



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DECEMBER 21, 2022
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Koster called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. Board Members present were Daniel Bays, Kyle Perez, Pete Lucich, and Jarod Lara.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

President Koster asked if any member of the public who might be on the phone line wanted to make a comment. Being none, the meeting continued.

3. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Anthea shared that she would be moving the closed session report item for existing litigation on two cases listed on the Agenda to be discussed at 10:30 a.m. There were no further changes or revisions to the agenda, which was accepted as follows:

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

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Minutes from the Board Meeting of 11/16/2022, Monthly Accounting Reports, and Field Operations Report for November 2022 were provided in advance for the Board's review. The Board approved the Consent Calendar as follows:

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

5. MANAGER'S REPORT

Anthea shared that the Department of Water Resources had released the Draft Environmental Impact Report on the Delta Conveyance Project and provided some of the responses they were receiving. Anthea also reported that four of the East Side Tributaries had signed on the Voluntary Agreement process, which was still being vetted for a presentation to the State Water Resources Control Board as an alternative to their Phase II 55% unimpaired flows on the Sacramento River. She also reported that with the retirement of the Westlands WD General Manager, there would be a period of transition that will require adjustment, as Mr. Birmingham was an influential part of the CVP. The appointment of Jose Gutierrez, previously COO and now Interim General Manager of Westlands WD, was done the week prior.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Board to Review and Approve Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for the Third Quarter Ending November 30, 2022

Anthea provided and reviewed the Quarterly Investment Report for the Third Quarter Ending November 30, 2022. After review and discussion, the Board approved the Quarterly Investment Report for the Third Quarter Ending November 30, 2022 as follows:

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

7. WATER OPERATIONS & SUPPLY

A. CVP/SWP Operations

Anthea shared that the Department of Water Resources had announced the initial allocation to the State Water Project of 5%. She also reviewed and discussed the December SLDMWA Operations Update which reported on Jones and Banks minimum pumping rates, as well as storage updates for Folsom and Shasta. Also included was the 50% and 90% Exceedance Forecast Report for the Board's review.

B. Monthly Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 11/30/22

Paul provided the Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 11/30/22 and reported in-District use for the Month of November at 294 AF. Total current use for the year was 32,957 AF. Total estimated for rescheduling into 2023-24 was 14,872 AF.

C. 2021-22 Additional Supplies Update

Anthea provided and reviewed a 2022-23 Pre-Purchase Program Projections Report and shared that total projected requests to be filled as of 12/31/22 was 6,919 AF, with a shortage to fill all requests by 1,548 AF. She did not believe there would be a rebate from the 2021-22 Annual Additional Supplies Pool, which at close is estimated to have successfully delivered almost 27,000 AF of water.

Note: Director Maring arrived at 9:19 a.m.

D. 2022-23 Additional Supplies Update

Anthea provided the 2022-23 Additional Supplies Pool Report and shared that this pool was still active and still receiving Grasslands and Volta water. Yuba water deliveries had been completed, but carriage losses had not been finalized (it was estimated at a 25% loss). Ceres water continued to move monthly. She reviewed and discussed the three scenarios listed on the Report with the Board.

E. Landholding/Licensing Updates

Paul provided the Active Permits and Licenses Report as of November 30, 2022 and shared there were three active permits and one active license. Anthea indicated there were no landholding changes but that Staff would be reaching out to landholders and water users requesting they report any landholding or leasing changes before the 2023-24 water year.

8. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Westside Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Activities

Anthea provided the Activity Agreements Staff Report for November 2022 and shared that DWR approved an amendment to the Prop 1 Round 1 IRWM Grant administered through SLDMWA due to construction costs increasing over 600%. She shared that the District was awarded the Round II, IRWM Project Funding in full for the San Joaquin Region for the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir decision support tool on how to site dams for flood control and storage. The amount of the award is \$955,000.

B. SJVDA/Westside San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition Report(s)

Adam reported that the December meeting had been cancelled because the primary focus of the meeting would be the coordination of the Nitrate Control Program discussed in prior meetings and how it could be administered along with SGMA. A presentation on that was made by Coalition Representatives at the December 12th SGMA Coordination Committee meeting. A Regional Water Quality Control Board ILRP News Bulletin was provided for the Board to review. Adam also provided a list of Nitrate Discharge Permit Holders in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin that would receive Notices to Comply with the Nitrate Control Program from the Regional Board. Anthea noted that the Coalition members were not included in the list. A Management Zone must be set up that indicates what area the Nitrogen Management Plan would be covering. Anthea sees this as an outreach program and the Coalition would likely have to hire someone to do some public outreach.

C. Sustainable Groundwater Management Activities

1. Policy Discussion Regarding Management Action Enforcement - Continued

Adam provided the Delta Mendota SGMA Joint meeting of the Coordination Committee and Technical Working Group Agenda and a draft timeline for the 2025 GSP Update. Adam reported that similarly to the

Watershed Coalition, outreach and coordination would be needed and it would make sense to coordinate these programs as they have similar goals and efforts. Adam indicated that work to obtain well registrations from landowners was in the works and Anthea shared that outreach to them would be necessary in the near future to obtain the information on their wells.

2. SGM Implementation Grant-Round 1 Monthly Grant Administrator Update

Anthea reported that as the Grant Administrator for the Round 1 SGM Grant, the first reimbursement request and quarterly report would be submitted on December 23, 2022.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. 2023-24 Budget Update

Anthea shared that a budget will be presented for approval in February. A presentation will be given at the January BOD Meeting on the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project by Taryn Ravazzini, the new Consulting/Executive Director. If the Board decides to participate in this project or other major storage/conveyance projects, it is likely a Prop 218 will need to be administered.

B. CVP Financial Matters

Anthea provided the CVPWA Meeting Agenda and reported that the CVPWA FAC continued discussions with the USBR on how to move forward with cost allocation and repayment obligations for infrastructure funding that has become available.

10. SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

A. Orestimba Creek Recharge & Recovery Project – Update

Anthea shared that Bid Documents went out and a list of contractors that were invited and a list of contractors that responded was provided for the Board to review. The Bid acceptance deadline was extended to December 29, 2022 due to the GeoTech report not being received until December 16, 2022. The successful bidder will be informed by January 31, 2023. She indicated she would provide a budget schedule at the January BOD Meeting. Anthea shared that there are 5 landowners that the project would need easements from to move forward. She and Jarrett Martin recently met with the landowners and presented them with all the draft documents for the required easements. She will also be working with the engineer in the next couple of weeks to finalize legal descriptions of those easements.

B. Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project – Update

Anthea provided the November Progress Report from Woodard and Curran. She reported that the GeoTech work was completed for now and most work was focused on soil analysis information that will go into the 30% design. She and Chris White have also been working with the Bureau to get the NEPA Document out. Phase II of the GeoTech is in the planning stages.

C. Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project - Update

Anthea provided the Los Vaqueros Reservoir December Monthly Report and the LVRJPA Draft 2023 Coordination Timeline. She shared that the decision point for the District to stay in the project will likely be in August, when the service agreements are scheduled to be finalized. Meetings will also be taking place between the in the near future by the LVRJPA AA members to discuss how the pipeline capacity will be distributed.

D. BF Sisk Dam Raise Project – Update

Anthea provided a B.F. Sisk Dam Raise & Expansion Project Activity Agreement Member Monthly Update for review. She gave an overview of the schedule items that were being worked on.

E. Ceres-DPWD-Turlock Discussions on Advancing Recycled Water into NVRWP Facilities-Update

Anthea was currently trying to obtain the data she needed to get a draft agreement ready for the Board to review.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Anthea provided ACWA JPIA President's Special Recognition Award to DPWD for having no workman's comp claims.

12. SLDMWA Report

A. SLDMWA Minutes, Reports and Issues Updates

Anthea provided the SLDMWA Open Minutes, O&M Report, Update on Science Program, and Memo on BOD to Consider Water Resources Committee Recommendation Regarding Adoption of Fiscal Year 2024 Objectives were provided for the Board's review.

13. CLOSED SESSION

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Upon return from Closed Session, Anthea reported that the Board met on items listed on the Closed Session Agenda and no reportable action was taken.

B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

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C. Conference with Special Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

There was nothing to report on this item.

14. ARTICLES/CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC OUTREACH

News releases pertaining to Westlands Water District's General Manager's retirement announcement, Diablo Grande Water District winning a case over unpaid taxes, Regional Drought Emergency Declared for all of Southern California, and the Family Farm Alliance December Update Report were provided for the Board's review.

15. ITEMS TO DISCUSS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54954.2

There was nothing to report on this item.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthea G. Hansen
Secretary