



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JULY 19, 2023
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Koster called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m. Board Members present were Daniel Bays, Zach Maring, Jarod Lara, Kyle Perez, Pete Lucich and Jim Jasper.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

President Koster asked if there was any public comment and asked if anyone on the phone had any public comment. No one was on the phone line and there was no public comment.

3. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Anthea requested to have Closed Session Items taken after Consent Calendar Items.

4.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on 6/21/23, Monthly Accounting Reports, and Field Operations Report for June 2023 were provided in advance for the Board's review. The Board approved the Consent Calendar Items as follows:

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

Note: Board member Lucich arrived at 8:45 a.m.

5. MANAGER'S REPORT

No report given due to the length of closed session.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Board to Review and Consider Options for an Increase in Staffing Resources

Anthea shared that the administrative staffing levels at the District are insufficient given the current volume of work, particularly in the area of accounting and special programs. Anthea asked for the Board's permission to pursue increasing staffing resources. She indicated that she would work on developing a plan and provide a further update at the August Board Meeting. The Board authorized Anthea to increase staffing as follows:

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

Note: President Koster departed at 11:05 a.m. Vice President Bays continued the meeting.

7. WATER OPERATIONS & SUPPLY

A. CVP/SWP Operations

Anthea provided and reviewed the 2023 San Luis Storage Projection at both a 50% and 90% hydrology. She believed San Luis Reservoir would refill early this winter which would likely limit the timeframe and amount for carryover.

B. Monthly Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 06.30.23

Anthea provided Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 6/30/23 and reported in-District use for the Month of June at 11,855 AF, with OCCRP deliveries being 146 AF of the total. There were no Transfers

Out for the month of June. Total use for the 2023-24 water year was 26,030 AF, leaving the total estimated for rescheduling into 2024-25 at 95,317 AF.

- C. 2023-24 Additional Supplies Update
Anthea provided a 2023-24 Annual Additional Supplies Pool report and shared that the District was signed up to receive 5,061 AF of supplemental water. The value of that water is \$1,295,283. Staff hoped to put that water in storage for future use, as there would likely be no current year demand for it.
 - D. Landholding/Licensing Updates
Anthea provided a list of Active Permits and Licenses for the Board's review.
8. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES
- A. Westside Integrated Regional Water management (IRWM) Activities
There was no report given.
 - B. SJVDA/Westside San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition Report(s)
Adam reported that the Watershed Coalition did not have a meeting in June but would have one soon. Work continued on the organization of the Management Zone approach to outreach for adding the Salt & Nitrate Control Program.
 - C. Annual Report Filing – Response Update
Adam provided and reviewed an updated list of growers who had yet to submit their Watershed Coalition INMPSR and FE paperwork for 2022.
 - D. Sustainable Groundwater Management Activities
Adam reported and provided a Proposed List of Probationary Hearing's dates showing the Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSP's hearing scheduled for September 2024. Adam shared that this gave a small window of time to work on updates to the plan. Also provided and reviewed was the Report on June 21st SWRCB Meeting SGMA Agenda Item, a copy of a power point presentation from the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Response to Inadequate Determination Technical Meeting held on July 10th, a report on the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Seasonal high Groundwater Level Exceedances and Trends, and a flyer from DWR on how to be prepared if your well goes dry.
 - E. SGM Implementation Grant – Round 1 Monthly Grant Administrator Update
Anthea provided communication with Woodard & Curran indicating continued work on revisions to the first invoice submittal.
 - F. Well Registration Package – Response Update
Adam provided a list of growers who had yet to submit their Well Registration Packages.
9. FINANCIAL MATTERS
- A. FY 2023 Audit Update
Anthea reported that she hoped to have the Audit completed by August.
 - B. CVP Financial Matters
Anthea provided a list on New Storage Projects and shared that Adam, Minnie and Gracie had attended a tour of Folsom Dam and provided the Board with a copy of the tour program.
10. SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS
- A. Orestimba Creek Recharge & Recovery Project – Update
Anthea provided a Media Release from the State Water Resources Control Board announcing the groundbreaking of the Orestimba Creek Recharge & Recovery Project. She thanked the Board for attending and shared that the large pond construction was underway.
 - B. Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project – Update
Anthea shared that updates on this Project will take place on the Special Board of Directors Meeting being held on July 21st.

- C. Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project – Update
Anthea provided the Board with a report on Conveyance and Delivery of Water Discharged into the California Aqueduct thru Future Transfer-Bethany Pipeline for their review. She also provided updates on the GM Meeting, minutes for the Regular LVRE JPA Board of Directors meeting, and LVE Capacity Sharing & Cost Allocation meeting for the Board's review.
- D. BF Sisk Dam Raise Project – Update
Anthea provided a Quarterly Contribution Worksheet showing the District's share at 4.3% or \$97,638.00. She shared that a current focus was trying to identify in the next 60 days if there might be any transportation dollars to offset the cost of Highway 152 road relocation, which is about half of the cost of the project. If not, the District would most likely determine the project not cost-effective.
- E. Ceres – DPWD – Turlock Discussions on Advancing Recycled Water into NVRWP Facilities – Update
There was nothing to report on this item.
11. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES
- A. November 2023 District Election Update
Anthea reported that she sent the District's Notice of Election to the Stanislaus County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors on July 5th, noting that there were four Board seats up for election. The notice was also placed in the local newspaper as required.
12. SLDMWA Report
- A. SLDMWA Minutes, Reports and Issues Updates
Anthea provided the SLDMWA Meeting Minutes and shared that the SLDMWA was currently engaged in trying to work on resolving issues with the Friant Water Authority, among other major RO&M projects.
13. ARTICLES/CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC OUTREACH
Anthea provided a copy of an invitation to a retirement celebration for Diane Rathman of Panoche Water District, correspondence pertaining to a Reclamation Grant Supporting a Unified Water Plan for the San Joaquin Valley, the California Water Commission – Harvest Water Program Awarded \$277.5 Million in Prop. 1 Funds, and a California Water Impact Network article on Managing to Extinction for the Board's review.
14. CLOSED SESSION
Upon return from closed session, Anthea reported that the Board took action to ratify a term sheet for a transfer opportunity with Arvin Edison Water Storage District and to approve an agreement regarding a water transfer opportunity with CCID for 40 AF of water. The Board also received reports and gave Staff guidance on all other items listed on Closed session.
15. REPORTS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54954.2
There were no Reports Pursuant to Government Code 54954.2.
16. ADJOURNMENT
Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthea G. Hansen
Secretary