

## **MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SERRANO WATER DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Serrano Water District met (via teleconference and in person) in a regular board meeting on Tuesday, July 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 8:31 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

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

#### BOARD MINUTES

Consideration of Serrano Water District Board Meeting minutes of June 20, 2021. Director Pharris moved that the minutes of the June 20, 2021 meeting be approved as submitted, Director Haight 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 agendized for the month of June. Highlights included a review of various meetings attended and current issues including status of the PFAS project, drought situation, treatment plant chemical cleaning which has improved performance, and the District's annual Christmas dinner. General Manager Vilander informed the Board of Directors about a service line leak at Chase Bank at the shopping center. Policies relating to the construction of ADU's in the City of Villa Park will be agendized at the August meeting for review, discussion and potential adoption. The report was received and filed.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Business Manager Roggero presented the financials for the month June. It was moved (Director Haight), seconded (Director Pharris), and unanimously carried with Directors Bryant, Reese, Pharris, Haight and Mills

voting yes to approve the disbursements in the amount of \$1,305,862.02. Business Manager Roggero noted that the finals are preliminary due to the pending audit adjustments. Revenue is complete, and \$1M below budget due to decreased water sales to the City of Orange. Director Reese questioned the payment to IT Problem Solvers and asked about the content. Business Manager Roggero responded that some of the charges were for a new system, imaging on the new system and security at the dam house. Director Reese requested a copy of the last invoice submitted by IT Problem Solvers.

#### WATER REPORT

General Manager presented the water report for the month of June. Water purchases were discussed. The report was received and filed. General Manager Vilander noted that the District will continue to purchase water until we receive rainfall or the wells are operational.

#### PFAS PROGRESS REPORT

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

#### IRVINE LAKE AGREEMENTS

Attorney Jungreis noted that he has items to discuss relevant to the topic in closed session.

#### ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2021/2022

Following discussion led by Business Manager Roggero, it was moved (Director Haight), seconded (Director Pharris), and unanimously carried with Director Mills, Reese, Bryant, Pharris and Haight voting yes to adopt the 2021/2022 budget as presented. Director Haight remarked that it may be necessary to have a mid-year budget adjustment potentially related to revenue.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07-01 OF SERRANO WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO SUPPORT ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT FIRST VICE PRESIDENT CATHY GREEN AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF ACWA VICE PRESIDENT

Following discussion led by General Manager Vilander and Director Mills, it was moved (Director Bryant), seconded (Director Haight), and unanimously carried with Director Mills, Reese, Bryant, Pharris and Haight voting yes to adopt Resolution 2021-07-01 as presented. Director Mills remarked that Cathy Green is an exceptional candidate for the position.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07-02 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SERRANO WATER DISTRICT SUPPORTING SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT PRESIDENT AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE STATEWIDE OFFICE OF THE ACWA PRESIDENT

Following discussion led by General Manager Vilander in which he clarified (along with Director Mills) that this was a Statewide position, it was moved (Director Pharris), seconded (Director Bryant), and unanimously carried with Director Mills, Reese, Bryant, Pharris and Haight voting yes to adopt Resolution 2021-07-02 as amended to include the statewide language and elimination of Region 10 reference.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07-03 ADOPTING THE MAY 2020 REVISION TO THE ORANGE COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA AGREEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE 19 CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 2400 ET SEQ. AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 8550 ET SEQ.

Following discussion led by General Manager Vilander and Attorney Jungreis, it was moved (Director Haight), seconded (Director Bryant), and unanimously carried with Director Mills, Reese, Bryant, Pharris and Haight voting yes to adopt Resolution 2021-07-03 as presented.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

None.

## DIRECTORS COMMENTS AND REPORTS

None.

## ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Jungreis reported that a meeting had been held recently between Ash Pirayou (as associate at Rutan & Tucker), General Manager Vilander and himself to discuss the potential need for a lobbyist regarding funds available (grants and loans) for infrastructure repair or capital improvement projects either through the State or Federal government. It has been determined that there would currently be a minimal (if any) return on investment for this approach and that it would be more effective to meet with local officials—particularly, Supervisor Donald Wagner and Congresswoman Katie Porter in order to seek support. It was agreed that Attorney Jungreis, General Manager Vilander and Ash (in conjunction with the Transparency Committee) would develop a presentation and talking points, with an emphasis on safety, to be used during these meetings. A special meeting via Zoom will be scheduled for full Board approval. Director Pharris remarked about an article he had seen in *BC Water News* discussing Federal funds that may be available through the State. Attorney Jungreis reported that he may be able to assist with contacting and setting up appointments with elected officials. It was also agreed that the alternate on the Transparency Committee (Director Mills) will be used in Director Reese's absence in light of the short timeline.

*It was announced at 9:55 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*

*Conference with real property negotiators*

*(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 meeting was reconvened into open session at 10:14 a.m., and it was announced that there was no reportable action.*

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was formally adjourned at 10:15 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 @ 8:30 a.m. at the District office.

Laura Heflin, Administrative Assistant