



**SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 5, 2023**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Bill Koster called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Board Members present were Daniel Bays, Jarod Lara, Zach Maring, Pete Lucich and Kyle Perez. Board Member Jasper joined via telephone call.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

President Koster asked if there were any public comments. There was no public comment and the meeting continued.

3. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or revisions to the Agenda.

4. MANAGER'S REPORT

Anthea reported that San Luis Reservoir will be full within the next 24 hours. She shared that because of the flood flows, the Kings and San Joaquin River systems outflows will make it possible for all of the Exchange Contractor demands will be met from the Mendota Pool until at least July 2023. As long as the pool remained full, the District can continue delivering Rescheduled water. Anthea also reported that Staff was to meet with Reclamation to work on any transaction that will allow the District to place water into groundwater storage, and to allow deliveries of water to other Districts to which the District has a current obligation (CCID & WWD). Water Users began irrigating recently and she emphasized that customers were being encouraged to utilize surface water and not use their wells. She indicated that she would try to send out weekly updates on the San Luis Reservoir and Rescheduled Water Supplies.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Review and Consider – 2023-24 Irrigation Water Rate Adjustment

Anthea provided and reviewed the SLDMWA Revised WY 2023 O&M Rates and the 2023-24 DPWD Water Rates. After review, discussion, and Staff's recommendation to reduce this year's water rates, the Board approved an Adjustment of the 2023-24 Irrigation Water Rate from \$68/AF to \$62/AF as follows:

Ayes: Koster, Bays, Lucich, Perez, Maring and Lara
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: Jasper

Anthea also provided and reviewed the Water Use Policy and Groundwater Well Metering Policy. She added that this year, there would be no Pump-In Program or L2 Groundwater Exchange Program(s).

B. Board to Review and Consider Notice of Exemption for the Exchange of Rescheduled Water to Kern County Water Agency

Anthea provided and reviewed the Homer LLC 2023- Water Management Exchange Program as well as the Notice of Exemption. Staff requested the Board to ratify the execution of a 1 for 1 exchange on 7,000 AF (assuming all approvals are granted), and to approve the CEQA Notice of Exemption. Staff recommends that the District can make the finding under CEQA that this project is exempt from a full environmental document due to the transfer of up to 7,000 AF will not cause a direct or indirect potentially significant or other physical change to the environment and can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment and because the project involves operation of existing public water related facilities resulting in no negligible or expansion of use. The Board approved the Ratification of the Agreement and CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Exchange of Rescheduled Water to Kern County Water Agency as follows:

Ayes: Koster, Bays, Lucich, Perez, Maring and Lara
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Absent: Jasper

6. ITEMS TO DISCUSS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54954.2

There was nothing to report.

A. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthea G. Hansen
Secretary