

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 13, 2020

8:30 a.m.

NOTE: This meeting was conducted by teleconference pursuant to and in conformance with Executive Order N-29-20 relating to public meetings during the State of Emergency that was declared as a result of COVID-19.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Roy Pierucci, Gary Unruh, Jason Selvidge, Mitch Millwee

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Barry Watts

OTHERS PRESENT

District Staff - Eric Averett, Dan Bartel, Zach Smith, Megan Misuraca, Markus Nygren, Rachelle Echeverria & Dan Raytis

Public – Tom McCarthy and Brent Walthall (8:45-9:25), Garrett Busch, George Capello, Rick Iger (8:45-9:25), Joseph Gallegos

CALL TO ORDER

President Pierucci called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

CONSENT ITEMS

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2020
- b) Treasurer’s Report – Filed as presented.

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

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge and Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a) Accounts Payable/ September 8, 2020 through October 9, 2020 — Mr. Averett reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Selvidge to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$1,377,380.72 as set forth in the Accounts Payable report provided to the Board. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge and Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b) Revenue and Expenditures Report – Mr. Averett reviewed the current Revenue and Expenditures Report through 09/30/2020 with the Board.

- c) Report on Financing and Bond Insurance – Mr. Averett reported to the Board that the refunding and refinancing of the existing debt was completed.
- d) Review of Draft 2021 Budget – Mr. Averett reviewed the draft budget that staff has compiled noting that the numbers are still being adjusted. Staff will finish final adjustments and Mr. Averett will prepare a 10-year projection for approval at the next Board meeting.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS REPORT

- a) District Water Levels & Hydrographs Report – Mr. Smith reviewed the current District water levels with the Board.
- b) Operations Report – Mr. Smith reviewed current operations and projected demands through the end of 2020.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month.
- d) Report on Potential Goose Lake Canal Realignment (Johnson Road)- Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the latest activities of the Goose Lake Canal Realignment. Rick Iger commented on the alignment and asked that staff assure that the re-alignment maintain current capacity.

STATE WATER PROJECT ACTIVITIES UPDATE

- a) Update on State Water Project Operations – No report.
- b) Update on the California Delta Conveyance Project – Mr. Averett discussed the latest activities of the Delta Conveyance Project and the 4-year funding agreement that is being proposed for the preliminary planning and design efforts. Tom McCarthy and Brent Walthall of the Kern County Water Agency joined the meeting via Zoom to offer additional information and answer any questions the Board had relating to the agreement. Director Selvidge asked where the 4-year funding agreement would take the project; Mr. McCarthy responded that the project should be able to move to final design and construction at that point.

MANAGER’S REPORT

- a) Consideration of Long-Term Water Management Program with San Joaquin Exchange Contractors – Mr. Averett advised the Board that he is working on a Long-Term Water Management Program with the San Joaquin Exchange Contractors and noted differences between the current program agreement and a new proposed agreement. The agreement will be brought back to the Board for approval upon being finalized.

ENGINEERS / PROJECTS REPORT

- a) Onyx Ranch
 - i. Operations Report – Mr. Bartel gave an update on staff activities including water operations and flows to the Board. Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the latest efforts on responses to comments on the DEIR and preparation of an FEIR.
- b) Drought Relief Project
 - i. Status Report – Mr. Nygren reviewed the Project Status Report covering the activities through the end of September 2020.
 - ii. Stockdale East Wells - Consideration of Pay Estimate – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on Stockdale East Wells project activities. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to approve Bakersfield Well and Pump Pay Estimate No. 4 in

the amount of \$522,208.82, with \$27,484.68 retention withheld. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge and Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

c) Recharge and Conveyance Projects

- i. Resolution No. 512- Adoption of Addendum to FEIR (SCH#: 2013091076) Stockdale Integrated Banking Project – Mr. Bartel reviewed Resolution No. 512 with the Board. The resolution including the adoption of the proposed Addendum to the Stockdale Integrated Banking Project EIR and certain findings regarding minor modifications to the Project. The resolution also directed the posting of a Notice of Determination in accordance with CEQA. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Millwee to adopt Resolution No. 512 in the matter of Adopting an Addendum to FEIR (SCH#: 2013091076) Stockdale Integrated Banking Project. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge and Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- ii. Consideration of Proposal for McCaslin Recharge Ponds- Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on activities and reviewed the proposal received from Zeiders Consulting for the design efforts on the development of the 200 acres just North of the Enns Ponds off the Goose Lake Channel. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Millwee to approve the proposal from Zeiders Consulting in the amount of \$104,630 and authorize staff to execute the proposal. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge and Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- iii. Consideration of Proposal for 123-TCP Mitigation Plan- Mr. Bartel gave a brief overview on the Well Mitigation Feasibility Study efforts and Ms. Echeverria presented the proposals ranked and detailed to the Board. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Unruh authorizing staff to execute a consulting agreement with Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group to complete the proposed work in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, subject to a 50-50 cost-share with Irvine Ranch Water District. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge and Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- iv. Consideration of Proposal for SCVWA Well Siting Study – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the notice from Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency of their intent to pursue the location of additional banking wells within the District. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Millwee to authorize staff to enter into a consulting agreement to perform a Well Siting Study on behalf of Santal Clarita Valley Water in an

amount not to exceed \$25,000, which will be fully reimbursed by Santa Clarity Valley Water Agency. The motion was unanimously passed.

AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge and Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Groundwater Banking Authority – Mr. Averett noted that the Finance Committee held its initial meeting.
 - a. Kern Fan Project Report – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on status of Technical Memoranda that the Kern Fan Project construction team is working on. Mr. Averett gave a brief report on WIIN Act funding efforts.
- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on activities.
- c) Kern Groundwater Authority- Consideration of cash call – Mr. Averett briefed the Board on the latest activities. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Unruh to pay to the Kern Groundwater Authority a cash call in the amount of \$15,513.89. The motion was unanimously passed.
 - AYES: Directors Pierucci, Unruh, Selvidge and Millwee
 - NOES: None
 - ABSTAINED: None
- d) Rosedale Management Area Committee – Mr. Averett briefed the Board on efforts to supply water to the undistracted lands within Rosedale’s Management Area.
- e) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – No report.
- f) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – Mr. Averett gave a brief report on CVC activities. Mr. Bartel reported on recent modelling efforts by NHC.
- g) Pioneer Project – Mr. Bartel gave a brief update on Pioneer Project activities.
- h) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – No report.
- i) Kern Fan Authority – No report.
- j) Banking Projects Joint Operating Committee (JOC) – No report.
- k) Committee for Delta Reliability – No report.
- l) South Valley Water Resources Authority – No report.
- m) Valley Ag Water Coalition – No report.
- n) Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – No report.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

None

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 10:50 a.m. Director Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. Director Millwee left the meeting at 11:50 and did not return. At 12:10 p.m., the Board reconvened to open session.

Mr. Raytis reported that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.