

September 25, 2019
Regular Meeting
5:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District convened in regular session on Wednesday, September 25, 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, 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 5:00 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 Williams, the agenda was unanimously approved.
- d. Public Input: Members of the Public are Invited to Speak on any Matter not on the Agenda**
Mr. Roy Lompa asked to address the Board. He stated he has a bill that he is unable to pay. He further stated he has no benefit from the services he is being charged for. Mr. Cattaneo suggested he make an appointment to meet with him to discuss this matter or to consider having it added to a future agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approval of Minutes for:**

August 28, 2019	Regular Meeting
September 18, 2019	Special Meeting
- 2. Allowance of Claims**
- 3. Acknowledgement of Paid Claims prior to the September Board Meeting**

With a motion by Director Tonascia and a second by Director Bettencourt, the Board of Directors unanimously approved Agenda items #1-3 of the Consent Agenda.

- 4. Acknowledgment of Barbara Mauro's receipt of Certified Municipal Clerk designation**
Mr. Cattaneo presented Mrs. Mauro with a plaque signifying her achievement of Certified Municipal Clerk.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. Discuss and Consider Approval of North County Groundwater Supply Program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between San Benito County Water District, the City of Hollister and Sunnyslope County Water District

Mr. Cattaneo stated this project was outlined in the Hollister Urban Area Master Plan as a future project. Mr. Cattaneo reviewed some of the options the City had considered.

The proposed program would provide 500 AF to the City and 500 AF to Sunnyslope County Water District (SSCWD) annually and will improve the water quality and fire protection at the airport. If the MOU is approved by the three agencies, it will approve the feasibility study, with a cost of approximately \$340,000. If the project is deemed to go forward, an additional MOU will be needed.

The District has spent about \$200,000 so far on the project. Mr. Cattaneo stated the City and SSCWD will share the cost of \$300,000 with an additional \$40,000 of services provided by the City's consultant.

The City will consider the MOU at their Council Meeting on October 7th and SSCWD will consider it at their Regular Meeting schedule for October 15th. Mr. Cattaneo will attend both meetings.

With a motion by Director Tonascia and a second by Director Williams, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the North County Groundwater Supply Program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between San Benito County Water District, the City of Hollister and Sunnyslope County Water.

6. Discuss Financing Options for the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project

Mrs. Singleton reviewed for the Board the presentation Valley Water had given at their committee meeting. This is on a conceptual basis for the financing of the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project (Project) and was presented to the District's Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project Committee on September 10th.

Mrs. Singleton reviewed the overall cost of the project and stated our participation will be funded through our Capital Improvement Program. Valley Water will be in charge of the financing and this will be a take/pay contract. Mrs. Singleton stated the District may reserve their decision on the level of participation until the beginning of construction. She reviewed the projected financing costs.

Director Bettencourt asked about additional grant funds. Mrs. Singleton stated Valley Water is pursuing other grants.

Mr. Cattaneo added staff will continue to bring information to the Board on the project. He stated staff is also working on a cash flow analysis, viewing it over the next 5 years for this and other projects.

President Flores asked about the yield from the project. Mr. Cattaneo stated if the District's participation is at 10% that would be about 1200 AF annually and could mean 9,000 to 10,000 AF of storage. He further explained how staff manages storage based on wet and dry years. Mr. Cattaneo also stated the reservoir currently releases about 4,000-

5,000 AF annually. The new reservoir would increase these average annual releases for the benefit of the Central Coast Steelhead.

7. Committee/Agency Representative Reports:

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

Mr. Cattaneo will cover this under his Manager's report.

b) Zone 6 Water Supply Committee (Tobias/Flores)

As per Director Flores, this has been covered.

c) Pacheco Reservoir Exploratory Committee (Tobias/Flores)

As per Director Flores, this has been covered.

8. District Manager/Engineer's Report:

a) Reach 1 Operations

As per Mr. Cattaneo, there are no changes on this item to report.

b) Zone 3 Operations

As per Mr. Cattaneo, staff has discontinued releases from Hernandez Reservoir. There is currently about 4000 AF in the reservoir now and with the minimal releases should end the season with about 2500 AF in storage. Staff continues to release from the Paicines Reservoir into Tres Pinos Creek. Mr. Cattaneo anticipates about a month to completely empty the reservoir. Regarding percolation, the District is percolating about 9 AF/day from Union Road and about 13 AF/day from Tres Pinos Creek.

c) Zone 6 Operations

As per Mr. Cattaneo, staff has completed the intertie project design and anticipates operating it from November 1st through the end of February, 2020. He will also be transferring 5000 AF to the refuges and the District will carrying-over of about 4380 AF in San Luis Reservoir.

d) San Luis Delta Mendota Authority Activities

As per Mr. Cattaneo, San Luis Reservoir is expected to fill by mid-February and will likely be full going into the water year. With a 50% allocation, that would mean 17,000 AF for Ag. The 2018-19 water year, customers only contracted for 12,000 AF.

Also, all six pumps at the Jones Pumping Plant need to be rewound and a three year schedule has been presented. The Bureau has committed some funding for this as it is about \$5-6 million each to do this. Repayment will be incorporated in the SLDMWA rates.

e) SGMA Update

As per Mr. Cattaneo, staff anticipates receiving the water balance portion for the GSP from Todd Groundwater in about 1.5 weeks. The TAC will have it to review by October 16th, discussion will be at the next TAC Meeting on October 30th and it will be presented to the Board at the next board meeting, also on October 30th.

f) Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project

As per Mr. Cattaneo, staff is working with Valley Water on the allocation process and how to best maximize the yield.

9. CLOSED SESSION: Conference with legal counsel—Existing litigation

a) Government Code 54956.9(a)

**San Benito County Water District v. Randy McAlpine
(CL-13-00437)**

b) Government Code 54956.9(a)

**Randy McAlpine v. San Benito County Water District
(CU-17-00050)**

(The Board retired into Closed Session at 5:52 p.m.)

10. OPEN SESSION:

Report any action from Closed Session, if any

(The Board returned to Open Session at 6:10 p.m.)

President Flores stated there was no action to report.

11. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the October 30, 2019 Board meeting and signed by the presiding board member.

/s/Sonny Flore
Sonny Flores, President

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