

December 9, 2020
Special Meeting
4:04 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 special session on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 4:04 p.m. at the San Benito County Water District office at 30 Mansfield Road, Hollister, California. Members present at the District were: President John Tobias and Director Doug Williams. Directors Sonny Flores, Andrew Shelton and Joe Tonascia participated virtually via Zoom. Also present at the District were District Manager/Engineer Jeff Cattaneo, Assistant Manager Sara Singleton, Water Conservation Program Manager Shawn Novack and Board Clerk/Office Specialist III Barbara Mauro. Also, in attendance virtually were: Mayor Velazquez and Council Member Resendiz from the City of Hollister; Director Parker, Director Buzzetta and Director Johnson from Sunnyslope County Water District and Council Member Flores from the City of San Juan Bautista. Members of the public also attended the meeting virtually, via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

President Tobias called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

President Tobias led the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Roll Call

Mrs. Mauro called roll; President Tobias and Director Williams were present at the District; Directors Flores, Shelton and Tonascia participated via Zoom.

c. Speakers will be limited to 5 minutes to address the Board

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Board Workshop on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan

This was a joint workshop of the San Benito County Water District Board of Directors, the City Council of the City of Hollister, the Board of Directors of the Sunnyslope County Water District, the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista and the San Benito County Board of Supervisors. All agencies were represented at this workshop.

Mr. Cattaneo welcomed everyone to the first elected officials' workshop on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). Mr. Cattaneo stated the District is approximately halfway through the development of the GSP. He then introduced Iris Priestaf, President of Todd Groundwater. Todd Groundwater is the District's consultant on preparing the GSP. Ms. Priestaf presented a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation gave a history of the legislation that created the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), status on the District's GSP and the next steps to be taken in the process. Ms. Priestaf

reviewed the management area and the water budget for the North San Benito Basin as well as the sustainability criteria.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, President Tobias thanked all who attended and adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Minutes were approved at the December 16, 2020 Board meeting and signed by the presiding board member.

/s/John Tobias
John Tobias, President

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