

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SERRANO WATER DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Serrano Water District met (via teleconference) in a regular board meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. The meeting was held at the District Office located at 18021 Lincoln Street, Villa Park, California.

CALL TO ORDER: President Mills called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS PRESENT:

Greg Mills	President
Brad Reese	Vice President
Jerry Haight	Board Member
C.L. "Larry" Pharris, Jr.	Board Member
Frank Bryant	Board Member

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Jerry Vilander	General Manager
Vittorio Roggero	Business Manager
Laura Heflin	Administrative Assistant
Jeremy Jungreis	Legal Counsel

GUESTS PRESENT:

None.

General Manager Vilander announced that there was an item of urgency that would need to be placed upon the agenda that had arisen since the posting of the current agenda. It was then moved (Director Pharris), seconded (Director Haight), and unanimously carried with Directors Reese, Haight, Bryant, Mills and Pharris voting yes to place the agenda item entitled "Salary Range Adjustment – Water Utility Worker I" on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SALARY RANGE ADJUSTMENT – WATER UTILITY WORKER I

General Manager Vilander discussed the current range for the Water Utility Worker I position, and discussion ensued. It was then moved (Director Bryant), seconded (Director Reese), and unanimously carried with Directors Reese, Haight, Bryant, Mills and Pharris voting yes to modify the top of the salary range for the Water Utility Worker I position to \$66,706.

PROPOSED RATE INCREASE AND ASSOCIATED PROPOSITION 218 NOTICE: REQUEST FOR BOARD TO SET PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECT STAFF TO PROVIDE PUBLIC NOTICE PER PROPOSITION 218

Following discussion and presentation led by General Manager Vilander and Attorney Jungreis, it was moved (Director Pharris), seconded (Director Bryant), and unanimously carried with Directors Reese, Haight, Mills, Pharris, and Bryant voting yes to authorize the General Manager to set a Prop 218 Public

Hearing for June 15, 2021 and direct staff to mail the attached Notice subject to changes suggested by Director Haight and review by Board of Directors and General Manager Vilander, in substantially similar form, to SWD parcel owners and tenants eligible to receive such notice, at least 45 days prior to the public hearing. The logistics for the June meeting were discussed, and consensus was reached.

BOARD MINUTES

Consideration of Serrano Water District Board Meeting minutes of March 16, 2021. Director Bryant moved that the minutes of the March 16, 2021 meetings be approved as submitted, Director Pharris seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously carried with Directors Bryant, Mills, Reese, Haight and Pharris voting yes.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Vilander summarized the status of Board Committee and management matters as agendaized for the month of March. Highlights included a review of various meetings attended and current issues. The office is planning on reopening on June 15. The Construction Committee will be reviewing the Urban Water Management Plan in the coming week, and the public hearing for this item will also be held on June 15. General Manager Vilander reported that a brief narrative will be added next to the check disbursements moving forward. The Master Plan kick off meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, and the PFAS project is well underway. A legal firm is onsite scanning the District's data relating to the wells. AECOM has a draft technical report which IRWD is reviewing prior to transmission to the DSOD. The Construction Committee will review prior to transmission. Another option is currently under review for the spillway design. Budget approval will be in July due to the heavy agenda scheduled for June. ADU's were discussed at length. The City of Villa Park has requested that we send a billing insert related to the permitting process. General Manager Vilander reported that he will be working with the Transparency Committee to develop a tab for Prop 218 and related information on the District website.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Business Manager Roggero presented the financials for the month March. It was moved (Director Pharris), seconded (Director Reese), and unanimously carried with Directors Bryant, Reese, Pharris, Haight and Mills voting yes to approve the disbursements in the amount of \$390,629.08. Additionally, \$140,000 has been moved out of the primary account to comply with the District's investment policy. Director Pharris asked Business Manager Roggero was asked to come back to the Board with investment recommendations.

WATER REPORT

General Manager presented the water report for the month of March. Six hundred acre-feet has been purchased for May and an additional 800-acre feet of water will be purchased throughout the summer. It was moved (Director Bryant), seconded (Director Reese), and unanimously carried with Directors Bryant, Reese, Haight, Pharris, and Mills voting yes receive and file the water report.

PFAS PROGRESS REPORT

General Manager Vilander provided a status report on the PFAS project.

IRVINE LAKE AGREEMENTS

Attorney Jungreis reported that these items will be discussed in closed session.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Director Haight reported on a possible bacterial contamination related to trout and related notification. Discussion ensued. General Manager will follow up on this issue.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Attorney Jungreis discussed both AB-500 (climate change) and SB-45 (drinking water and drought tolerance). If funding under these bills is sought, the District should retain a lobbyist. Potential partnership with IRWD on these items were discussed, and General Manager Vilander will explore.

It was announced at 10:35 a.m. that the Board of Directors would be entering into closed session.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

*Conference with real property negotiators
(Government Code Section 54956.8)*

Property: Santiago Reservoir (Irvine Lake), adjacent to 4621 Santiago Canyon Road, Silverado Canyon, CA 92676.

Agency Negotiator: Jerry Vilander

Negotiating Parties: County of Orange

Under Negotiation: Price and terms

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(Government Code Section 54956.8)*

Property: Storage Rights, Santiago Reservoir (Irvine Lake), adjacent to 4621 Santiago Canyon Road, Silverado Canyon, CA 92676.

Agency Negotiator: Jerry Vilander

Negotiating Parties: Irvine Ranch Water District

Under Negotiation: Price and terms

The Board meeting was reconvened into open session at 11:15 a.m., and it was announced that there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was formally adjourned at 11:16 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m. at the District office.

Laura Heflin, Administrative Assistant