

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SERRANO WATER DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Serrano Water District met in a Special Board meeting on Monday, November 20, 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 8:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brad Reese	President – <i>Via Zoom Platform</i>
Frank Bryant	Vice-President
Greg Mills	Board Member
Jerry Haight	Board Member
Mike Pelly	Board Member

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUESTS PRESENT:

Bill Campbell	<i>Villa Park Resident</i>
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PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Campbell introduced himself and stated that he had previously served as a Commissioner on the Orange County Board of Supervisors. He went on to discuss the District's upcoming capital improvement projects relating to the Santiago Reservoir – Dam Tower and Spillway. He reviewed the District's options that were previously presented by the General Manager including the transfer of the liability in exchange for water rights and WIFIA financing. He stated that he would like to propose another option and that would be merging with another entity – in particular, IRWD as he felt that they could offer more competitive rates. He requested that the Board of Directors reconsider and include this third option and suggested a joint study between SWD and IRWD.

Director Haight responded that the Board of Directors would review this possibility and the information. Director Mills reported that the District is actively pursuing available grants to offset the cost. Director Mills and Haight, along with the other Board of Directors, thanked Mr. Campbell for his insight and time.

Attorney Jungreis reported on the redistricting process and property tax issue as it relates to potential consolidation.

Director Haight recommended that a Special Board Meeting be scheduled. It was agreed that a Special Board Meeting would be calendared for December 1, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss this issue more thoroughly including rate studies.

BOARD MINUTES

Consideration of Serrano Water District Board Meeting minutes of the October 24, 2023 Board meeting. Director Mills moved that the minutes of the October 24, 2023 meeting for Serrano Water District be approved as submitted, Director Haight seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously carried with Directors Bryant, Haight, Mills, Pelly, and Reese voting yes.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Vilander summarized the status of Board Committee and management matters as agendized for the month of October. Highlights included a review of various meetings attended and current issues. General Manager Vilander reported that the boat parade gathering will be December 10, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. and staff annual event will be December 14, 2023 @ 11:30 a.m. Director Haight reported that he will not be able to attend the regular Board meeting scheduled for December 19, 2023.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Business Manager Roggero presented the financials for the month of October. It was moved (Director Mills), seconded (Director Haight), and unanimously carried with Directors Bryant, Reese, Haight, Pelly and Mills voting yes to approve the disbursements in the amount of \$537,832.82. It was agreed that the beer and wine permit would not be renewed for SWD Recreation, Inc. Additionally, an SWDR meeting will be scheduled in the future with the possible winding down of the entity discussed.

WATER REPORT

General Manager presented the water report for the month of October. General Manager Vilander reported that testing is complete at Santiago Reservoir, and PFAS was not detected. The report was received and filed.

SANTIAGO RESERVOIR PROJECT UPDATE

General Manager Vilander reported on the status of the Santiago Reservoir Project and remarked that we are at 90% design. This will be forward to Tetra Tech for review. Attorney Jungreis and I have met with staff and legal counsel from IRWD to develop an agreement to deal with delineation of payments and how they are processed. This will be of assistance through the WIFIA process. Director Mills remarked that the agreement should be kept as simple as possible to improve efficiencies.

WELL #5 WATER FLUSH MODIFICATION

Following discussion led by General Manager Vilander, it was moved (Director Mills), seconded (Director Pelly), and unanimously carried with Directors Reese, Pelly, Haight, Mills and Bryant voting yes to authorize General Manager to enter into a contract with General Pump Company in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the installation and modification of Well 5 to be water flush rather than oil lube.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS AND REPORTS

None.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was formally adjourned at 9:55 a.m. to the Serrano Public Facilities Corporation meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2023 @ 8:30 a.m.

Laura Heflin
Administrative Assistant