



TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JULY 15, 2020  
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Gene Bays called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. in accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, allowing the meeting to be held telephonically. Board Members connected via conference call were Jarod Lara, Jim Jasper, Pete Lucich, Zach Maring and Kyle Perez.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Anthea asked if any member of the public that joined the meeting had any public comments. There was no public comment.

3. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or revisions to the Agenda.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Minutes from the Board Meeting of 6/17/20 and the Monthly Accounting Reports as of 06/30/20 and Field Operations Report were provided in advance for the Board's review. The Board approved the Consent Calendar as follows:

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

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Board to Receive Independent Auditor's Report for FYE 02.29.2020

Anthea reported that Jeremy Ware of JWT and Associates, LLP had performed the Independent Audit for FYE 02.29.20 and would be giving his report via the telephone conference. Anthea introduced Jeremy, who presented the Del Puerto Water District Audited Financial Statements dated February 29, 2020. After review and discussion, he indicated the District received an "unqualified" opinion. The Board accepted the Audited Financial Statements as follows:

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

B. Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for the First Quarter Ended 05.31.2020

Anthea provided and reviewed the Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for the first quarter ended 05.31.2020. After review and discussion, the Board approved the Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for the first quarter ended 05.31.2020 as follows:

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

C. Board to Review and Accept Groundwater Sustainability Plan Errata Sheet for DPWD North Valley Regional Recycled Water Program Description

This item was not discussed.

D. Board to Authorize Consulting Services Contract with Mizuno Consulting for Special Projects

Anthea shared that Frances Mizuno, who retired from the SLDMWA as the Assistant Executive Director, had set up a private consulting business. Anthea indicated she wished to have Frances assist her in several aspects and wished to have a Consulting Services Contract in place for Mizuno Consulting Services in the event her services are needed and wished to have her compensated in a timely manner. The Board would also be notified when her services have been used. After review and discussion, the Board authorized the consulting services contract with Mizuno Consulting Services for special projects as follows:

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

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Anthea provided the SLMWA Update on Water Policy and Resources Activities and reported that the long term operations of the State and Federal projects are still in controversy with each other. The SWRCB activities pertaining to the voluntary agreement process had come to a stall at the moment due to the long term operations issue. The Delta Stewardship Council was currently working on their Delta Plan which had five amendments made to date. The water blueprint for the San Joaquin Valley was in the process of being formed, which would cover Socio-Economic Impact Analysis, the implementation of SGMA in the San Joaquin Valley, water supply development, water quality among many others. Anthea provided a published notice pertaining to the Delta Conveyance Project Section 404 Permit Application where they requested authorization for the proposed Delta Conveyance Project activities in waters of the United States. Lack of unity amongst the State Water Contractors in participation and ability to afford the project was also an issue. A letter written to Governor Newsom pertaining to said high costs was also provided for the Board to review.

7. WATER OPERATIONS & SUPPLY

A. CVP/SWP Operations

Anthea provided the SLDMWA July Operations Update and reported that Jones Pumping Plant was operating at 60% capacity.

B. Monthly Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 6/30/20

Adam reported in-district use for the month of June at 8,931 AF and transfers out at 6,217 AF, for a total of 15,148 AF of use in June. In-District use forecasted for the year is 79,715 AF, and a total of 18,791 AF is estimated for rescheduling into 2021-22. Anthea added that in the month of June, the District completed its annual obligation under the settlement agreement with Westlands WD pertaining to the NVRWP in the amount of 500 AF.

C. 2020-21 Annual Additional Supplies - Update

Anthea reported that the District generated a pool of 20,400 AF of water, and 19,652 AF of obligations for that water at a price of \$275/AF.

D. Landholding/Licensing Updates

Adam reported that in 2015, a bridge crossing requested by a landowner was in the process of having a license approved at 31.59 when the applicant unexpectedly retracted the request. Due to the current dryer conditions, the same landowner has regained interest in the crossing and was currently working to move forward with the crossing.

Note: Anthea asked if any member of the public had any comments on any section of Item 7, to which no reply was given. She proceeded with item 8.

8. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Westside Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Activities

Anthea reported that the Department of Water Resources had announced their Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grants to which the District's Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery Project would receive \$800,000 and its NVRWP Turlock Component would receive \$1,000,000. Unfortunately, the NVRWP grant would not be used fully but the remaining would be returned and applied to Round 2 of the grant funding. Anthea also reported that the SLDMWA Board of Directors approved the Draft Stormwater

Resources Plan, which sets the stage for the grant application under the Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery Project.

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

Adam shared that the last in-person meeting was held in June and there was nothing new to report. He provided a list of landowners and operators with outstanding paperwork for the Nitrogen Management Plan as of 7/13/2020. Director Koster asked if phone communication had been done and Adam indicated the Coalition had been doing the initial calling.

C. Sustainable Groundwater Management Activities

Anthea indicated she had not scheduled a meeting due to COVID-19. Adam reported that the next steps on this program was implementation and for the next five years would be figuring out where data gaps are to fill them, inform estimates of aquifer-specific groundwater extraction rates and expand the number of wells that are monitored that might be included as modeling sites in the SGMA network. Discussion on whether individual agencies should handle data collection and submittals or hire consultants to collect the data. Also provided and discussed was the estimated range of costs pertaining to tasks, including obtaining well data, video logging, and developing a Geodatabase / GIS Map, among other tasks to which a Grant was requested for these tasks. Board Member Koster questioned how a rate per hour from Woodard and Curran was justified and Adam and Anthea indicated that was the going rate for the services they provided. A Well Census and Inventory Task and Scope Detail Report was provided and discussed with the Board. Anthea added that some of the costs will be funded by grant funding.

D. Remote Telemetry Project

Adam reported that no report was available from Sierra Controls at the time. He provided a template from another irrigation district showing what their monitored daily flows report looked like and what customers would be able to access once in place. Anthea suggested that Board Members Perez and Maring study the reports as their turnouts were part of the pilot project and requested Adam Scheuber explain the reports, how to read them and input on what they would like to see or not see on the reports.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. Update on Accounts Receivable Delinquencies

Anthea reported that currently, there were two delinquent liens. One of those liens had a large amount owed and shared that a bankruptcy restructure group had reached out to the District and arranged for a monthly payment of \$3,000 to be mailed until the outstanding amount on the property was paid off or said property was sold. She reported that both liens continue to collect interest and are billed on a monthly basis.

B. CVP Financial Matters

Anthea provided a letter from the CVP pertaining to the 2020 CVP Water Rates and reported that the Final 2020 CVP Rates were available on their website. She shared that an underestimate of the 2020 water rates resulted in an under-collection of rates and the provided letter served as an advance notice of potential deficits for 2021. Both she and Minnie would be taking a phone meeting on Friday for the CVP Financial Affairs Committee.

10. SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

A. North Valley Regional Recycled Water Program – Update

Anthea reported that refining monthly metering and working with the cities of Modesto and Turlock to balance water deliveries were the focus at the moment. The end of the second quarter billing cycle with the cities ended on June 30<sup>th</sup> and were awaiting the billings from them and was hoping this would be a better indicator of monthly costs. Included for the Board's review was a Department of Interior email regarding the proposed modification for the grant awarded to the NVRWP and Anthea reported that Denver had yet to release the final Financial Capabilities Analysis Approval that had been worked on for the past year. She shared that she made a call to their office to respectfully express the frustration behind the lack of urgency since a year had passed and there was no indication an approval was near any time soon.

B. Orestimba Creek Recharge & Recovery Project – Update

Anthea reported that a grant application funding request of \$6.4 million was sent within a short timeframe as the deadline was July 2, 2020 and will be announced in November or December of 2020. Adam also

reported that PG&E had installed power to the well and it would be a few weeks until a test could be performed. Adam shared that an active issue being worked on was that sediment was still being pulled up, which indicated that the well was clogged during construction and are attempting to surge the well and pump it out for several hours, let it recover, and continue to pump until it clears. He indicated good recovery on the upper part of the aquifer as once they hit below the clay level, the results are not as significant. Anthea added that they had been meeting weekly with Steve Chedester and Jarret Martin from CCID and Exchange Contractors to try to be prepared to proceed with Phase II and the final reports of the pilot phase to present to the Board to make an educated decision as to whether to proceed.

C. Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project – Update

Anthea provided Woodard & Curran's Progress Report summarizing the work performed as of April 4/24/2020 as well as Andy Neal's Progress Update for the July 2020 Board meeting for the Board to review. She reported that the final Environmental had been fully reviewed by herself, Chris White and attorneys related to the project and might be ready by the August Board Meeting. She shared that they had been working on the Feasibility Report, Cost Allocation, Operations Modeling, Environmental Work, Engineering/Data Collection and Utility Relocation. Word that the NEPA work would be delayed by a couple of months due to the lead environmental reviewer was now working on USGS and would have to start over with a new person. She also reported that talks with the new owners of Diablo Grande pertaining to alternative road alignments.

D. Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project - Update

Anthea reported that the proponents of the project were working on cost and participation and also focused on the opportunities that are presented to the westside by being a proponent on the Transfer-Bethany Pipeline which would connect the Los Vaqueros Reservoir to the South of the Delta Conveyance Facilities (CA Aqueduct).

E. BF Sisk Dam Raise Project - Update

Anthea reported that the Water Authority was currently seeking a Finding of Feasibility Study and complete environmental documents to submit to the WIIN Act for funding by the timeline of December 2021. How water districts will participate in this and cost was still being discussed.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. WIIN Act Section 9d. Contract Conversion Process – Update

Anthea provided a BOR News Release announcing a 60 day comment period for draft contracts for CVP South-of-Delta Contractors as well as a copy of the Contract for the Board to review. Anthea reviewed Exhibit-C of the Repayment Contract and reported that as of September 2019, the Bureau has indicated that the District has a construction obligation of \$14.8 million. With a lump sum payment, the obligation would be reduced to \$14.2 million. She shared that she and Minnie had been working on interfacing with potential financiers and special circumstance landowners. A copy of the power point presentation given to Stanislaus County was reviewed with the Board as it explained the background of what the District's current assessments are and moves forward to explain the contract conversion project and attempts to outline the basic benefits of the conversion and informs the customers what their obligations would be and their new rates with that conversion in place. She also shared that a brochure was in the works to distribute to customers that will explain the Prop 218 and Contract Conversion processes. Ballots will also be mailed with the options to pay in full or participate in a financing (whatever it will be). Also provided and reviewed was a Financing Comparison Repayment Obligation Contract Conversion chart showing two offers from CoBank and one from Weistlaw for the Repayment Contract.

B. 2020 Irrigation System Improvement Project CWSRF Loan Application – Status Update

Anthea reported that the Irrigation System Improvement Project CWSRF Loan Application had been rejected due to projects with a priority score of 12 or lower to be funded for the 2020-21 year. The SWRCB indicated that if the score improved, another opportunity would be available for the 2021-22. Anthea shared that no loan programs would be available at the time, but would continue to search for other programs. Board Member Jasper asked if Staff was aware of what needed to be done to improve the score to a 13 to which Adam indicated the points missing pertained to a readiness score. Knowing this, he gave a brief description of how he would ensure the readiness score improved for the next application.

C. Office Building Expansion Project - Update

Anthea reported that the building was coming along great, the construction people were easy to work with, assured the Board that the building was coming along great and looked forward to them seeing the final project when meetings resumed at the District building.

12. SLDMWA Report

A. SLDMWA Minutes, Reports and Issues Updates

Anthea provided the SLDMWA Minutes for June for the Board to review. The O&M June Report showed that outside funding for the refurbishment of the 3 remaining pumping units was underway as well as looking at the options of raising Sisk Dam and subsidence repairs.

13. ARTICLES/CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC OUTREACH

Anthea provided articles pertaining to the Temperance Flat Dam, Family Farm Alliance pertaining to the Government's response to Covid-19, Modesto Bee pertaining to a Riparian Rights case and an article on Water Storage and Dam Management. She also provided a flyer from ACWA JPIA announcing a live webinar on August 27<sup>th</sup> for the Sexual Harassment Prevention class that is required for all Supervisors, Managers and Board Members.

14. CLOSED SESSION

There was nothing to report for closed session.

15. ITEMS TO DISCUSS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54954.2

Anthea reported that the Board deliberated on two items on the Closed Session Agenda and there were no reportable actions taken.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthea G. Hansen  
Secretary



TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JUNE 17, 2020  
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Bill Koster called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. in accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, allowing the meeting to be held telephonically. Board Members connected via conference call were Jarod Lara, Jim Jasper, Pete Lucich, Zach Maring and Kyle Perez.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Anthea asked if any member of the public that joined the meeting had any public comments. There was no public comment.

3. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or revisions to the Agenda.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Minutes from the Board Meeting of 5/20/20 and the Monthly Accounting Reports as of 05/31/20 and Field Operations Report were provided in advance for the Board's review. The Board approved the Consent Calendar as follows:

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

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Board to Consider Request from the Department of Water Resources for Extension of Agreement to Enact the Cancellation of Water Service on District Lands

Anthea provided a copy of the Agreement to Enact the Cancellation of Water Service on District Lands, email correspondence with DWR and a Staff Report / Action Item Request for the Board. She gave a background on the agreement, indicating that DWR requested to have their lands removed from the District's Assessment Rolls for five years and allow them time to make a strategic decision on the use of their property, to which the District agreed with some conditions. Due to the current WIIN Act Contract Conversion effort, Staff contacted DWR to remind them of their commitment to the 9.1.20 notice date under the 5 year agreement. During discussions, DWR noted that they had intended to contact the District to request a one year extension. Among other issues, Staff noted for the Board that the requirement to identify the benefitting acreage as closely as possible for financing purposes would be a challenge if an extension was granted. After discussion, the Board did not agree to the extension and requested DWR give their final decision by September 1, 2020 as originally agreed upon as follows:

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

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Anthea shared that both State and Federal legislation were focusing on budgets and appropriations legislation, which should be out by July and hoped some recognition would be available for the remaining Tile XVI funding and further appropriations for feasibility studies under the DPCR. A few Senate and House bills proposing to provide non-reimbursable funding for subsidence issue fixes for Friant and the DMC were being closely watched. On the matter of the Long Term Operations of the CVP and SWP, an injunction against BOR was filed based on the fact the State Water Resources Control Board rejected the Bureau's Temperature Management Plan for 2020, indicating that absent an approved temperature, the Bureau of Reclamation should not make water allocations. The injunction if approved,

would have the District's previous 20% allocation revoked. Anthea and Jim Jasper's declarations in support of the Bureau of Reclamation's decision were provided for the Board's review. Anthea also reported that the State of California was moving forward with their proposed Delta Conveyance Project and hope to put out an NOP for comments by January 2021 for their drafted Environmental Document to be reviewed. Although many of the SWP contractors are in support of the project, other contractors are not. Oak Flat Water District would not be able to support the Delta Conveyance fix as they would not be able to support the resultant water rate.

## 7. WATER OPERATIONS & SUPPLY

### A. CVP/SWP Operations

Anthea reported that Jones pumps were running at about 5,000 AF/Day and believed the rest of the year would be governed by D-1641 water quality standards. On June 4<sup>th</sup>, the Department of Water Resources released their updated monthly Bulletin 120 which showed that the 90% exceedance forecast showed Shasta inflow at 3.235 million acre feet and the 50% showed 3.360, just above the 3.2 million acre inflow requirement, which meant the exchange contractors would receive 100% of their allocation for the year. The comment period for an annual effort to seek inclusion in a changed place of use permit between the CVP and SWP Water Rights the SWRCB governs ended on 6/17/20. The renewed permit would allow Oak Flat users to use DPWD Turnouts and vice versa. She was working on obtaining a long-term permit with four other agencies and was pending.

### B. Monthly Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 5/31/20

Adam reported in-district use for the month of May at 7,286 AF and transfers out at 1,491 AF, for a total of 8,777 AF of use in May. In-District use forecasted for the year is 79,070 AF, and a total of 19,657 AF is estimated for rescheduling into 2021-22.

### C. 2020-21 Annual Additional Supplies - Update

Anthea reported of the Additional Supplies program. Based on increased CWA deliveries due to the year type being finalized in the American River, which resulted in more Category 4 water available, she noted that the District had the opportunity to request more supply. She did not believe there was a need however, for additional water. If a decision to pursue more water was needed, a special Board Meeting would be called into place to make that decision.

### D. Landholding Updates

Anthea indicated there were no Landholding Updates at this time. She reported on her outreach to Stanislaus County to discuss the contract conversion and its effects on their landholdings in the District. Board Member Jasper offered to assist with any information needed to relay to landowners not aware of the conversion and how that would affect them.

## 8. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

The SLDMWA Activity Agreements – Staff Report for April 2020 was provided for the Board to review.

### A. Westside Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Activities

Anthea reported that the grant conditionally awarded to the NVVRWP would not be able to be fully used, and that the final Storm Water Grant Program was currently being reviewed. She added that the disadvantaged communities support was ongoing.

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

Adam reported on the monthly coalition conference call meeting and outlined developments throughout the year. The development of program-wide formula for developing what impacts nitrogen use on the surface impacts groundwater. The purpose is to obtain real information that states adequately what taking place versus the State Board blanket area information.

### C. Sustainable Groundwater Management Activities

Adam shared that data collection was ongoing. This was the first year of the GSP implementation and during the first 5 years, the goal was to effectively determine what is known and refine what was used as estimates in the original plan submittal. A PDF presentation on the GSA, a GSP Implementation Tool Report, Updates, and quarterly updates on different GSP groups were provided for the Board's review.

D. Remote Telemetry Project

Adam reported that most of the software was developed and equipment had been purchased. Per the schedule, the project would be in place by July 2020.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. FYE 02.29.20 Audit Update

Minnie reported that the auditor Jeremy Ware performed the site visit June 10<sup>th</sup> and deliverables would be provided to him by the end of the week as requested with the hopes of a complete draft by for review July and ready for the next Board Meeting.

B. CVP Financial Matters

Anthea provided the Agenda to the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting where they would be discussing CVPIA True-Ups of the restoration fund, and finalization of the M&I Water Ratesetting Policy. If the Bureau retracts the District's allocation and none of those acre feet are used, there could be an O&M deficit. Anthea also reported that the Department of Interior and BOR want to move the implementation system to Denver, CO. The CVP is the only system that uses BOR Works as their record keeping system. If moved to Denver, getting incorrect items fixed would make it more difficult to get them corrected.

10. SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

A. North Valley Regional Recycled Water Program – Update

Anthea reported that 2300 AF of supply were delivered in May with both Modesto and Turlock deliveries. A project with PepsiCo was in the works but was unable to come together at the time. She shared that only about \$40,000 of the \$1 million IWRM Grant would be able to be used on the NVRRWP due to the conditions of the grant.

B. Orestimba Creek Recharge & Recovery Project – Update

Anthea reported that power lines had been installed and had power to the projection well. An \$800,000 implementation grant was awarded to the project from the IWRM funding. If a FEMA Grant can be obtained, the resources will be there to build this project out.

C. Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project – Update

Anthea shared that the Feasibility Report Draft was sent to the Bureau by the deadline of June 1<sup>st</sup>. Once comments are back, the finalization of the report would take place. Staff was also finalizing review of the Final Environmental Document and will be presented to the Board in the months ahead. A memo from Woodard & Curran showing updates for June 2020 Board Meeting.

D. Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project - Update

Anthea shared that a number of local agencies are participating in right now to understand what it would cost to be a part of the expansion if they were to move forward with the project and what those fees might be to use the facilities.

E. BF Sisk Dam Raise Project - Update

Anthea reported that the comment period closed on the scoping for CEQA and the Water Authority was moving forward with it as well as the Bureau with NEPA and available to the public for review.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. WIIN Act Section 9d. Contract Conversion Process - Update

Anthea indicated that additional concurrence needed to be made due to some exhibits that needed to be included. An estimated payoff was included and reviewed with the Board and showed an estimate of about \$15 million.

12. SLDMWA Report

A. SLDMWA Minutes, Reports and Issues Updates

Anthea provided the SLDMWA Minutes for the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and shared that due to COVID-19, not much can be done until in-person meetings resume. Also included were May's O&M Report, Staff Memo on the Update Science Program for the Board's review.

13. ARTICLES/CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC OUTREACH



Articles from the Family Farm Alliance's Executive Director's report pertaining to COVID-19, PPIC's Delta Outflow Water Conflict, and the Water Education Foundation's article on the health of the Delta were provided for the Board's review.

14. CLOSED SESSION

There was nothing to report for closed session.

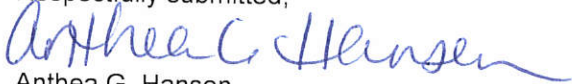
15. ITEMS TO DISCUSS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54954.2

There was nothing to discuss for this item.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthea G. Hansen  
Secretary



TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MAY 20, 2020  
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Gene Bays called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. in accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, allowing the meeting to be held telephonically. Board Members connected via conference call were Jarod Lara, Jim Jasper, Pete Lucich, Bill Koster, Zach Maring and Kyle Perez. Members of the public that joined were Don Phillips, architect of Teter and Eugene Morse, a member of the public.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Anthea indicated the only revision would be that Item 5 C. be taken first to accommodate Don Phillips.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Minutes from the Board Meeting of 4/15/20 and the Monthly Accounting Reports as of 04/30/20 and Field Operations Report were provided in advance for the Board's review. The Board approved the Consent Calendar as follows:

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

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Board to Approve Payment of Final NVRWP Phase 1-4 Reimbursable Program Development Costs to the City of Turlock

Anthea reported that a final reconciliation had been completed on reimbursable soft costs for the period of time the District worked with the City of Turlock on the development of the Turlock component NVRWP. After a diligent review of the submittal, Staff suggested the City of Turlock be paid in full. Anthea noted that this was an anticipated action. After review and discussion the Board approved the payment of the final NVRWP Phase 1-4 Reimbursable Program Development Costs to the City of Turlock as follows:

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

B. Board to Approve Proposal from Sierra Controls for Remote Telemetry Pilot Project

Adam reported that since the project began a few years ago, improvements in the software chosen have been made and an updated recommendation from Sierra Controls was presented to the Board. The new technology would not require towers as each meter would have a cell relay and data collector. The revised amount of \$113,461 included 3 years of hosted Cloud Services and support as well as software support for Ignition. After review and discussion, the Board approved the proposal from Sierra Controls for the Remote Telemetry Pilot Project as follows:

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

C. Board to Review and Approve or Reject Office Building Expansion Bids

Anthea shared that of the five contractors selected to bid on the project, three provided responses. Don Phillips of Teter Architects reviewed the proposals with the Board, noting that none of the bids were within the estimate. After discussion, Staff recommended rejecting all bids, but convening with JHK Construction, the low bidder, to negotiate on the base bid. After discussion, the Board approved approved Staff's recommendation as follows:

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

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Anthea provided the SLDMWA's May Update on Water Policy and Resources Activities and reported that the State Water Project had completed a permitting process for its long-term operations, which involved its application for a permit from the Department of Fish and Wildlife for long-term SWP operations under CESA. She also reported that the Delta Conveyance Project was currently moving forward but slower than anticipated. She also shared that although legislation in both state and federal have been focused on Covid-19 issues, some high level discussions had been taking place regarding stimulus packages that include funding for water infrastructure.

7. WATER OPERATIONS & SUPPLY

A. CVP/SWP Operations

Anthea reported on operations and storage levels in San Luis Reservoir, and mentioned that the main factors in determining the recent 5% allocation increase in water was improved storage conditions in Folsom, and more importantly the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractor Water Authority's efforts to provide to the Bureau a revised schedule for their deliveries that proved there was enough water in the system to help with the low points. No deposits or additional paperwork would be required from customers for this increase in allocation.

B. Monthly Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 4/30/20

Adam reported use for the month of April at 4,123 AF, In-District use forecasted for the year of 68,377 AF, and a total of 9,643 AF estimated for rescheduling into 2021-22. The 5% increase was not included in this report, but will be included in the May Supply/Use Summary Report.

C. 2020-21 Annual Additional Supplies - Update

Anthea reported the Aqua Alliance had file a lawsuit against the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority's Long Term Water Transfer Program. The lawsuit asks the court to declare that the Agencies' EIS report was arbitrary, ignored relevant new information and failed to meet minimum requirements of the NEPA and CEQA. She also reviewed a spreadsheet showing the District's share and costs of the Yuba Accord transfer. Also provided and discussed was a Yuba Water Issue Paper with Reclamation's Regional Director Ernest Conant pertaining to Article 3f of each Contractor's Water Service Contract and allowing rescheduling of water under Article 3g.

D. Landholding Updates

Anthea provided and reviewed the 2019 and 2020 Landholding Changes. She indicated the importance of ensuring all changes are recorded as they assist in voting records. Anthea also reported that the District was coming close to completing support efforts with the Shiraz Ranch to perfect the first DPWD turnout at the California Aqueduct.

8. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Westside Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Activities

Anthea reported on the recommended Funding List for the Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Solicitation, which showed DPWD's Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery Project receiving an \$809,264 grant and the NVRWP – Turlock Component receiving \$1,000,000 with the condition that eligible costs must be incurred AFTER the final award date. She added that unfortunately the NVRWP will not have \$1,000,000 of costs to submit and the remainder of the unused grant must be returned to be used for the next round of funding for the region. Also being discussed and monitored was the Stormwater Grant Program.

- B. SJDVA Westside San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition Report(s)  
Adam reported that no meetings had taken place recently due to Covid-19 and that there wasn't much current activity for the Coalition. He shared that 2019 data collection was the focus for now. A Paperwork Status Update for DPWD growers was provided and reviewed with the Board.
- C. Sustainable Groundwater Management Activities  
Anthea shared there would be no DM-II Meeting this month but was hoping one would take place in June. She reported last month there might be potential challenges to the GSP. A copy of a letter from SGMA Group attorneys to the attorney representing the Plaintiffs requesting the defendants be litigated separately as they are all individual GSPs. Legal cost estimates for SCSPA vs SLDMWA et al were provided for the Board to review.
- D. Remote Telemetry Project  
Adam provided a Remote Telemetry Schedule. The schedule indicated that field installation would be complete by mid-July and testing would be done by the end of October.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- A. FYE 02.29.20 Audit Update  
Anthea shared that she and Minnie were almost done with accruals and would have Jeremy Ware on site by early June do testing. She believed everything looked clean and was not expecting any adjustments from the auditor.
- B. 2020 Fund Transfers  
Anthea reported that last year's income justification from last year's revenue cycle was completed. She shared that the February 2020 estimates on fund transfers were very close and she would be authorizing a transfer from the General Fund to the Rate Stabilization Fund in the amount of \$202,914 for the prior year true-ups. She indicated that this was primarily, the result of a refund from the Bureau for a prior year deficit collection that cleared itself in the true ups, plus a small amount owing from fiscal year 2017 water operations for the water authority. A small amount of CVP Capital Collection was also being transferred and after that, the CVP fund balance, \$1.23 million will have been collected toward the CVP Construction obligation, which will reduce the amount that will need to be borrowed as part of the contract conversion payoff. A final number has not been provided by Reclamation at the moment.
- C. 2020 Cash Flow Report  
Anthea provided and reviewed a Cash Flow Projection Report prepared by Minnie. She reported that the year is projected to end a little over \$3 million in the General Fund and \$1.3 million in the Rate Stabilization Fund.
- D. CVP Financial Matters  
Anthea provided the CVPWA FAC Meeting Agenda and reported that monthly meetings had been taking place via teleconference. She shared that the group's current focus is to get Reclamation to commit to their process for repayment of extraordinary O&M due to aging infrastructure issues and also to ensure contractors have an understanding how new construction will be handled once the existing construction obligations are paid off.

10. SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

- A. North Valley Regional Recycled Water Program -- Update  
Anthea provided the Tuolumne River Conservancy, Inc. Annual Status Update letter on Bobcat Flat Phase III Restoration pertaining to the \$100,000 donation from the District as part of the NVRRWP. The letter also stated they had received a grant from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to complete the designs, engineering and acquire the Central Valley Flood Protection Board Permit and another grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service for other permits and CEQA. Anthea also presented and reported on the Joint Powers Agreement Policy Committee Meeting where she received updates pertaining to the NVRRWPs year 2 of operations, the Turlock Component, NVRRWP Phase IV implementation activities, and various funding activities. Also discussed was the need for a possible amendment to the Recycled Water Conveyance Agreement between Modesto and Turlock.

B. Orestimba Creek Recharge & Recovery Project – Update

Anthea reported that an easement was successfully obtained to allow PG&E to install the power to the extraction well, which she believed would be completed by June. Once in place, the well will be able to run and finalize the pilot project data. No more water is estimated to be placed in the bank, just test the functionality of the extraction well. Anthea added that as a result of receiving the IRWM funding in the amount of \$800,000 and delays due to the FEMA Grant not moving through the NEPA process, CCID and DPWD have established weekly meetings to discuss what can be accomplished with the IRWM Grant and put an alternate plan in place for project completion with and without the FEMA grant. A grant cost estimate was provided and Anthea reminded the Board that FEMA approached the project proponents originally to offer cost share the project at 75/25.

C. Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project – Update

Anthea provided the monthly progress report from Andy Neal, showing the work performed on the feasibility study to date, reported that the main focus is completing the final environmental document and working on the cost and risk analysis. Work with PG&E on transmission line relocation was ongoing. Barnard Construction and its engineering partner Black & Veatch out of Montana had been brought on to the project, both which are high level utility relocation specialist consultants that have previously worked with projects like PG&E's to find the most efficient and cost effective way to relocate major utility formations. Anthea also reported that due to Covid-19, the public meetings scheduled for March and April could not take place. Instead, a professional You-Tube video was prepared to provide the public with information pertaining to the DPCR. In it, Anthea, Chris White and David Gutierrez, former Director of the California Department Safety of Dams, spoke on the process of dam building and safety. She indicated a link would be placed in the DPCR website to access the video and that if meeting restrictions continued, the possibility of making another video would be considered. She shared that the next step would be to publish the final EIR, which will include responses to all comments and would hopefully take place mid-June. The fully executed MOU for the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project and Sharing of Costs received from the Department of the Interior was presented and reviewed with the Board. She also reported that the Bureau of Reclamation will be the lead agency in NEPA and have noticed their scoping period and are working on their NEPA Draft document which would be available in about a month, with a final approved environmental document by March 2021. She added that although the NEPA document is not needed to submit the finding of feasibility to the Department of the Interior, it would have to be substantially in progress.

D. Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project - Update

Anthea provided power point slide copy of the conveyance pathways of the reservoir and shared that although not much new was happening, Staff continued to attend meetings pertaining to the Transfer-Bethany Pipeline. She reported that the storage component is not necessarily what the District would find feasible, but the pipeline project would be beneficial to the District as it would allow to move CVP supplies more reliably and avoid issues at the Delta Pumping Plant. A schematic of the project was provided for the Board's review.

E. BF Sisk Dam Raise Project - Update

Anthea reported that in addition to the Department of Safety of Dams raise being proposed by the Bureau of Reclamation, the SLDMWA and member agencies studying the environmental feasibility study of raising the dam an additional 10 feet to potentially provide an additional 120,000 acre feet of South-of-Delta storage. She added that the SLDMWA was readying to release the draft Admin document to its members which would then be followed by the public draft. The Bureau had released their NEPA document.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. WIIN Act Section 9d, Contract Conversion Process - Update

Anthea shared that Reclamation had yet to release the negotiated contract for the 60 day comment period but was extended to do so on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Anthea explained that the conversion allows the opportunity for the District to make an early payoff of its construction obligation otherwise due in 2030, and convert to a repayment contract under WIIN Act section 9D. The contract would remain the same with respect to the District's contractual quantity (subject to shortages), and mechanics of the contract in terms of allocation methodologies used by the Bureau. The contract would be "permanent" subject to any current regulatory or legal requirements and allow the District to not have to re-negotiate its water service contract every 25 years. She reminded the Board that the last 25 year contract the District renegotiated took 12 years to finalize as well as hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees and other costs of the process. An engineering rate study needs to be completed as part of the Prop 218 process. Conversion of the contract

would immediately coincide with a reduction of the water cost (approx. \$50 less per acre foot). A 9D Contract Conversion Issues Table was reviewed and discussed with the Board as well. After discussion, Anthea suggested another land retirement program be looked into to potentially relieve certain non-irrigated acres of the potential construction payoff obligation, which allow the District to increase the supply allocated to those lands and potentially increase the per acre allocation for remaining lands. Board Member Jim Jasper commented that any time a better supply of water could be obtained would be beneficial. Board Member Bill Koster questioned the current excess land limitations pertaining to Teichert as an example to which Anthea explained the potential options for returning excess lands to service. She noted that any changes to services provided would be through a permanent recording on the title to the property.

Note: Board Member Jim Jasper excused himself from the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

12. SLDMWA Report

A. SLDMWA Minutes, Reports and Issues Updates

Anthea provided the SLDMWA Minutes for the April 9<sup>th</sup> telephonic Board Member Meeting and reported that at recent meetings, the main focus was on issues related to future planning such as the BF Sisk Dam Raise Project, subsidence issues along the DMC, and water supply. Also provided was the O&M Report for the Board's review.

13. ARTICLES/CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Family Farm Alliance Executive Director's Report, letters to the House of Representatives and the President urging them to review the infrastructure for western water, and an article on the price of reclaimed water was also included for the Board's review.

14. CLOSED SESSION

There was nothing to report for closed session.

15. ITEMS TO DISCUSS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54954.2

There was nothing to discuss for this item.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthea G. Hansen  
Secretary



**TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
APRIL 15, 2020  
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Gene Bays called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m. in accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, allowing the meeting to be held telephonically. Board Members connected via conference call were Jarod Lara, Jim Jasper, Pete Lucich, Bill Koster, Zach Maring and Kyle Perez.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Anthea indicated the only revision would be that she would be giving a report on Item 5 B., but no action would be taken.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Minutes from the Board Meeting of 3/25/20 and the Monthly Accounting Reports as of 03/31/20 and Field Operations Report were provided in advance for the Board's review. The Board approved the Consent Calendar as follows:

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

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Board to Review and Consider Proposal or Transmission Line Relocation Consulting Services from Barnard, Inc./Black and Veatch (Barnard Team)

Anthea shared that Barnard Inc., /Black and Veatch had experience in difficult utility relocations and specifically had been able to assist the PG&E team on some previous major infrastructure challenges. She provided and reviewed a draft scoping document and milestone schedule for the proposed work. After review and discussion, the Board gave Anthea approval to accept the proposal if it remained within the budgeted limit of \$30k for the Transmission Line Relocation Consulting Services from Barnard, Inc. /Black and Veatch as follows:

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

B. Board to Approve Payment of Final NVRWWP Phase 1-4 Reimbursable Program Development Costs to the City of Turlock

Anthea provided and reviewed the City of Turlock's NVRWWP Annual Soft Costs report. She shared that she requested the City of Turlock provide further detail on the report and that she would be reviewing the costs as well. This item will be brought back at the May 2020 Board Meeting.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Legislative Update

No report given.

B. USBR Re-Initiation of Consultation on the Long-Term Operations of the CVP/SWP – Update

Anthea reported that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife issued an Incidental Take Permit to the Department of Water Resources for long-term operations of the State Water Project, which would likely cause

the Voluntary Agreements to pause negotiations. A letter to Governor Newsom from several Members of Congress requesting the State of California drop its litigation against the 2019 Biological Opinions as well as a copy of a temporary restraining order by Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association et al vs Wilbur Ross et al to enjoin the increased pumping, which was denied, were included for the Board's review. She reported that the State of California would likely be filing a temporary restraining order in the days ahead against the Federal operations.

C. SWRCB WQCP Activities

Anthea referred the Board to the memo titled update on Water Policy / Resources Activities for the report on this item.

D. Report on DWR's Delta Conveyance Project

The State Water Contractors were continuing negotiations on a contract amendment and Agreement in Principle (AIP) on how the cost of a delta-conveyance project would be paid for.

7. WATER OPERATIONS & SUPPLY

A. CVP/SWP Operations

Pumps are operating until the end of May at D-1641 standards. Only one pump was operating at Jones and will continue for some time. Anthea provided a news release and reported that Reclamation increased Friant Class 1 Allocation on the East side to 40%. She also reported that the Bureau of Reclamation announced a Shasta critical year due to the April 1<sup>st</sup> DWR forecast indicating a less than 3.2 million acre foot inflow into Shasta for the year, which would trigger the reduction in the Exchange Contractor and Refuge Settlement Contract South of the Delta. She hoped that the May 1<sup>st</sup> DWR Forecast will bring the index back up above the 3.2 million acre foot inflow.

B. Monthly Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 3/31/20

Adam reported use for the month of March at 2,704 AF, in-District use forecasted for a total of 58,983 AF with a total of 5,752 AF estimated for rescheduling into 2021-22.

C. Reliable Water Supply (RWSP) / PID Conserved Water Transfer Program - Update

Adam provided a list of the participants in this program and reported that this was the last year to fulfill the balance owing. It initiated in 2014 and due to droughts, the full amount of water agreed upon was not able to be fulfilled until this year and the original rates were being honored.

D. NVRRWP 1 Year Turnback Option – Update

Adam provided and reviewed the list of the growers wishing to participate in the NVRRWP 1 Year Turnback Program. He shared that not many growers participated, as expected.

E. 2020-21 Annual Additional Supplies - Update

Anthea provided the 2020-21 Annual Additional Supplies Source Options overview. She reported that due to Shasta going into a critical year, adjustments will have to be made to the options, which will be presented at the May Board Meeting. She also reminded the Board of the deadline to sign-up for the Annual Additional Supplies Pool and indicated she would be sending a reminder email to all customers the next morning. Director Koster questioned the SLWD Revenue Expenses line, to which Anthea explained that it was the cost and revenue associated with what is an estimated delivery of 3,500 AF of water under the existing agreement that will conclude in 2021.

F. Landholding Updates

There was nothing to report on this item.

8. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Westside Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Activities

Anthea reported that the IRWM was focusing on disadvantaged community grant funding and shared that the San Joaquin River Club near Tracy had approximately 600 residents who's water distribution system was constructed in the 1960's and was in need of repairs. The WSJ Region was anticipating receiving \$270,000 of approximately \$1.4 million in available funding across the 7 IRWM regions. A draft stormwater resources plan was reviewed and Anthea shared that several of the District projects included scored very well, as indicated on the Westside San Joaquin SWRP 2020 Project Score Details Report.



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

Adam reported that no meeting was held April due to the Covid-19 pandemic. He provided the initial list of participants who had not complied with required paperwork by the March 1, 2020 deadline.

C. Remote Telemetry Project

Adam reported there had been a few changes to the project due to new technologies becoming available. He provided the Board with a Cost Breakdown for Remote Telemetry Project Report and reviewed and estimated the project completion by the middle of August 2020. He also provided a copy of the Sierra Controls, LLC Proposal for the Board's review. On Anthea's suggestion, it was decided that Staff needed to go back and query Sierra Controls about revising the proposal to avoid such large up-front server cost.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. FYE 02.29.20 Audit Timeline and scope of Work Review

Minnie reported that JWT & Associates, LLP were informed that they were awarded the contract for auditing services for the District. She indicated that modifications would possibly have to be made to perform the audit due to Covid-19 and the inability to travel to sites. A letter from JWT & Associates addressed to the Board of Directors providing a summarization of various matters related to the planned scope and timing for the 2.29.2020 audit was also provided for the Board's review.

B. 02.29.20 GASB 68 Accounting Report - Pension

Minnie provided and reviewed the McLeod Watts revised 2.29.2020 GASB 68 Accounting Report for the Measurement Period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

C. 02.29.20 GASB 75 Actuarial Report – OPEB

Minnie provided and reviewed the McLeod Watts GASB 75 Actuarial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending February 29, 2020. Anthea added that these required reports will be used to enter journal entries into the financial statements for the current year.

D. CVP Financial Matters

Anthea provided a letter from the CVPWA to Commissioner Burman pertaining to the over-budgeting of CVPIA Program funds, as well as a letter she wrote to Director Conant and Commissioner Burman expressing the same concerns.

10. SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

A. North Valley Regional Recycled Water Program – Update

Anthea reported that she and Adam would be meeting with the cities of Modesto and Turlock to come to an agreement on how metering and accounting for deliveries will be handled now that Turlock was fully on line. She believed it would take a few months to get the system to work smoothly. She reminded the Board that a required JPA meeting will have to take place in the near future.

B. Orestimba Creek Recharge & Recovery Project – Update

The final BOR SF425 disbursement request by CCID for Federal Grant R15AP00167 for the Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery Project was provided for the Board's review. A final grant report was also included and reviewed. Anthea reported that a signed easement from the neighboring landowner allowing PG&E to place a power pole establishing services to the well had been accomplished. The project continued to move slowly pending FEMA funding.

C. Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project – Update

Anthea reported that the DPCR Project is worked on daily. An extensive presentation for the Denver Colorado technical review team was in the process of being prepared. Due to the Covid-19 shutdown, several modifications had to be made to make the presentation remotely as it was no longer possible to travel. Aerial footage of the project was included in the presentation to give a better understanding of the area. She also reported completion of a video prepared on dam safety for the local community. The video will be available soon to view on YouTube. The Woodard & Curran April Progress Report was also provided for the Board's review. She hoped the final draft of the feasibility report would be available for review in May.

D. Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project - Update

Anthea reviewed the recent power point presentation on the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project done with the local Agency Partners. Due to Covid-19, the Los Vaqueros team agreed to extend the current agreement by amendment through December 2020. A second amendment would lay out a schedule for completing the next steps of the project.

E. BF Sisk Dam Raise Project - Update

Anthea provided the B.F. Sisk Dam Raise Project Alternatives Formulation Memorandum to the SLMDWA from CDM Smith.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. WIIN Act Section 9d. Contract Conversion Process - Update

Anthea provided a letter addressed to BOR Area Manager, Michael Jackson, requesting for the Noticing of District's Conversion of Long-Term Water Service Contract No. 14-06-200-922-LTR1 to 9(d) Repayment Contract Pursuant to Section 4011(a) (1) of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act for the Board's review. She reported that she followed up with him earlier in the week, but SCCAO did not have a date as to when notices would be done. Once noticed, a 60 day comment period will open. The engineer's rate study still needs to be completed. Financing mechanisms are also being sought to facilitate this debt. Options to issue bonds are also available. She hopes this process will be complete by the end of summer 2020. Sunset on this item is January 2021.

12. SLDMWA Report

A. SLDMWA Minutes, Reports and Issues Updates

The SLDMWA Water Authority Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for March 5, 2020 and the O&M Report for March were provided for the Board to review.

13. ARTICLES/CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Board packet included an ACWA JPIA Sexual Harassment Prevention Training flyer, articles pertaining to snowpack, an article on the court's refusal to validate a proposed 9d contract between Westlands WD and BOR, and a Family Farm Alliance flyer thanking its members.

14. CLOSED SESSION

There was nothing to report for closed session.

15. ITEMS TO DISCUSS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54954.2

There was nothing to discuss for this item.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthea G. Hansen  
Secretary



**TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MARCH 25, 2020  
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Anthea called the adjourned meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. in accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N 2920, allowing the meeting to be held telephonically. Board Members connected via conference call were Jarod Lara, Jim Jasper Bill Koster and Kyle Perez.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Anthea indicated that Action Items 5. A. and 5.B. were removed from the Agenda.

Note: President Gene Bays joined the meeting at 8:50 a.m. and requested Vice President Koster continue leading the meeting.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Minutes from the Board Meeting of 2/18/20 and the Monthly Accounting Reports as of 02/29/20 and Field Operations Report were provided in advance for the Board's review. Anthea requested that Vice President Bill Koster call for a vote from the Board. The Board approved the Consent Calendar as follows:

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

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution Recognizing the Service and Contribution of Frances A. Mizuno on the Occasion of her Retirement from the San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority

This item was postponed.

B. Resolution updating the District's Oak Valley Community Bank Signature Card(s)

This item was removed.

C. Board to Authorize Staff to Bid Documents & Instructions and Issue Invitations to Bid on the 2020 Office Expansion Project

Anthea provided and reviewed the bidding process with the Board and explained that the District would not be constrained to choose the lowest bidder, rather the most qualified. After review and discussion, the Board authorized Staff to bid documents and instructions as follows:

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

Note: Board Member Maring joined the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

D. Board to Review and Consider Responses to 2020 RFP For Financial Auditing Services

Minnie provided and reviewed an Evaluation Sheet RFP Auditing Services Report and shared that eight Auditing Firms were solicited. Of the eight, three did not respond, one made contact to indicate they would not be interested and the other four were reviewed. After review and discussion, Staff recommended JWT and

Associates, LLP be the firm to continue performing the District's audits. After discussion, the Board approved the choice of JWT and Associates, LLP by Staff as follows:

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

E. Board to Review and Authorize 2020-21 NVRWP (1) Year Turnback Program Option

Anthea indicated this item would be combined with Item 5.F. and provided the Administrative Procedures for 2020-21 NVRWP 1-Year Turnback Option.

F. Board to Review and Consider DRAFT 2020-21 Annual Additional Supplies Program

Anthea provided and reviewed the 2020-21 Annual Additional Supplies Program Report. After review of all scenarios, the Board Authorized the 2020-21 NVRWP's 1 year Turnback Program in coordination with the 2020-21 Annual Additional Supplies Pool Program with Staff's recommendation of \$275/AF, with \$150/AF being billed as a deposit and the remaining \$125/AF billed as the water is used or by July 31<sup>st</sup>, whichever occurs sooner, as follows:

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

G. Board to Review and Consider Annual Surface Water Transfer Policy

Anthea reported that this policy is long standing but wanted to review it for the new Board Members. After review and discussion, the Board approved the Annual Surface Water Transfer Policy as follows:

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

H. Board to Review and Consider Groundwater Pump-In Policy

Anthea reported that she had updated the policy to reflect more current information and added the requirement "Adherence to Any Other Requirements Resulting from the Development and Implementation of the Subbasins Sustainable Groundwater Management Plan by the DM-II Groundwater Sustainability Agency". Upon review and discussion, the Groundwater Pump-In Policy was updated and approved as follows:

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

I. Board to Review and Accept Treasurer's Report for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter ending 02.29.2020

Anthea provided and reviewed the Treasurer's Quarterly Report for the 4th Quarter Ending 02/29/2020. The Board approved the report as follows:

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

J. Board to Review and Consider Proposal for Dam Safety Expert Services from GEI

Anthea shared that due to some confusion within the community regarding the topic of Dam Safety and the purpose for developing inundation mapping, the DPCR team was recommending more outreach on the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project. Anthea suggested bringing on the services of David Gutierrez of GEI, known in the Dam Industry for his expertise on Dam Safety. Mr. Gutierrez's 40 year career had him at the Department of

Safety of Dams for California for 37 years, where he was the Chief prior to going to GEI. The scope of his proposed work was provided. After review and discussion, the Board approved David Gutierrez of GEI's services as follows:

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

## 6. MANAGER'S REPORT

### A. Legislative Update

Anthea reported that the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project was doing very well in Draft Legislation. She further reported that the Council on Environmental Quality had proposed implementing regulations on how NEPA is administered, and shared that a letter was received from Governor Newsom in support of the DPCR Project, is one of the requirements for DPCR to receive WIIN Act funding.

### B. USBR Re-Initiation of Consultation on the Long-Term Operations of the CVP/SWP – Update

Anthea provided the SLDMWA Water Policy Director's Memo on Water Policy and Resources Activities and reported on the ongoing issue with the WQCP update and how it interfaces with the voluntary agreements.

### C. SWRCB WQCP Activities

Anthea reported on the status of Phase I and Phase II status and shared that the State Team and the VA Parties had worked on the development of documents that outline implementation criteria and biological and environmental targets for the VA and a VA Master Agreement but given the implications of the contested biological opinions, no further work has progressed. She further reported that the SWRCB was seeking public comment on an initial draft comprehensive operations plan for the Bay-Delta. Comments were due 3/30/2020.

### D. Report on DWR's Delta Conveyance Project

Anthea reported that DWR had released Notice of Preparation (NOP) for a proposal to modernize water infrastructure in Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, initiating environmental review in compliance with CEQA on January 15, 2020. Public comments on the NOP were due on March 20, 2020.

## 7. WATER OPERATIONS & SUPPLY

### A. CVP/SWP Operations

Anthea reported that the Jones Pumping Plant was running at 3 units and demands were low due to the recent rain. She reported that no allocation update would be available in March, but hoped one would be available in April.

### B. Monthly Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 2/29/20

Adam reported use for the month of February at 2,803 AF in-District and 6,850 AF exchanged out for an end-of-year total of 59,916 AF for In-District Use, 1,925 AF for OCRRP Use and 15,685 AF for Transfers/Exchanges Out. A total of 20,895 AF was estimated for rescheduling, however only 14,021 AF would be allowed.

### C. 2019 Rescheduling of Supplies into 2020 – Update

Anthea provided a 2019 into 2020 Carryover Report for the Board to review.

#### 1. Report on Final Agreement for Transfer/Exchange of 2019-20 CVP Supplies to Arvin-Edison Water Storage District

Anthea provided a copy of the Final Water Purchase/Exchange Agreement Between Arvin-Edison Water Storage District and Del Puerto Water District Providing for the Purchase/Exchange of Up to 6,850 AF of DPWD's 2019 CVP Supply. She also reported that she was working on getting the AEWS environmental documentation longer period.

### D. Review of 2020 Groundwater Pump-In Program – Discussion of Parameters

Adam provided a sample letter that was sent to participants. He explained the program and costs associated with water quality testing. In response to a question from Director Jasper, Adam guesstimated

that the Pump-In Program could cost as much as \$250/AF, depending on the quantity of water actually pumped and the cost of testing.

E. Landholding Updates

Anthea shared that Landholding Updates were being processed in a timely manner. She also reported that the District had received a Referral Early Consultation from Stanislaus County pertaining to a cannabis cultivation, nursery and distribution operation on a 40 acre parcel, which would rely on well water to operate. She noted potential groundwater quality and supply implications with respect to SGMA and the ILRP.

8. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Westside Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Activities

Anthea reported that draft funding awards would be announced in April for the Prop 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Program and that potential funds for the NVRWP for the Orestimba Creek Recovery Project may be awarded. She also reported that the Subbasin's GSP was timely submitted to DWR and had subsequently received a lawsuit against it in the same week. April 1, 2020 is when the first annual GSP report is due.

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

Anthea shared that Nitrogen Management Plans were due on March 1, 2020. Director Koster requested that Adam reach out to any non-compliant water users and offer assistance for getting the paperwork submitted. She also provided a presentation given on March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Regional meeting on SGMA and a presentation on CV-Salts for the Board to review.

C. Remote Telemetry Project

Adam reported that the final approval and notice to proceed with the project was received on January and would be moving forward once the weather permitted. He hoped to have the project up and running by summer irrigation season.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. Oral Report of Final Action Recommendation for Local Agency Executive Compensation

Anthea reported that there is a code requirement that Public Agencies give an oral report on Compensation and Related Costs of Employing an Executive. She provided and reviewed the 2020-21 Executive Compensation Report with the Board.

B. 2020-21 Summary of Initial District Data

Anthea provided and reviewed the 2020-21 Summary of Initial District Data with the Board which included Water Supply Remaining, Carryover Charges, Water Availability Charges, Water Cost Prepayment Charges and Watershed Coalition Charges.

C. CVP Financial Matters

Anthea reported that she and Minnie had been participating in the Financial Affairs Committee Meetings and shared that the CVPIA Program presented their budget for the year and had proposed to spend more on restoration activities than they projected to collect, which was unacceptable in her opinion.

10. SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

A. North Valley Regional Recycled Water Program – Update

Anthea shared that the Regional Board had approved the City of Turlock's request to discharge tertiary treated wastewater up to 14.2 MGD to the Delta-Mendota Canal on March 11, 2020. She also gave a brief description of the next administrative steps to finalize the project.

B. Orestimba Creek Recharge & Recovery Project – Update

Anthea reported that Adam was working on getting an easement approved for PG&E to put in a power line and was in contact with the landowner. She also shared that Chris White and herself had been following up with FEMA and OES on the previously offered grant.

C. Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project – Update

Anthea welcomed Andy Neal of Woodard & Curran who gave a review of the Program's progress and shared a letter that was sent via zip code mailer to all 95363 addresses pertaining to the DPCR Project.

Anthea also reviewed the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Program Budget Detail with the Board, and reported on recent Program correspondence.

D. Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project - Update

Anthea reported on her continued participation in the various subsets of workgroups that are working on JPA Agreements, cost development, Bethany Transfer Pipeline Issues and JPA Formation. She also reviewed the next steps that will be taken for this project.

E. BF Sisk Dam Raise Project - Update

Anthea shared that the Water Authority was working on operational modeling and trying to make the December deadline for Federal Feasibility for WIIN Act funding for this proposed project.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Policy Discussion on Water Service to Cannabis-Related Operations Located within Boundaries

This item was discussed on item 7.E.

B. WIIN Act Section 9d. Contract Conversion Process - Update

Anthea indicated that within a few weeks, the USBR would be noticing the draft contract and explained the next steps to complete a permanent contract effort.

C. 2020 Landholder Meeting - Discussion

This item was postponed for a later time due to COVID-19 logistical issues.

12. SLDMWA Report

Anthea provided a Public Notice from the Bureau of Reclamation announcing public teleconference negotiation sessions for a repayment contract with SLDMWA to fund the costs of EO&M work at the Jones Pumping Plant.

A. SLDMWA Minutes, Reports and Issues Updates

The minutes for the SLDMWA BOD Special Meeting for February 6, 2020 and the February O&M Report were also provided for the Board to review.

13. ARTICLES/CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC OUTREACH

Articles pertaining to the Newsom Administration's vision for a new role for the Water Commission and a Stanford study on flood risks.

14. CLOSED SESSION

This item was taken in open session due to the telephone conference meeting. Anthea provided and reviewed an amendment to the multi-year transfer agreement between San Luis Water District and Del Puerto Water District. She asked for a one year extension and in consideration for this agreement, a further deposit equal to \$100/AF for the remaining supply to be transferred. After review and discussion, the Board approved the extension of the Transfer Agreement with San Luis Water District as follows:

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

15. ITEMS TO DISCUSS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54954.2

There was nothing to discuss for this item.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthea G. Hansen  
Secretary



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FEBRUARY 19, 2020  
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Gene Bays called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Board Members present were Zach Maring, Pete Lucich, Jarod Lara, Jim Jasper Bill Koster and Kyle Perez. Also present was a member of public, Karen Willard.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Albaro provided photos and gave a brief presentation on his trip to the 2020 Water Management Workshop in Denver, Colorado. Ms. Willard read a comment letter on behalf of Chuck Marble. President Bays thanked her for her time and noted she was invited to stay for the remainder of the meeting.

3. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Anthea requested to add to Item 5.A., a Resolution honoring the service of Supervisor Jim DeMartini as he had recently announced his retirement.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Minutes from the Board Meeting of 1/15/20 and the Monthly Accounting Reports as of 01/31/20 and Field Operations Report were provided in advance for the Board's review. The Board approved the Consent Calendar as follows:

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

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolutions Recognizing the service and Contributions of Earl Perez and Thomas Dompe to the Del Puerto Water District Board of Directors, and the Services of Ernest A. Conant, Esquire for his many ears of service as the District's General Counsel

Anthea provided and reviewed the Resolutions Recognizing the service and Contributions of Earl Perez and Thomas Dompe to the Del Puerto Water District Board of Directors, and the Services of Ernest A. Conant, Esquire for his many years of service as the District's General Counsel. She noted she would similarly draft a Resolution for Jim DeMartini's Retirement. After review and discussion, the Board approved the Resolutions as follows:

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

B. Resolution Authorizing the District's General Manager, Anthea G. Hansen, to sign Stanislaus County permit applications and any other forms needing a "Landowner" signature which arise out of the District's ongoing Office Expansion Project

Anthea reported that this step is now necessary in order for Agency executives to execute documents with the Stanislaus County Planning Department requiring a landowner signature. After review and discussion, the Board approved the Resolution Authorizing the District's General Manager, Anthea G. Hansen, to sign Stanislaus County permit applications and any other forms needing a "Landowner" signature which arise out of the District's ongoing Office Expansion Project as follows:

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



Absent: None

C. Resolution updating position titles authorized to sign other Post-Employment Benefits Reimbursement requests submitted to the California Employers Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT)

Anthea reported that CalPERS requires any reimbursement request over \$10,000 to have 2 signatures. Currently, the General Manager and Accounting Specialist have the authority to request those disbursements. This request would add the Director of Finance and Administration position to also request disbursements from the Trust. After discussion, the Resolution updating position titles authorized to sign other Post-Employment Benefits Reimbursement requests submitted to the California Employers Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT) was approved as follows:

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

D. Resolution updating the District's Oak Valley Community Bank Signature Card(s)

Anthea explained that with the retirement of Earl Perez, and with the appointment of Bill Koster as the new Vice President of the Board of Directors, a new signature card authorizing his signature would be required and was approved as follows:

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

E. Board to authorize execution of Memorandum of Understanding for the Completion of the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Investigation and Sharing of Costs between the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, the Del Puerto Water District and San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority

Anthea reported that this document sets in place the understandings surrounding the award the District received through the Save our Water Resources Act and appropriated by Congress. \$1.5 million in feasibility cost share funding is now available to fund the Draft environmental work. A draft copy was provided to the Board. Upon discussion and review, the Board authorized the execution of Memorandum of Understanding for the Completion of the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Investigation and Sharing of Costs between the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, the Del Puerto Water District and San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority as follows:

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

F. Board to Review and Consider DRAFT 2020-21 Water Rates for the District's CVP Supply

Anthea provided and reviewed the USBR's estimated Water Rates, SLDMWA's Proposed Rates and DPWD's Proposed Water Rates. Staff's proposed rates are as follows: Ag at \$112/AF, AG Full Cost at \$143/AF and LTD Full Cost at \$170/AF. The Board approved the DRAFT 2020-21 Water Rates for the District's CVP Supply as follows:

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

G. Board to Review and Consider DRAFT 2020-21 Administrative Budget

Anthea presented Staff's proposed 2020-21 Administrative Budget, and overviewed for the Board the Rate Stabilization Fund, Capital Fund, and General Fund balances. After discussion of the 2020-21 major Administrative Expense categories, SGMA Dues, and Capital Expenses, the Board convened into closed session to discuss a public Employee Performance Evaluation for the position of the General Manager. Upon returning to

open session the Board took action to approve the proposed Administrative budget, which would include a 5% salary increase to the General Manager's position, the General Manager's recommended merit increase for all other employees, as well as 1.6% COLA increase for all staff members. The resulting budget was approved to be supported in part by a Water Availability Charge of \$45/Acre and a Westside San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition Fee of \$7/acre. The Budget was approved unanimously as follows:

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

## 6. MANAGER'S REPORT

### A. Legislative Update

Anthea provided Governor Newsom's Op-Ed on Water as well as a letter he addressed to David Bernhart, Secretary of Department of Interior pertaining to water policy discussions for the Board to review. The Board discussed the current State/Federal dynamics.

### B. USBR Re-Initiation of Consultation on the Long-Term Operations of the CVP/SWP – Update

Anthea explained that DWR's Draft proposed operations differed from the federal Biological Opinions operations mainly by vesting authority in CDW to stop operational changes if it determined they would violate CESA standards and providing additional direction on when Delta pumping can be increased during storm events and caps the amount that exports can be increased in those events were a few examples. The draft also provides for a block of environmental water, and specific protections for longfin Smelt, which are protected under CESA but not ESA. DWR anticipated completing a final EIR in early 2020.

### C. SWRCB WQCP Activities

Anthea provided State Water Resources Control Board and Water Quality Control Plan updates from the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority for the Board to review.

### D. Report on DWR's Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Delta Conveyance Project

Anthea provided and reviewed the Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Delta Conveyance Project with the Board. She reported that DWR had released its notice to draft and EIR for single tunnel delta conveyance. Although it does not include any federal participation, it also does not rule it out. Scoping meetings had also been taking place.

## 7. WATER OPERATIONS & SUPPLY

### A. CVP/SWP Operations

Anthea provided the SLDMWA Daily Report and Memo and reported that Jones was pumping at 1,700 AF a day and that San Luis Reservoir was not projected to fill.

### B. Monthly Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 1/31/20

Anthea reported use for the month of January at 117 AF in-District for a total of 29,048 AF estimated for rescheduling into 2021.

### C. Remote Telemetry Project – Update

Anthea provided a letter from the USBR indicating that environmental compliance activities had been completed and that the District could now move forward with ground-distributing activities.

### D. 2019 Rescheduling of Supplies into 2020 – Update

A letter to the Bureau formally requesting to reschedule 2019 Undelivered Project Water Supplies was provided for the Board to review.

### E. 2020 Additional Supplies Discussion

Anthea reported that the Pump-In Program would be activated if allocation came in below 50% allocation. Adam also provided an update on the new regulations for the Pump-In Program. Anthea also reported that the NVRWP would also be providing almost 18,000 AF of recycled water. Also provided and reviewed was the 2020 SJRECWA Ag and Refuge Price Schedule.

F. Landholding Updates

Anthea reported that a third application to Stanislaus County had been submitted for cannabis growing operations within the District boundaries.

G. North of O'Neil Forebay Long-Term Exchanges between DWR & Reclamation - Update

Anthea provided a letter from DWR and reported that on January 7<sup>th</sup>, a Notice of Availability and Intent to Adopt a Draft Initial Study / Proposed Negative Declaration for the North of O'Neill Forebay Long-Term Exchanges between DWR and the Bureau of Reclamation. She reported that this agreement would go until 2030, and would support the ability of common-landowner water supply to move between OFWD and DPWD.

8. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Westside Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Activities

Anthea provided the SLDMWA Memo for the Board to review.

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

Adam provided the SJVDA Draft Annual Budget for the Board to review and reported that new regulations required growers whose permit regulates salts to choose between either strict permit limits or contribute to a basin-wide study called the Prioritization & Optimization Study that develops a strategic long-term approach to salt management in the central valley.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. 2020 RFP for Financial Audit Services - Update

Minnie shared that requests for proposals had been sent to several Audit firms.

B. CVP Financial Matters

Anthea provided the 2020 CVPWA FAC Issues Matrix for the Board to review.

10. SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

A. North Valley Regional Recycled Water Program – Update

Anthea provided RMC's NVRRWP Progress Report for the Board's review.

1. City of Turlock Planning Phase Cost Reimbursement discussion

Anthea shared that the City of Turlock was in the final stages of construction and hoped for completion by the end of the month. She had also been working on the second Title XVI Grant and hoped to have it finalized by the end of March 2020 and request access to those funds would be possible at that time.

B. Orestimba Creek Recharge & Recovery Project – Update

There was nothing to report on this item.

C. Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project – Update

Anthea provided a letter of support for the Project from the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors as well as a Progress Report from Woodard & Curran for the Board to review.

D. Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project - Update

Anthea shared that she had been participating in meetings and reported that District's participation in this project expired in July and would come back to the Board and discuss continuing at that time.

E. Temperance Flat Reservoir Project – Update

Anthea reported that recent studies found participation in Temperance Flat Reservoir would be cost-prohibitive under current USBR and regulatory operating criteria, and that the District would no longer be reporting on this project until such a time circumstances warranted.

F. BF Sisk Dam Raise Project - Update

Anthea shared that consultants have been looking at operational scenarios with potential member agencies, SLDMWA with a goal of having a final analysis by year-end.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Office Building Expansion – Update

Anthea indicated that estimates for the building showed a cost of \$414,000, that the District's budget with permits, etc. was \$440,000.

B. 2020 Irrigation System Improvement Project CWSRF Loan Application – Status Update

There was nothing to report on this item.

C. 2020 Liability, Property & Workman's Compensation Risk Assessment – Report

Anthea reported that Adam had met with Robin Flint, Senior Risk Management Advisor, and reported that with the exception of requiring an eyewash station in the shop, the visit went well.

D. District Website Compliance Update

Anthea reported that the District was in compliance and had a website up and running as of January 30, 2020.

E. District Training Compliance Update

Anthea shared that all Board Members would have to complete Ethics and Sexual Harassment training in 2020.

12. SLDMWA Report

A. SLDMWA Minutes, Reports and Issues Updates

Anthea shared that Kyle Perez had attended the SLDMWA meeting and provided meeting reports for the Board's review.

13. ARTICLES/CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC OUTREACH

A. Mid-Pacific Water Users Conference Update

Anthea shared that this year's Conference was well attended and reported that Ernest Conant mentioned the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir as one of the projects he would like to see completed. She also mentioned that Patterson's Planning Commission had approved a car storage facility adjacent to the DMC in a portion of the West Patterson Business Park. Also provided for the Board's review were articles pertaining to San Joaquin cropland going fallow due to groundwater management and the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir topic dominating the Patterson City Council meeting.

14. CLOSED SESSION

No action to report.

15. ITEMS TO DISCUSS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54954.2

There was nothing to discuss for this item.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthea G. Hansen  
Secretary



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
JANUARY 15, 2020  
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Gene Bays called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. Board Members present were Zach Maring, Pete Lucich, Jarod Lara, Jim Jasper and Kyle Perez.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Anthea mentioned two items that had arisen after the Agenda was prepared. She shared that Staff was seeking guidance on continued participation in the SLDMWA Long Term Transfers Activity Agreement, and would be reporting on the release of the CVP final Cost Allocation Study. She then welcomed and thanked supervisor DeMartini for attending the Board meeting.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Minutes from the Board Meeting of 12/18/19 and the Monthly Accounting Reports as of 12/31/19 and Field Operations Report were provided in advance for the Board's review. The Board approved the Consent Calendar as follows:

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

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Board to Approve Professional Services Work Order with Summers Engineering for the Preparation of an Engineer's Report and Rate Study to Support Prop 218 Activities with Respect to 9d Contract Conversion Financing

Anthea summarized the process for paying off the District's Allocation CVP Construction costs and reported that it had been over a year since a Proposal for Preparation of a Prop 218 Engineer's Report had been requested from Summer's Engineering. Due to the passing of time and the need for some additional proposed work, the original quote of \$7,000 was modified to \$9,000 to reflect the additional work, with the possibility of it being less or more depending on actual time spent. After review and discussion, the Board approved the professional services work order with Summers Engineering for the Preparation of an Engineer's Report and Rate Study to support Prop 218 Activities with respect to the 9D Contract Conversion Financing as follows:

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

B. Board to Ratify Approval of a monthly Billing Agreement with PG&E for Services Related to Transmission Facility Relocation as part of the Ongoing DPCR Environmental Studies

Anthea reported that as part of the next steps in completing the DPCR environmental studies, PG&E would need to do more engineering analysis. Normally, they require the money up front, but had agreed to bill the District on a monthly basis as the actual work was authorized to be performed on a monthly basis. After review and discussion, the Board approved the monthly billing agreement with PG&E for Services Related to Transmission Facility Relocation as part of the Ongoing DPCR Environmental Studies as follows:

Ayes: Jasper, Lara, Lucich and Maring  
Nays: None

Abstentions: None  
Absent: Perez and Koster

C. Board to Approve Travel Costs for Water Operations Technician's Attendance at the USBR's 2020 Water Management Workshop in Denver, Co.

Anthea shared that she put this on the Agenda due to it being an unbudgeted item. The District had an opportunity to send its Water Operations Technician, Albaro Pantoja, to attend the 2020 Water Management Workshop in Denver, CO on February 10-13. The workshop objectives were for self-improvement of personnel who are directly responsible for the technical details of operating and maintaining water systems and has evolved to include increased emphasis on water management activities, topics, and current issues related to other Reclamation programs. After review and discussion, the Board approved travel costs for the Water Operations Technician to attend the USBR's 2020 Water Management Workshop in Denver, CO as follows:

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

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Legislative Update

Anthea reported that Congressman Harder had secured \$1.5 million for the feasibility work on the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir and had the project named in Federal Legislation, making it eligible for other opportunities and opened the door for the USBR to officially work on the project as well. The region has recommended the project for additional grants in the coming year. The legislation also authorized appropriations to Reclamation for the FY 2018 Title XVI grant. There was nothing to report on the State side.

B. USBR Re-Initiation of Consultation on the Long-Term Operations of the CVP/SWP – Update

Anthea reported that the Biological Opinions were released by the Bureau with some controversy and the record of decision had not been released. Immediate legal action from both sides is predicted once the Record of Decision (ROD) is released. Operations are still ongoing under the 2008 BiOps, which would change once the ROD is released, unless an injunction is granted.

C. SWRCB WQCP Activities

Anthea reported on Phase I of the Water Quality Control Plan and shared that more focus was being put on resolving issues with the biological opinions and take permits before advancing any further WQCP actions.

7. WATER OPERATIONS & SUPPLY

A. CVP/SWP Operations

Anthea provided Tom Boardman's Operations Update and reported that pumps were running at 8,200 AF per day. She also provided and reviewed charts showing a 90% and 50% exceedance, both showing the reservoir would not fill. She predicted a low initial allocation and indicated the District would be requesting the maximum 10% of its Contract Supply as carryover water.

B. Monthly Supply/Use/Completed Transactions Summary Report as of 11/30/19

Adam reported use for the month of December at 7 AF in-District, and 99 AF for the OCRRP, for a total of 106 AF for the month.

C. Remote Telemetry Project – Update

Adam provided a Categorical Exclusion Checklist, Phase I report from the Bureau and reported that the proposed matching grant to provide \$106,398.60 to the District for radio tower installation, meter radio installation and network setup and integration had been extended.

D. 2019 Rescheduling of Supplies into 2020 - Update

Anthea provided the draft Rescheduling and Storage Guidelines for the Federal Share of Storage in the San Luis Reservoir and reviewed the Storage Priority List in order of importance which categorized it as:  
1. Upcoming Contract Year Project Water including Level II Refuge Water, 2. Upcoming Contract Year Level IV Refuge Water, 3. Rescheduled Project (a) Irrigation Water (b) M&I Water, 4. Cross Valley Canal

Water and Non-Project and 5. Non-allocated water supplies acquired by existing South of Delta Project contractors and developed incremental Level IV Refuge Water, 6. San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement flow water in the Federal share of SLR, and 7. All other non-Project water. Anthea also reported and requested guidance on the North-of-Delta Transfers Activity Agreement with the Water Authority. She shared that due to the legal challenges from the past 5 years, during which the Agreement was not used, there was only 5 of the 10 years remaining. She also explained the process involved to remove the District from the Agreement if the Board decided to do so. After discussion, the Board suggested she look into how the District could be released from the Activity Agreement.

E. Landholding Updates

There was nothing to report on this item.

8. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Adam provided the Delta-Mendota SGMA Group Updates along with a Northern Central Mendota GSP Region Map as well as a report on Prop I IRWM Implementation Grant Program and a power point presentation on the Storm Water Resource Plan. He reviewed and discussed the map with the Board.

A. Westside Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Activities

Anthea provided Prop I IRWM Implementation Grant Program Division of Financial Assistance Comments and a power point presentation from Woodard & Curran on a Storm Water Resource Plan. She reported that the comments had been responded to and shared that the District had 2 of the 4 projects on the list. She shared that the grant awarded would be shared between WSID, CCID/DPWD, and Westlands WD. Also reported on was the planning and development a westside stormwater resource plan.

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

Adam provided and reviewed the Activity Agreements – Staff Report from the SLDMWA which covered the Integrated Regional Water Management Activity Summary, SGMA, and a Drainage Activity Summary.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A. 2020-2021 Administrative Budget Schedule Update

Anthea reported that Staff was working on next year's draft budget which would be presented for approval at the February Board of Directors Meeting. She also recapped the performance review procedures and reported on the 2020 Social Security cost-of-living adjustment.

B. CVP Financial Matters

Anthea reported on a press release for the final cost allocation for the CVP and noted that Staff was working with the Bureau to obtain the closest estimate of the owed amount to pay off the District's obligation.

10. SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

A. North Valley Regional Recycled Water Program – Update

Anthea reported that the Turlock component of the pipeline had been tested and the pipeline was charged. All appurtenances are being put in place, but a problem with the FCC office due to telemetry communication had delayed the final start date for deliveries to the NVRWP.

B. Orestimba Creek Recharge & Recovery Project – Update

Anthea shared that there was communication with the Office of Emergency Service and the FEMA Grant recipients (DPWD included in the recipients) indicating how they will comply with NEPA requirements.

C. Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir Project – Update

Anthea provided a list of questions that came from the December community workshop. Also provided was a Q&A for Frequently Asked Questions for the Board to review. Woodard & Curran's Progress reports were provided for the Board's review. Anthea also reported that she was working with the Stanislaus County Parks and Recreation Director to host a meeting at the end of the month with about 6 community leaders to start discussing possibilities for collaborative regional projects that make sense for recreation on the west side.

D. Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project - Update

Anthea reported that a few management meetings had been scheduled this month to review how the project would look if the local agency partners formed a JPA. Also discussed was the possibility of the Water Authority and some of the partners being in charge of the construction and owning the Transfer-Bethany pipeline, which would connect the LVRE to the California Aqueduct. Sometime in July, a decision will have to be made as to continue to be a participant in the study of the expansion, and at that time Staff will present the long term and short term obligations associated with such a decision.

E. Temperance Flat Reservoir Project – Update

This project has stalled due to lack of funding, and many of the proponents were now focusing on acquiring resources to fix the Friant-Kern canal subsidence problem.

F. BF Sisk Dam Raise Project - Update

Anthea reported that the environmental document supporting raising the dam for the safety of dams program had been finalized. Several Districts were working with the Water Authority to look at the possibility of raising the dam an additional 12 feet for water storage purposes.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

A. Office Building Expansion – Update

Anthea shared that she had plans on her desk that needed review, and that the budget presentation would include a decision on whether or not to release the RFP based on estimated costs.

B. 2020 Irrigation System Improvement Loan Program

Adam shared that the Application was submitted in December and discussed the application scoring process with the Board. He believed the District had submitted everything correctly and was awaiting a response.

12. SLDMWA Report

A. SLDMWA Minutes, Reports and Issues Updates

Anthea provided the Minutes to the December 12, 2019 meeting and O&M Report for December for the Board to review. Also provided was the FY2020 Approved, Proposed FY2021 & Preliminary FY2022 Total O&M Budget Summary which she discussed with the Board. She also reported that the Authority had been approved to submit an application to the WIFIA Program that would potentially fund some of the pump rewinds at Jones Pumping Plant. She also shared that with Frances Mizuno retiring, her position had been split into two positions. After review and discussion on the O&M Budget, Staff reported that rates from the Water Authority would increase for 2020. Also reviewed and discussed was the SLDMWA Membership Assessment Draft Report.

13. ARTICLES/CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC OUTREACH

A public notice from the Bureau pertaining the release of draft congressionally-mandated repayment contracts for Central Valley Project contractors, a Family Farm Alliance's Executive Director's Report and a public notice posted on the Patterson Irrigator pertaining to the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir were provided for the Board to review.

14. CLOSED SESSION

There was nothing to report for Closed Session.

15. ITEMS TO DISCUSS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54954.2

There was nothing to discuss for this item.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthea G. Hansen  
Secretary