

July 31, 2019
Regular Meeting
5:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District convened in regular session on Wednesday, July 31, 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, Vice President John Tobias and Directors Frank Bettencourt and Doug Williams: Director Joe Tonascia 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 to the Flag**
President Flores led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- 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 the removal of Agenda Item #4, the SGMA Update, Vice President Tobias made a motion and it was seconded 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**
Peter Lorincz, a member of the public, addressed the Board. He began by stating Director Doug Williams did not live in the District therefore could not represent him on the Board. Mr. Pipal stated San Benito County Water District (District) uses the same boundaries as the San Benito County Board of Supervisors. He added, the District is countywide. Mr. Lorincz continued by stating the District is not operating the reservoir correctly by allowing tail water into the San Benito River. Because Mr. Lorincz is speaking during public comment, the Board is unable to respond to him.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Approval of Minutes for:**
June 19, 2019 Special Meeting
June 26, 2019 Regular Meeting
July 10, 2019 Special Meeting
2. **Allowance of Claims**
3. **Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report, Ending June 30, 2019**

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

4. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update given by Todd Groundwater

(This item was removed from the Agenda)

5. Discuss and Consider Approval of a Capital Improvement at the Lessalt Water Treatment Plant to install Cathodic Protection for the Treated Storage Tank and Filter Vessels (\$76,000)

Mr. Haertel stated that Sunnyslope County Water District (SSCWD) operates both of the water treatment plants. At the Lessalt WTP, some of the metal structures have been experiencing some corrosion. Staff has suggested installing cathodic protection to prevent future corrosion. In order to expedite this process, SSCWD is currently working with a contractor on the Crosstown Pipeline Project and the cathodic protection will be done as a change order with this contractor.

Mrs. Singleton added this would be a capital improvement, so this would fund out of the Capital Reserve Account.

Mr. Cattaneo further added because the WTP belongs to the District, it is our responsibility to approve a change order with the contractor. Also, this is the same contractor the District had for the Lessalt WTP upgrades. Discussion ensued about why this wasn't done at the time of the upgrades to the plant. It wasn't done because it wasn't anticipated at that time.

With no further questions from the Board, a motion was made by Director Williams and seconded by Director Bettencourt, the Board of Directors unanimously approved of a Capital Improvement at the Lessalt Water Treatment Plant to install Cathodic Protection for the Treated Storage Tank and Filter Vessels, not to exceed \$76,000.

6. Discuss and Consider new District position, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor by Approval of the following:

Mrs. Singleton stated the District worked with SEIU Local 521 on creating a new position. Because adding a position is normally a Meet/Confer with the Union, the District discussed this matter with them. As per the Union, they were okay without meeting and agreed to the addition. Mrs. Singleton added if this position is approved, it will be posted internally first. Mr. Pipal stated 6 a., b., and c. could be taken together.

a. Job Description

b. Salary Schedule

c. Side Letter between San Benito County Water District and SEIU Local 521

As per Mr. Pipal, Vice President made a motion on Agenda items 6 a., b., and c, and Director Williams seconded the motion; the Board of Directors unanimously approved of the new District position, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor, approving the job description, the salary schedule and the side letter between San Benito County Water District and SEIU Local 521.

7. Committee/Agency Representative Reports:

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

As per Mr. Cattaneo, he will discuss this under his manager's report.

8. District Manager/Engineer's Report:

a) Reach 1 Operations

As per Mr. Cattaneo, there isn't much to report. The District is working with Valley Water, reviewing the cost for the pump rebuilds. 1 pump is rebuilt each year and is a significant cost.

b) Zone 3 Operations

As per Mr. Cattaneo, the releases from Hernandez Reservoir have ceased except for the minimum release which is 10-12 acre feet per day. Currently, there are no diversions to the Paicines Canal. The District is releasing water from Paicines Reservoir into Tres Pinos Creek.

c) Zone 6 Operations

As per Mr. Cattaneo, Subsystem 10 is experiencing pressure issues. Mr. Cattaneo stated the original use for blue valve in this area was for orchards but now it's mostly drip irrigation which has a different demand. The District organized a meeting of the users in Sub 10 to see if the users could work it out themselves. The users did ask the District to raise the pressure and Mr. Cattaneo stated it will only be increased to a level where the District is comfortable.

Discussion ensued about the design and use of the proposed Intertie Project. Mr. Cattaneo stated the District staff will do the work, rather than going to bid. This will be discussed further at the August 8, 2019 Special Meeting.

Vice President Tobias asked where the intertie project connects on Wright Road. Mr. Cattaneo stated near the railroad tracks.

d) San Luis Delta Mendota Authority Activities

As per Mr. Cattaneo, the last meeting had the members participate in a field trip, which included the San Luis Reservoir and the site for the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project. Raising the level of San Luis Dam will cost about \$800 million and was discussed amongst the members.

e) SGMA Update

As per Mr. Cattaneo, the TAC Meeting scheduled today was postponed until the end of August, at the request of the County so their new RMA Director, Harry Mavrogenes, could get up to speed. On August 12th, a meeting will be held to give Mr. Mavrogenes an overview of the previous TAC meetings. This meeting will include Mr. Cattaneo, Mr. Mavrogenes and Iris Preistaf.

f) Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project

As per Mr. Cattaneo, the District recently held a meeting with Stantec, who is one of the consulting firms on the project. Modeling work was discussed. If the District has 10% participation, that would equate to approximately 1200 AF of storage. Mr. Cattaneo stated he felt the number would be higher. Also, Mr.

Cattaneo stated this project would allow water to move between SBCWD and Valley Water. Mr. Cattaneo is also working with Bob Ellis to optimize our system for storage at San Justo Reservoir and additional groundwater storage.

9. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the August 28, 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