

August 26, 2020
Regular Meeting
5:02 p.m.

On March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20, which enhances State and Local Governments' ability to respond to COVID-19 Pandemic; this meeting was conducted with some members participating via conference phone. Because of this, all voting was done by roll call vote.

The Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District convened in regular session on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 5:02 p.m. at the San Benito County Water District office at 30 Mansfield Road, Hollister, California. Members present were: President John Tobias, and Directors Sonny Flores, Joe Tonascia and Doug Williams who participated at the District; Vice President Frank Bettencourt was absent. Also present at the District were District Manager/Engineer Jeff Cattaneo, District Counsel Jeremy T. Liem, Assistant Manager Sara Singleton, Deputy District Engineer Garrett Haertel and Board Clerk/Office Specialist III Barbara Mauro; Supervising Accountant Natalie Sullivan participated via conference call.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

- a. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
President Tobias led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b. **Roll Call**
Mrs. Mauro called roll; President Tobias and Directors Flores, Tonascia and Williams were present; Director Bettencourt was absent.
- c. **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.**
- d. **Approval of Agenda**
With a motion by Director Tonascia and a second by Director Flores, the Board of Directors approved the Agenda by 4 affirmative votes (Tobias, Flores, Tonascia and Williams) and 1 absent (Bettencourt).
- e. **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: July 30, 2020 Regular Meeting**
2. **Allowance of Claims**
3. **Acknowledgement of Paid Claims prior to the August Board Meeting**

With a motion by Director Flores and a second by Director Tonascia, the Board of Directors approved the Consent Agenda by 4 affirmative votes (Tobias, Flores, Tonascia and Williams) and 1 absent (Bettencourt).

REGULAR AGENDA:

4. Consider Adopting Vintage Specific Plan Water Supply Assessment as prepared by Todd Groundwater

Mr. Cattaneo reported this Water Supply Assessment (WSA) is for the Vintage Specific Plan for the Lima property, which is a 347-acre plan with 1280 homes and 21 acres for a park. The annual water demand is 510 AF. The WSA determined there is sufficient water for approximately 20 years. Mr. Cattaneo stated staff is recommending the Board adopt the WSA.

Director Williams asked if a pipeline is needed. Mr. Cattaneo stated no, this project will not be using San Felipe water but using groundwater wells.

With a motion by Director Flores and a second by Director Williams, the Vintage Specific Plan Water Supply Assessment was adopted by the Board of Directors by 4 affirmative votes (Tobias, Flores, Tonascia and Williams) and 1 absent (Bettencourt).

5. Consider Accepting Vintage Specific Plan Water Quality Impact Assessment, Lima Property near Hollister, California

Mr. Cattaneo reported the Water Quality Impact Assessment for the Lima Property is also part of the same project as item #4, due to the use of groundwater. The developer has proposed having their own Wastewater Treatment Plant, which is why this assessment was requested. The developer also has indicated their plan to demineralize the groundwater, to improve potable water quality, thus limiting salt levels in their wastewater flows; it would meet the water quality goals set. Mr. Cattaneo added staff would state this project could work if they follow everything in the plans. However, the District's experience with performance and maintenance of small waste treatment systems is that they deteriorate over time and become a problem. It is the District's preference that rather than having their own plant, that the project connects to the City of Hollister's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Director Tonascia asked if the project will require the drilling of a well. Mr. Cattaneo replied that the California Department of Drinking Water (DDW) will likely require them to drill 2 wells.

With no further questions, a motion was made by Director Tonascia and seconded by Director Williams; the Vintage Specific Plan Water Quality Impact Assessment, Lima Property near Hollister, California was accepted by the Board of Directors by 4 affirmative votes (Tobias, Flores, Tonascia and Williams) and 1 absent (Bettencourt).

6. Discuss and Consider Awarding Contract to Kennedy/Jenks for the West Hills Water Treatment Plant Tracer Study and Authorize the District Manager to sign the contract (NTE \$95,356)

Mr. Cattaneo reported this is the final work needed at the West Hills Water Treatment Plant (WHWTP). The plant can produce 4.5 mgd (millions of gallons per day) but the City of Hollister and Sunnyslope County Water District did not have the capacity to use this amount until the completion of the Crosstown Pipeline. Now that capacity has been increased, the tracer study is needed for the detention time regarding the finished water tank. The funds being used for this study will come from the Capital Replacement Fund which came in part from the balance left in Tranche 3.

With a motion by Director Williams and a second by Director Flores; the Board of Directors approved awarding a contract to Kennedy/Jenks for the West Hills Water Treatment Plant Tracer Study and authorized the District Manager to sign the contract (NTE \$95,356) by 4 affirmative votes (Tobias, Flores, Tonascia and Williams) and 1 absent (Bettencourt).

7. Discuss and Consider Awarding Contract to Primex for West Hills and Lessalt Water Treatment Plants, SCADA Support for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and Authorize the District Manager to sign the contract (NTE \$47,430)

Mr. Cattaneo reported West Hills and Lessalt Water Treatment Plants' SCADA systems need regular support and maintenance. Staff has been satisfied with the work Primex has done at West Hills and they are now supporting the District's SCADA systems. Billing will be on an hourly basis and will be under the not to exceed amount. Mr. Cattaneo has discussed this contract with the City of Hollister and Sunnyslope County Water District, and both agree to award this contract.

Mrs. Singleton added this will be charged to the Hollister Urban Area Project.

With a motion by Director Tonascia and a second by Director Williams, the Board of Directors awarded a contract to Primex for West Hills and Lessalt Water Treatment Plants, SCADA Support for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and authorized the District Manager to sign the contract (NTE \$47,430) by 4 affirmative votes (Tobias, Flores, Tonascia and Williams) and 1 absent (Bettencourt).

8. Consider Resolution Approving Power Letter of Agreement (PLOA) for Fiscal Year 2019 Energy Cost and Fees for replacement of CVP Electrical Power (Energy) and Fees incurred for Storage and/or Conveyance of Yuba Water in Project Facilities (Non-Project Water) Contract 18-WC-20-5318 and Authorize the Board President to sign the Power Letter of Agreement

Mr. Cattaneo reported this is an agreement with the Bureau for the energy to convey the Yuba water at a reduced cost.

With a motion by Director Flores and a second by Director Williams, the Board of Directors approved Resolution #2020-14 *A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District Authorizing Execution and Delivery of Contract for Conveyance of Non-Project Water Between the United States and San Benito County Water District* by 4 affirmative votes (Tobias, Flores, Tonascia and Williams) and 1 absent (Bettencourt).

9. Discuss and Consider date for the Regular Board Meeting in September due to the cancellation of the San Benito County Fair

Mrs. Mauro stated we moved the date of the regular Board Meeting in September due to the San Benito County Fair. Due to COVID-19, the annual event has been cancelled. Does the Board wish to move it back to its original date of September 30, 2020?

With a motion by Director Tonascia and a second by Director Williams, the Board of Directors agreed to move the September 2020 regular Board Meeting back to September 30, 2020, by 4 affirmative votes (Tobias, Flores, Tonascia and Williams) and 1 absent (Bettencourt).

10. Committee/Agency Representative Reports:

- a) **San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority (Tonascia/Cattaneo)**
Mr. Cattaneo reported he will cover this under his manager's report.
- b) **Water Resources Association (Flores/Bettencourt)**
As per Director Flores, general business was discussed.

11. District Manager/Engineer's Report:

- a) **Reach 1 Operations**
As per Mr. Cattaneo, Garth Hall is leaving. During his tenure, our two Districts have had a good working relationship. Mr. Cattaneo stated staff will work hard to continue this and not to lose the ground our District has made.
- b) **Zone 3 Operations**
As per Mr. Cattaneo, the reservoirs are mostly empty now. In a month or two, when the weather is cooler, District staff will return to the Hernandez Spillway repairs.
- c) **Zone 6 Operations**
As per Mr. Cattaneo, District staff are pulling pumps and rebuilding them. He also stated Sub 6 is difficult to deliver water to when the District is operating solely off of San Justo Reservoir. Mr. Cattaneo also stated 1 pump fell apart during its inspection, so he has instructed staff to eventually rebuild all 8 pumps, leaving 2 at the site and keeping the rest at the shop.

Director Tonascia asked how staff will know when to rotate the pumps. Mr. Cattaneo stated it can be kept track of in SCADA. Also, the new asset management plan we are putting in place will be an advantage to maintenance of the pumps.

- d) **San Luis Delta Mendota Authority Activities**
As per Mrs. Singleton, the pump rewind continues and there are still 4 remaining to do at the Jones Pumping Plant. The decision now is whether they will go with a WIIFIA Loan or public financing through a bond. Mrs. Singleton stated it will be discussed at the September meeting with a decision needed at the October meeting. The Bureau may be contributing as much as \$12 million. Mrs. Singleton stated it would add about \$.75 per AF to our cost.
- e) **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update**
As per Mr. Cattaneo, a meeting was held today for the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Mr. Cattaneo gave the Board a brief overview via a PowerPoint presentation.
- f) **Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project**
As per Mr. Cattaneo, the project is moving forward. The financing portion that will affect our District is still being worked out. To date, Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) is still meeting goals and objectives and has spent \$23 million on the project. There is an expectation to hear from the Bureau in September or October, to know if SCVWD has qualified for WIIN Act Funding.

g) Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN) Contract Conversion

As per Mr. Cattaneo, the District is waiting for a draft of the contract. However, there is a tribe that has filed an injunction, but we are continuing to move forward to finalize by December.

**12. CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Labor Negotiator
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Designated Representative: Jeff Cattaneo, District Manager
Employee Organization: SEIU 521 Office and Field Employees Unit**

(The Board convened in Closed Session at 6:08 p.m.)

13. OPEN SESSION:

(The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:14 p.m.)

Successor Memorandum of Understanding Between San Benito County Water District and Service Employees International Union Local 521:

- a. Consider Resolution 2020-15 Approving a Successor Memorandum of Understanding with Service Employees International Union Local 521**
With a motion by Director Tonascia and a second by Director Williams, the Board of Directors approved Resolution #2020-15 *A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District Approving the Memorandum of Understanding Between The San Benito County Water District and the Service Employees' International Union (SEIU) Local 521, Effective August 26, 2020 through June 30, 2023* by 4 affirmative votes (Tobias, Flores, Tonascia and Williams) and 1 absent (Bettencourt).
- b. Authorize Board President to Sign Successor Memorandum of Understanding with Service Employees International Union Local 521**
With a motion by Director Williams and a second by Director Flores, the Board of Directors authorized the Board President to Sign Successor Memorandum of Understanding with Service Employees International Union Local 521 by 4 affirmative votes (Tobias, Flores, Tonascia and Williams) and 1 absent (Bettencourt).

14. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the September 30, 2020 Board meeting and approved by the presiding board member.

/s/John Tobias
John Tobias, President

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