollister, Veolia and he has verbal approval from the State Water Resources Control Board.

Director Bettencourt asked if the District will be using several of the City's ponds. Mr. Haertel stated the District will be using part of one for the recycled water project and the remainder of that basin for percolation.

President Flores asked if the recycled water users will be using CVP water in a year such as we had this year. Mr. Haertel stated no, because during the time of year when the recycled water customers are not using water, is when we will be using the percolation pond for storage.

Mr. Pipal asked if any additional property rights are needed. Mr. Haertel stated no, we are using the current Districts' easements and the rest belong to the City.

With a motion by Director Tonascia and a second by Director Williams, Resolution #2019-10 A *Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District Intention to Undertake a Project* was approved by 4 affirmative votes, Flores, Bettencourt Tonascia and Williams and 1 was absent, Tobias.

Mr. Haertel briefing stated the project process as well as the certification. He added the next Special Meeting will be August 8, 2019 at 5 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the July 31, 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