

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
March 8, 2022  
8:00 a.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

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

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT**

District Staff / Consultants - Dan Bartel, Zach Smith, Trent Taylor, Megan Misuraca, Markus Nygren, Rachelle Echeverria, Dan Raytis and Jennifer Spaletta (via phone during closed session)  
Public – Ken Bonesteel, John Gaugel, Vincent Sorena, Craig Wallace

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Pierucci called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2022

A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Watts to approve the meeting minutes of the February 8, 2022, Regular Board of Directors’ meeting. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

- a) Treasurer’s Report – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the treasurer’s report as of February 28, 2022.
- b) Accounts Payable/ February 5, 2022, through March 4, 2022 — Ms. Misuraca reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge and seconded by Director Millwee to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$379,523.77. The motion unanimously passed.
- AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts
- NOES: None
- ABSTAINED: None
- c) Revenue and Expenditures Report – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the current Revenue and Expenditures Report through February 28, 2022, with the Board.
- d) Board of Directors Compensation Survey – Ms. Misuraca reviewed the board of directors’ compensation survey completed for various districts in the Central Valley.

## **DISTRICT OPERATIONS REPORT**

- a) District Groundwater Levels – Mr. Nygren reviewed the current District water levels with reference to the District’s thresholds under SGMA in the various zones of the District’s management area.
- b) Operations Report – Mr. Smith reviewed current operations including projected demands for 2022.
- c) Maintenance Report – Mr. Smith reviewed maintenance projects that have taken place over the last month.

## **STATE WATER PROJECT ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

- a) Update on State Water Project Operations – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on current operations with an expected decrease in the State Water Project allocation and reviewed the 8-station index graph with the Board.
- b) California Delta Conveyance Project – Craig Wallace of the Kern County Water Agency gave a presentation on the Delta Conveyance Project to the Board including estimated funding requirements. Mr. Taylor gave a brief report and noted staff would put together a report for the Board to consider on the District’s continued participation in the Delta Conveyance Project at a future meeting.
- c) Consideration of Fallow Transfer Program – Mr. Taylor reviewed the Rosedale Fallow Transfer Program relating to 680 acre-feet of supply that could be made available for transfer to Rosedale White Lands for over-lying use. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to approve staff mailing out a pricing tolerance questionnaire to District White lands for interested parties to complete, and to enter into a water sale agreement for up to 680AF, subject to approval of legal counsel. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- d) Consideration of Water Quality Balance Exchange Agreement – Mr. Taylor reviewed the agreement with the Board. A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Millwee to approve and authorize staff to execute the 2022 Water Quality Balance Exchange with Arvin-Edison Water Storage District. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

## **MANAGER’S REPORT**

- a) Consideration of Continuing Emergency Action - Public Contract Code §22050(c)(1) – Res. No. 519 – Ms. Echeverria reviewed the memo to the Board describing current and expected hydrologic conditions, and the need to continue the emergency action. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Millwee to continue the Emergency Action per Resolution No. 519. The motion unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- b) Strategic Plan Review (2014-2024)- Mr. Bartel reviewed a few key points of the District’s draft Strategic Plan and recommends the Board and staff meet to complete a 5 year update. No action was taken.

**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 noted staff is working to get the barn and tool shed roofs repaired from wind damage that will be covered under the District’s property insurance through ACWA.
- b) Improvement Projects
  - i. Scada Improvements – Mr. Nygren briefed the Board on the status of the Scada Improvements.
  - ii. McCaslin Ponds – Mr. Nygren gave an update on the construction status of the ponds and turnout. Mr. Bartel noted the District was awarded Grant funds on both phases of the project.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Groundwater Banking Joint Powers Authority – Mr. Bartel reported on the latest activities.
- b) James Groundwater Banking Authority – Mr. Bartel gave a brief report on the latest activities and noted Rosedale’s \$105,000 contribution toward the 2022 budget.
- c) Kern Groundwater Authority
  - i. Update on DWR Incomplete Determination Response Coordination – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the latest activities and the KGA efforts on coordination.
  - ii. Consideration of Consumptive Use Instrumentation – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the KGA efforts to utilize Land IQ for ET data and reviewed the potential Land IQ Stations with the Board. Mr. Taylor advised that the details of a cost-share were still being discussed. A motion was made by Director Unruh and seconded by Director Watts to approve a budget of \$11,340 for the installation of Land IQ stations. The motion unanimously passed.
    - AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts
    - NOES: None
    - ABSTAINED: None
- d) Rosedale Management Area Committee
  - i. Consideration of Service Agreement - Water Accounting Platform – Mr. Nygren briefed the Board on the importance of the Water Accounting Platform as the District begins planning for development and implimentation of a water charge. A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Millwee to authorize staff to execute a service agreement and a budget of \$16,200 for services and limited support through 2022. The motion was unanimously passed.
    - AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts
    - NOES: None
    - ABSTAINED: None

- ii. Stakeholders Meeting – Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the stakeholders meeting. No action was taken.
- e) Kern Fan Monitoring Committee – No report.
- f) Cross Valley Canal Advisory Committee – No report.
- g) Pioneer Project – No report.
- h) Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority (KRWCA) – Mr. Smith gave a brief report on the nitrate control efforts and the development of the Kern Water Collaborative.
- i) Kern Fan Authority – No report.
- j) Joint Operating Committee (JOC) – No report.
- k) Committee for Delta Reliability – No report.
- l) South Valley Water Resources Authority – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the latest activities.
- m) Valley Ag Water Coalition – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on latest activities.
- n) Kern Integrated Regional Water Management Plan – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on latest activities.
- o) Sites Reservoir Project – Mr. Taylor gave a brief report on recent activities.
- p) Association of California Water Agencies – No report.

#### **ATTORNEY’S REPORT**

No report.

#### **OLD OR NEW BUSINESS**

None

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 9:38 a.m. President Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. Mr. Taylor left the closed session at 11:25. At 11:33 a.m., the Board reconvened to open session and Mr. Raytis announced that no reportable actions were taken in closed session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.