

August 8, 2019  
Special Meeting  
5:02 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District convened in special session on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 5:02 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 Joe Tonascia and Doug Williams; Director Frank Bettencourt was absent. Also present were District Manager/Engineer Jeff Cattaneo, District Counsel David E. Pipal, Assistant Manager Sara Singleton, Deputy District Engineer Garrett Haertel, Assistant Engineer David Macdonald and Board Clerk/Office Specialist III Barbara Mauro.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Flores called the meeting to order at 5:02 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. **Public Hearing regarding the San Benito County Water District's Intention to undertake a Project—San Felipe-Recycled Water Percolation Project**
  - a. **Proof of Publication submitted for Notice of Public Hearing**  
Mrs. Mauro verified the proof of publication for the Public Hearing.
  - b. **Presentation of Mitigated Negative Declaration**  
The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (CCRWQCB) provided a comment letter regarding the Negative Declaration. After reviewing the letter, Mr. Cattaneo recommended that no action be taken until the District has the opportunity to discuss the comment letter with the CCRWQCB.  
  
Mr. Pipal added the Board will need to postpone the rest of the Public Hearing and respond to the comment letter  
  
A motion was made by Director Tonascia and seconded by Vice President Tobias, the Approval of the San Felipe Recycled Water Percolation Project has been tabled.
  - c. **Presentation of San Felipe—Recycled Water Percolation Project**
  - d. **Questions of the Directors**
  - e. **Open Public Hearing**
  - f. **Close Public Hearing or continue to later date**
  - g. **Consider Adoption of Mitigated Negative Declaration for the San Felipe Recycled Water Percolation Project**
  - h. **Consider Approval of Resolution—Approve a Project**

**2. Discuss and Consider Resolution for Fairview Road Water System Grant Funding Application Submittal**

Mr. Haertel stated this is the same process and the Board had for the grant application for Hernandez, the Governing Board has to approve for staff to move forward with the grant application with the State. Mr. Haertel reported there are still water quality issues at Fairview Road Water System.

Vice President Tobias asked how many are on the system. Mr. Haertel reported there are 10 connections with approximately 22 people on the system. Mr. Cattaneo added there are just over the number to require state regulation.

Vice President Tobias asked how the District gets them back in the black. Mr. Cattaneo stated the difficulty is the last rate approved assumed the new well would solve the water quality problem and it did not. There are still issues with e coli and organic carbon. To manage the issues, the system continues to be chlorinated and boil water orders are in place.

Mr. Cattaneo stated if the District does not get the funding, the District is likely going to go for a Prop 218 for rates as well as one for a new system.

Vice President Tobias asked what the chance of getting the funding is. Mr. Cattaneo stated he thought pretty good. Mr. Haertel reported the State offers help but this first step is just for funding only. He added an income study would be done by the State.

With a motion by Director Tonascia and a second by Director Williams, Resolution #2019-11, *A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District Authorizing to Apply for Financial Assistance Application from the State Water Resources Control Board for the Fairview Road Water System Improvement Project* was unanimously approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting

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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