

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SERRANO WATER DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Serrano Water District met in a regularly scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2023. The meeting was held at the District Office located at 18021 Lincoln Street, Villa Park, California.

CALL TO ORDER: President Reese called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brad Reese	President
Frank Bryant	Vice-President
Greg Mills	Board Member
C.L. "Larry" Pharris, Jr.	Board Member (<i>via Zoom</i>)
Jerry Haight	Board Member

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Jerry Vilander	General Manager
Laura Heflin	Administrative Assistant (<i>via Zoom</i>)
Vittorio Roggero	Business Manager
Jeremy Jungreis	Legal Counsel (<i>via Zoom</i>)

GUESTS PRESENT:

Fred R. Bockmiller	<i>Director, Mesa Water District (via Zoom)</i>
Stacy Taylor	<i>Mesa Water District (via Zoom)</i>

Following discussion, it was moved (Director Bryant) seconded (Director Haight), and unanimously carried with Directors Reese, Bryant, Haight, Pharris and Mills voting yes to move agenda items out of sequence to accommodate Director Bockmiller's schedule.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01-01 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SERRANO WATER DISTRICT CONCURRING IN NOMINATION TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY ("JPIA")

Director Bockmiller introduced himself and discussed his background. He requested the Board of Directors endorsement and support. Following discussion led by General Manager Vilander, it was moved (Director Mills) seconded (Director Haight), and unanimously carried with Directors Bryant, Reese, Pharris, Haight and Mills voting yes adopt Resolution No. 2023-01-01 as presented. Director Bockmiller was congratulated, and he thanked the Board of Directors for their endorsement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ANNUAL BOARD REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

It was moved (Director Bryant), seconded (Director Haight), and unanimously carried with Directors Reese, Pharris, Bryant, Haight and Mills voting yes to move Director Mills to the Security Committee in place of

Director Reese; Director Reese will be moving to the Finance Committee and Director Bryant will become the alternate; Director Reese will serve as the alternate on the Personnel Committee with all other current committee assignments remaining status quo.

BOARD MINUTES

Consideration of Serrano Water District Board Meeting minutes of the regular board meeting of December 19, 2022. Director Mills moved that the minutes of the December 19, 2022 meeting be approved as submitted, Director Reese seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously carried with Directors Bryant, Haight, Mills, Reese, and Pharris voting yes. Director Haight followed up on the request for information from I.T. Problem Solvers. Business Manager Roggero reviewed his charges. Additional information will be provided as requested.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Vilander summarized the status of Board Committee and management matters as agendized for the month of December. Highlights included a review of various meetings attended and current issues. General Manager Vilander gave an update on the C.L. Pharris Jr. Filtration Plant, Smith Reservoir, Santiago Dam Tower and Spillway; and grant funding and lobbyist activities including scheduling meetings with elected officials between the District and OCWD/MWDOC for assistance in support. A meeting with District and EOCWD Board Members will be coordinated as it has been over two since the last Ad-Hoc meeting has occurred. Attorney Jungreis made several potential recommendations relating to outreach type activities that may prove to be beneficial and will be followed up on by staff.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Business Manager Roggero presented the financials for the month of December. It was moved (Director Mills) seconded (Director Haight), and unanimously carried with Directors Bryant, Reese, Pharris, Haight and Mills voting yes to approve the disbursements in the amount of \$2,317,656.32. Business Manager Roggero noted that staff has met with Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates to move the financial application process along. Equipment for the phones have been installed and phones will be ported over in the near future. Director Haight inquired if the cost of chlorine has increased. Staff will research and get back to Director Haight on that inquiry.

WATER REPORT

General Manager Vilander presented the water report for the month of December. The report was received and filed.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT REGARDING FUTURE MASTER LEASE OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AT IRVINE LAKE

Following discussion led by Attorney Jungreis, it was moved (Director Bryant) seconded (Director Mills), and unanimously carried with Directors Bryant, Reese, Haight, Pharris and Mills voting yes to approve the proposed Cooperative Agreement between SWD, IRWD and the County of Orange subject to minor revisions authorized by General Manager Vilander and General Counsel. If further revision is required to other items not addressed in the Cooperative Agreement, the fishing license may be amended.

INFORMATIONAL UPDATE: PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN SERRANO WATER DISTRICT AND CITY OF VILLA PARK

Following discussion led by Attorney Jungreis, it was moved (Director Bryant) seconded (Director Reese), and unanimously carried with Directors Bryant, Reese, Haight, Pharris and Mills voting yes to grant General Manager Vilander the authority to grant a waiver when needed at his discretion. Attorney Jungreis will work closely with General Manager Vilander to formulate a potential MOU for Board review and approval.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was reviewed as agendized.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Director Haight stated that he feels strongly that the District should host a town hall to explain the capital improvement projects. Director Reese enquired about the timeframe for the status of the Board workshop for the dam tower and spillway with associated costs. General Manager Vilander stated that he believes the Board workshop could be held by October as the 60% design will be complete with the final spillway alignment with firmer cost estimates. Director Reese stated that he agrees with Director Haight's recommendation of a town hall as it relates to transparency with the latest information available prior to final underwriting of the loan. Director Mills requested that this topic be agendized in the future. It was then agreed via consensus that a workshop to address the capital improvement projects be scheduled as soon as the District has the official design for the Dam Tower and Spillway. Additionally, the Smith Reservoir project will be incorporated. Attorney Jungreis recommended that the Dam Project be placed on the agenda as a recurring basis to address discussion items as needed. Director Mills asked if the County could give free fishing passes to residents based on the District's 25% ownership. Attorney Jungreis remarked that this would most probably be needed to be funded by ratepayers or possibly reducing the net income from the lease revenue.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Jungreis stated that he needs to coordinate with Directors for harassment training and will coordinate with Laura.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was formally adjourned at 11:15 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2023 @ 8:30 a.m.

Laura Heflin
Administrative Assistant