

With a motion by Director Williams and a second by Director Tobias, the Consent Agenda was approved by the Board of Directors with 5 affirmative votes.

REGULAR AGENDA:

6. Consider Appointing Joyce Machado as Secretary of the Board of Directors

Mrs. Singleton, after confirming no resolution was needed for this action, stated this board action is necessary with her upcoming retirement, to appoint Mrs. Machado as Secretary of the Board of Directors.

With a motion by Director Tobias and a second by Vice President Flores, the Board of Directors appointed Joyce Machado as Secretary of the Board of Directors with 5 affirmative votes.

7. Consider Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Investment of monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)

Mrs. Singleton stated this resolution is granting Mrs. Machado the authority for LAIF, so District money can be moved to LAIF from Union Bank.

With a motion by Director Tobias and a second by Vice President Flores, Resolution #2022-16 *A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District Authorizing the Investment of monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)* was approved by the Board of Directors with 5 affirmative votes.

8. Consider Amending Resolution 2021-18, San Benito County Water District, Acting as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency, for the North San Benito Groundwater Basin, Restating and Revising the Protest and Appeal Process for the Groundwater Management Fee

Mr. Cattaneo stated this item was originally set up for a 30 day appeal, once the property tax was paid. However, it was not specific as to the 1st or 2nd installments. Mr. Cattaneo stated this amendment restates the appeal process and dates and it now has a deadline of May 10th. The original resolution's language all remains the same.

With a motion by Vice President Flores and a second by Director Williams, Resolution #2022-17 *A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District Amending Resolution 2021-18, San Benito County Water District, Acting as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency, for the North San Benito Groundwater Basin, Restating and Revising the Protest and Appeal Process for the Groundwater Management Fee* was approved by the Board of Directors with 5 affirmative votes.

9. Consider Resolution for the San Benito County Water District, Acting as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency, for the North San Benito Groundwater Basin, Requesting the County of San Benito to Collect a Groundwater Management Fee on the Property Tax Rolls

Mrs. Singleton stated this resolution is the same as the one the Board approved last July. It is a requirement of the Sustainability Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) for the District to authorize the County of San Benito to collect the Groundwater Management Fee through the tax rolls.

Director Tobias asked if this is an annual action and Mrs. Singleton stated yes.

With a motion by Director Shelton and a second by Director Tobias, Resolution #2022-18, *A Resolution for the San Benito County Water District, Acting as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency, for the North San Benito Groundwater Basin, Requesting the County of San Benito to Collect a Groundwater Management Fee on the Property Tax Rolls* was approved by the Board of Directors with 5 affirmative votes.

10. Industrial Painting Services

a. Consider Rejection of Bids on basis that bids exceed District's estimated costs

Mr. Micko stated the bids received were considerably over the District's estimate. Mr. Haertel added 2 bids were received and their totals were within 10% of each other. Staff is recommending scaling back the scope and the Board to reject the bids received.

b. Action: Rejection of all bids

With a motion by Director Williams and a second by Director Shelton, the Board of Directors Rejected all bids received for the Industrial Painting Services with 5 affirmative votes.

11. Staff report on Investment with UnionBanc Investment Services

Mrs. Singleton reported the District has invested approximately \$20 million to date with UnionBanc Investment Services. She further reported 2 of the investments are callable and the others are not. She reviewed the handout that was distributed at the meeting.

Mr. Cattaneo further reported staff will continue to evaluate as there is approximately \$25-30 million still available to invest. Staff plans to invest the remaining funds over the next 4-5 weeks, depending on the market.

12. Committee/Agency Representative Reports:

a. San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority (Tonascia/Cattaneo)

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

b. Association of California Water Agencies—Joint Powers Insurance Authority, Board of Directors Meeting, Sacramento, CA May 2, 2022 (Shelton)

Director Shelton attended the Board of Directors Meeting and the workshops held the following day. This is the 10th year the District has been using them. Some of the topics discussed were property losses due to natural losses such as fire and earthquakes and also cyber security. ACWA JPIA is recommending 1 hour training for cyber security for every employee.

c. Association of California Water Agencies—Spring Conference, Sacramento, CA, May 2-May 5, 2022 (Tonascia)

Director Tonascia attended the Spring Conference as well as the Ag Committee meeting. Some of the items discussed were a new water temperature plan, update to the water curtailment in the Delta and managing water in extreme times. Also discussed were allocating funds to make the public more aware of the drought.

d. Investment Committee (Flores/Tobias)

As per Directors Flores and Tobias, this has already been covered.

e. **Personnel Committee (Tobias/Tonascia)**

As per Directors Tobias and Tonascia, this item will be discussed in Closed Session.

f. **Zone 3 Water Supply & Operations Committee (Tonascia/Williams)**

As per Directors Tonascia and Williams, there was a request from Drew Lander, General Manager from Sunnyslope County Water District, regarding well water from Zone 3 to Zone 6 as requested by homeowners. Mr. Cattaneo further explained discussion with Mr. Lander was that the District would not allow this water to simply be sold from one zone to another. The District would have to purchase water from the spot market to replace any water used. The affected homeowners would have to be willing to pay this cost, which could be as high as \$2000/per acre foot.

13. Monthly Operations and Maintenance Report

Mr. Craig showed photos of an air valve in San Juan Valley, a break in the 27” pipe and fixing cracks in the road at the dam. Mr. Craig acknowledged the field crew as all have now obtained their Class A licenses.

14. District Manager’s Report:

a. Reach 1 Operations

Mr. Cattaneo reported staff continues to work with Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) regarding the pump rebuilds. This process has been underway for approximately 3 years. The next meeting is in June.

b. Zone 3 Operations

Mr. Cattaneo reported the Department of Safety of Dams (DSOD) conducted inspections at both Hernandez and Paicines Reservoirs earlier today.

c. Zone 6 Operations

Mr. Cattaneo reported the District hired Watt Electric upon Dave Dungan’s retirement, for electrical services. The District was experiencing billing issues and cancelled the contract approximately 1 week ago. The District will need to decide if we go back out to bid or consider hiring an electrician.

d. San Luis Delta Mendota Authority Activities

Mr. Cattaneo reported the B F Sisk Agreement was approved and the project is moving forward. All of the South of Delta members have signed on. The District should have access to approximately 2200 acre-feet once it is complete.

e. City of San Juan Bautista Water Supply Plan

Mr. Cattaneo reported staff is moving forward with the draft pipeline agreement which has been reviewed by Scott Morris at Kronick, Moscovitz, Tiedemann and Girard. The Water Supply and Treatment Agreement will also have to be amended and Mr. Morris is reviewing this now. San Juan Bautista has completed their rate study and the rates will be in place at the end of June. Mr. Cattaneo reported the rates are lower than originally expected.

15. **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
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Unrepresented Employees: Management/Confidential/Professional
Employees: Accountant, Assistant Engineer, Associate Engineer, Deputy
District Engineer, Finance Manager, Human Resources/Administrative
Assistant, Operations and Maintenance Manager, Senior Engineer,
Supervising Accountant, Water Conservation Program Manager
17. **CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Labor Negotiator**
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Unrepresented Employees: Executive Employees: District/General Manager,
Assistant General Manager, Assistant Manager, Manager of Administration,
Finance and Business Services, District Engineer

(The Board convened in Closed Session at 5:45 p.m.)

18. **OPEN SESSION: Report any action, if any, in Closed Session items**

(The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:13 p.m.)

President Tonascia stated there was no action taken in Closed Session.

19. **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Approved at the June 29, 2022 Board meeting and signed by the presiding board member.

/s/ Joseph Tonascia
Joseph Tonascia, President

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