

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, December 17, 2024. 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 9:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brad Reese	President
Frank Bryant	Vice-President
Greg Mills	Board Member
Jerry Haight	Board Member
Robbie Pitts	Board Member

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Jerry Vilander	General Manager
Jennifer Westrum	Administrative Assistant
Jeremy Jungreis	Legal Counsel
Mike Mastin	Chief Systems Operator

GUESTS PRESENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

General Counsel Jungreis announced the need to add an urgency item Resolution 2024-12-01 to the agenda for the purpose of authorizing signature on land conveyance documents. A motion was made by Director Mills and seconded by Director Reese, and the motion passed unanimously with Directors Bryant, Pitts, Reese, Mills and Haight all voting yes to add the new Resolution to the agenda.

ANNUAL BOARD REORGANIZATION

After some discussion, it was decided that the Board President and Vice President would remain the same for an additional year. It was moved by Director Pitts, seconded by Director Haight and the motion carried unanimously that 4a and 4b remain the same and Brad Reese serve another year as President and Frank Bryant serve another year as Vice-President. It was also moved by Director Mills, and a second made by Director Reese, that Jerry Vilander remains in the District Secretary position. The motion was unanimously approved with Directors Bryant, Pitts, Reese, Mills and Haight all voting yes. The Board also mentioned they would consider and elect a new Board Treasurer at the next January Board Meeting.

PROCLAMATION

The Board of Directors presented Mike Mastin with a Proclamation for over 35 years of outstanding work and dedication to the Serrano Water District. On behalf of the Board, President Reese read the Proclamation and the Board gave Mike an award and gift card in addition to the framed Proclamation to congratulate Mike on his upcoming retirement.

BOARD MINUTES

Consideration of Serrano Water District Board Meeting minutes of the November 26, 2024 Board meeting. Director Mills moved that the minutes be approved as submitted, Director Haight seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously carried with Directors Bryant, Mills, Pitts, and Reese voting yes to approve the minutes.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Vilander reported that he had various meetings during the month of November including a meeting with the Grants Team. There are still some funds available that Serrano Water District can apply for to help with the cost of Smith Reservoir refurbishment expenses. He also commented that he will reach out to Tetra Tech again for assistance with design. This will assist us get the required documentation to submit with the grant application.

RESOLUTION (URGENCY ITEM)

General Counsel Jungreis explained that the Irrigation District Act requires that a Resolution be signed by the Board President and Board Secretary every time there is a deed transferred. It was moved by Director Mills and seconded by Director Reese to approve Resolution No. 2024-12-01. The motion passed unanimously with Directors Haight, Mills, Reese, Pitts, and Bryant all voting yes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Scott Nelson presented the financial reports for the month of November. It was moved by Director Mills, seconded by Director Haight, and unanimously carried with Directors Bryant, Reese, Pitts, Haight and Mills voting yes to approve the disbursements in the amount of \$ 518,065.38.

WATER REPORT

General Manager Vilander presented the water report for the month of November. There is still water available for us to use in the lake. In addition, we have not been selling any water to Orange lately. The report was received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter and "President's Special Recognition Award" certificates were received from the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA JPIA) commending Serrano Water District for their outstanding loss ratio of under 20% on their Liability, Property and Worker's Compensation programs.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS

The Directors welcomed Robbie Pitts to the Serrano Water District Board as the newly elected Director for Division 2.

The Board of Directors announced that they would be entering closed session at 10:10 a.m.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9(d)): Two potential cases.

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL TO DISCUSS SECURITY ISSUES AND POSSIBLE INITIATION OF LITIGATION (Government Code §§ Government Code 54956.9(d); 54957 (a)(1)).

C. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: Storage Rights and other District Real Property at 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 in open session at 10:37 a.m., and it was announced that there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was formally adjourned at 10:38 a.m. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on January 28, 2025 @ 8:30 a.m.

Jennifer Westrum
Administrative Assistant