

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
July 22, 2019
8:30 a.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Roy Pierucci, Gary Unruh, Mitch Millwee, Jason Selvidge & Barry Watts

DIRECTORS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Averett, Dan Bartel, Zach Smith, Megan Misuraca, Dan Raytis & Markus Nygren
Garret Busch (8:45-10:15 a.m.)
Lawrence O’Leary (8:30-12:30 p.m.)
Patty Poire (For discussion of RRBMA Administrative Draft GSP Chapter Only)

CALL TO ORDER

President Pierucci called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

Mr. Averett requested a motion to add the following items 5d and 5e to the Agenda under Gov’t Code § 54954.2b2: 5d - Consideration of Agreement for a Temporary Water Recharge Program / Future Year Transfer / Exchange with Ponoche Water District; 5d - Consideration of Agreement for a Temporary Water Recharge Program / Future Year Transfer / Exchange with San Luis Water District. Mr. Averett reported that the matter came to the attention of staff after the posting of the agenda and requires immediate action. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Unruh to add the items to the agenda. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None

CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Special Board Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2019
- b) Special Board Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2019
- c) Special Board Meeting Minutes – June 24, 2019
- d) Treasurer’s Report – Filed as presented.

A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Selvidge to adopt and accept the Consent Items. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a) Accounts Payable/ June 8, 2019 through July 19, 2019 — Mr. Averett reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Watts to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$2,079,885.00 as set forth in the Accounts Payable report provided to the Board. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b) Revenue and Expenditures Report – Mr. Averett reviewed the current Revenue and Expenditures Report through 6/30/19 with the Board.
- c) Consideration of Resolution No. 505 Setting 2019-2020 Assessments – Mr. Averett presented Resolution 505 to the Board setting the 2019-2020 district tax assessment rate at \$75/acre, and explained that nothing had changed since the Board considered the rates at a public hearing in May. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Millwee to adopt Resolution No. 505, which set the 2019-2020 tax assessment rate at \$75/acre among other things. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

DISTRICT OPERATIONS REPORT

- a) District Water Levels & Hydrographs Report – Mr. Smith reviewed the current District water levels with the Board.
- b) Operations Log – Mr. Smith reviewed current operations logs with the Board.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month noting the summer temporary hires and the various projects they are working on.
- d) Consideration of Tree Trimming Activities – Mr. Smith discussed the need for tree trimming at various sites throughout the district. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Selvidge to set a budget in the amount of \$20,000 to engage tree trimming services to conduct tree maintenance at the various locations presented. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- e) Consideration of Spray Rig Boom Replacement – Mr. Smith discussed issues that staff is experiencing with the spray rig and recommended replacing the boom with updated spray components. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Watts to set a budget of \$10,000 to replace the boom on the spray rig. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

STATE WATER PROJECT ACTIVITIES UPDATE

- a) Update on State Water Project Operations – Mr. Averett gave an update on current State Water Project operations.
- b) Consideration of Participation in the California Delta Conveyance Project (formerly California Waterfix) – Mr. Averett updated the board with the current details of the Delta Conveyance Project proposals that are being considered. Kern County will have an “opt-in” provisions with agricultural contractors subscribing to the project through the local municipal contractor (ID4). The board instructed Mr. Averett without action to advise the Kern County Water Agency that the District is interested in participating in the project at 100% of its Table A allocation.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- a) Consideration of Continuing Emergency Action - Public Contract Code §22050(c)(1) – Resolution No. 502 – A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Watts to continue the Emergency Action per Resolution No. 502. The motion was unanimously passed.
AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
- b) Consideration of Water Management with San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority – Mr. Averett presented the Temporary Water Recharge Program / Future Year Transfer / Exchange Agreement with San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority to the Board. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Unruh to authorize staff to execute the agreement as presented, subject to approval of general counsel. The motion was unanimously passed.
AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
- c) Consideration of Water Management with Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency – Mr. Averett presented a proposal for a Santa Clarita Water- Rosedale Short Term Banking Project to the Board. There was no action taken on this item. The Board directed Mr. Averett to pursue an agreement along the lines presented.
- d) Consideration of Agreement for a Temporary Water Recharge Program / Future Year Transfer / Exchange with Panoche Water District – Mr. Averett presented the temporary water recharge program / future year transfer / exchange agreement with Panoche Water District to the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Millwee to authorize staff to execute the agreements as presented, subject to approval of general counsel. The motion was unanimously passed.
AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
- e) Consideration of Agreement for a Temporary Water Recharge Program / Future Year Transfer / Exchange with San Luis Water District – Mr. Averett presented the temporary water recharge

program / future year transfer / exchange agreement with San Luis Water District to the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Millwee to authorize staff to execute the agreements as presented, subject to approval of general counsel. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ENGINEERS / PROJECTS REPORT

a) Onyx Ranch

- i. Operations Report – Mr. Bartel gave an update on staff activities and water operations and flows to the Board.

b) Drought Relief Project

- i. Status Report – Mr. Bartel reviewed the Project Status Report covering the activities through the end of June 2019.
- ii. Pumping Plant Equipping – Consideration of Pay Estimate, and Change Order – Mr. Bartel updated the Board on the project. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Watts to approve change order number 1 in the amount of \$250,000 to connect into the Central Intake for delivery into the CVC. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

A motion was made by Director Watts and seconded by Director Millwee to approve Specialty Construction's pay estimate No. 4 in the amount of \$192,636.25 with retention in the amount of \$10,138.75 to be deposited into the escrow account. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- iii. Stockdale East Wells – Mr. Bartel updated the Board on the project status and bid process and timeline.

c) Conveyance Projects

- i. Houghton Weir – Mr. Bartel informed the Board that staff will be visiting a site that has the recommended Langemann Gated Weirs in place to see them in use. They will report back to the Board their feedback and recommend how to proceed.

- d) Building Phase 2- Consideration of Pay Estimate and Change Order– Mr. Bartel gave an update on activities to the Board. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Unruh to approve Vortex Construction's Pay Estimate No. 6 in the amount of \$68,426.16 with \$4,116.15 in retention withheld and ratification of Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$4,000 to reconfigure the operations office. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

e) Kern Fan Project

- i. Consideration of Kern Fan Joint Powers Authority – Mr. Averett presented the Kern Fan Joint Powers Authority agreement to the Board. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Selvidge to approve the contents of the JPA agreement with the execution of the agreement being subject to the approval by DWR as to the construction and location of the required turnout, and reasonable assurances that permits can and will be issued for the project. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- ii. Consideration of Budget Augmentation with HDR – Mr. Averett reviewed the proposal from HDR for the California Aqueduct Capacity Analysis. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Unruh to approve the budget augmentation with the Districts portion being \$22,474.50. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- iii. Consideration of Budget Augmentation with Dee Jaspar & Associates – Mr. Averett reviewed Dee Jaspar's budget augmentation requested to complete the necessary work relating to the Kern Fan Project, including work on M2 and fish issues. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Watts to approve a budget augmentation in the amount of \$22,000. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

f) Superior East Recharge Improvements –

- i. Consideration of Pay Estimate, Change Order, and Structure Budget – Mr. Bartel gave an update on the project activities to the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Millwee to approve Pay Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$126,139.82 for Lonnie Cross Land Leveling with \$6,638.94 retention withheld. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

Mr. Bartel discussed the need for improvements on Superior East and West to take advantage of anticipated excess supplies for recharge and presented the Board with a few photos showing their current state. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Watts to approve Change Order No. 3 in the amount not to exceed \$525,000 to finish improvements on Superior East and West. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

Mr. Bartel reviewed the designed control structures for Superior East and West. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Watts to set a budget of up to \$100,000 to replace the control structures on Superior East and West as presented. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ii. Consideration of Sale of Surplus Real Property +/-0.88 acres – Mr. Bartel presented the map of APN 407-320-26 and suggested that the District execute a sale agreement with Bobby and Paula Benson to sell 0.88 acres of surplus property from that APN. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Watts to declare the property surplus to the District's needs, and to execute a sale agreement with Bobby and Paula Benson to sell a +/- 0.88 acre portion of APN 407-320-26 in the amount of \$14,000. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Watts, Selvidge & Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Rosedale Management Area Committee –
 - i. Consideration of Adding Lands to RRBMA – Mr. Averett informed the Board of a landowner who wishes to add their land to the Rosedale- Rio Bravo Management Area. There was no action taken on the item.
 - ii. Consideration of Newsletter – Mr. Bartel presented the proposed newsletter to be sent out to all properties within the Rosedale- Rio Bravo District. The Board provided input on the newsletter. No action was taken on the item.
 - iii. Consumptive- Use Calculation Methodology Report – Mr. Bartel reviewed the Consumptive- Use Calculation Methodology Report with the Board.
- b) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – No report.
- c) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – No report.
- d) Pioneer Project – Mr. Averett discussed maintenance costs that will possibly be incurred.
- e) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – Mr. Averett discussed information regarding CV Salts.
- f) Kern Groundwater Authority –
 - i. Review of RRBMA Administrative Draft Chapter Submittal to KGA – Mr. Averett gave an introduction of the document and Mr. Bartel presented the Board with the District's Administrative Draft Chapter that is to be submitted to the KGA. Mr. Bartel's discussion included a high-level discussion of the Native Yield numbers and assumptions regarding precipitation. Ms. Poire from the Kern KGA provided the Board with an update of the schedule and commented on the budget assumptions being used.
- g) Kern Fan Authority – Mr. Averett updated the Board with current operations of the Kern Fan Authority.

- h) Banking Projects Joint Operating Committee (JOC) –Mr. Bartel discussed current reconciliation efforts for 2017-2018 claims.
- i) Valley Ag Water Coalition – Mr. Averett gave a brief report of activities.
- j) South Valley Water Resources Authority – No report.
- k) BizFed Group – No report.
- l) Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – No report.
- m) James Water Authority – Mr. Bartel gave a brief update on activities

ATTORNEY’S REPORT - None

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Averett reviewed a letter from Mr. Alan Weidenbach with the Board regarding impacts from SGMA on his business and family. The Board advised the staff to continue communicated with Mr. Weidenbach and other “management area” landowners in an effort to develop solutions for their long-term water supply deficiency.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lawrence O’Leary with Mottech Water Management gave a quick introduction to his company and its capabilities.

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows:

At 12:30 p.m. Director Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 1:40 p.m., the Board reconvened to open session. No reportable actions were taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.