

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 12, 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 and Dan Raytis

Public – Ken Bonesteel, Justin Murray, Alex Verdugo, Molly Thurman, Greg Wegis, Adriana Barba, Tom McCarthy, Bryan Bone and Travis Millwee

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2022
- b) Special Board Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2022

A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Watts to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular March 8, 2022 and Special March 17, 2022, Board of Directors' meetings. 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 March 31, 2022.
- b) Accounts Payable/ March 5, 2022, through April 8, 2022 — Ms. Misuraca reviewed the accounts payable report with the Board. A motion was made by Director Millwee and seconded by Director Watts to ratify and approve payment of the accounts payable in the total amount of \$2,574,587.85. 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 March 31, 2022, with the Board.

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 noting that discussions of zone and threshold changes are occurring.
- 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.
- d) Consideration of Encroachment Permit – Mr. Smith reviewed the request for an encroachment permit for a crossing of the Goose Lake Channel. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh to authorize staff to issue an encroachment permit for placement of a steel sleeve and pipeline crossing the Goose Lake Channel 0.3 – miles west of Nord Road. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

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
 - i. Consideration of Amendment No. 1 to Contract Between Kern County Water Agency and its Member Units for Preliminary Planning and Design Costs Related to a Potential Delta Conveyance Project – Mr. Taylor reviewed Amendment No. 1 to the contract with the Board. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Selvidge to authorize staff to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Contract Between Kern County Water Agency and its Member Units for Preliminary Planning and Design Costs Related to a Potential Delta Conveyance Project. The motion was unanimously passed.
- ii. Consideration of Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement Between Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District and Irvine Ranch Water Storage District – Mr. Taylor reviewed Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh authorizing staff to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement Between Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District and Irvine Ranch Water District for Preliminary Planning and Design Costs Related to a Potential Delta Conveyance Project. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

- c) Consideration of a Transfer and Exchange Agreement – Westside Water Authority and Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District – Mr. Taylor reviewed the details of the agreement with the Board. A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Millwee authorizing staff to execute the Agreement for a Water Exchange and Transfer Between Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District and Westside Water Authority and Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District. The motion was unanimously passed.
- AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
- d) Kern River Basic Contract Alternative Point of Delivery
- i. Consideration of a Transfer and Exchange Agreement- Improvement District No.4 – Mr. Taylor reviewed the details of the transfer and exchange agreement with the Board. A motion was made by Director Selvidge with a second by Director Unruh authorizing staff to execute the 2022 Balanced Water Exchange Agreement between Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District and Improvement District No. 4 of the Kern County Water Agency for up to 20,000 acre-feet dated March 31, 2022. The motion unanimously passed.
- AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
- ii. Ratification of Kern River Basic Contract Alternative Point of Delivery Agreement – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the details of the 2021-2022 Basic Contract Delivery by the City of Bakersfield. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a second by Director Watts to ratify the approval and execution of the Alternative Delivery Point for 2021 and 2022 Basic Contract Water Agreement with the City of Bakersfield dated April 1, 2022. The motion was unanimously passed.
- AYES: Directors Pierucci, Selvidge, Unruh, Millwee and Watts
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
- e) Consideration of a Common Landowner Transfer Agreement – Mr. Taylor reviewed the Agreement for Transfer of State Water Project Table A Water and related CEQA materials (Initial Study/Negative Declaration and Notice of Determination) with the Board. A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Selvidge to concur with the finding that the project would not result in any significant effect on the environment, and to approve and authorize staff to execute the common landowner Agreement for Transfer of State Water Project Table A Water between Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District and Tulare Lake Baskin 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

ENGINEERS / PROJECTS REPORT

a) Onyx Ranch

1. Operations Report – Mr. Bartel gave an update on staff activities including water operations and flows to the Board.
- ii. Ratification of Kern River Water Exchange Agreement – City of Bakersfield – Mr. Taylor briefed the Board and reviewed the details of the agreement. A motion was made by Director Unruh with a second by Director Selvidge to approve and ratify the execution of the City of Bakersfield Cooperative Agreement for the Onyx Ranch Interim Pilot Project one year 1 for 1 exchange dated April 1, 2022. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

b) Improvement Projects

- i. McCaslin Ponds/Turnout – Mr. Nygren gave an update on the construction status of the ponds and turnout.
 1. Consideration of Pay Estimate
 2. Authorization to Issue Notice of Completion
 3. Consideration of Technical Services Agreement

A motion was made by Director Watts with a second by Director Millwee approving Pay Estimate No. 1 for Nicholas Construction in the amount of \$194,297.39 with \$10,226.18 retention withheld, authorization for staff to Notice of Completion on the McCaslin Turnout Project, Pay Estimate No. 1 for Gilliam and Sons in the Amount of \$117,796.01 with \$6,199.79 retention withheld and approve a budget not to exceed \$30,000 for Zeider's Consulting to perform the construction management for the McCaslin Recharge Ponds Project. The motion was unanimously passed.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

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 EIR status.
- c) Kern Groundwater Authority
 - i. Update on DWR Incomplete Determination Response Coordination – Mr. Taylor and Mr. Bartel briefed the Board on the latest activities and the KGA efforts on coordination.

- ii. Governor Executive Order on Well Permits- Mr. Taylor briefed the Board on the new proposed process for the issuance of well permits to be approved by the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies.
- d) Rosedale Management Area Committee
 - i. Stakeholders Meeting – Mr. Bartel noted the next stakeholder meeting is April 29, 2022.
- 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) – No report.
- 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 – Mr. Taylor noted the upcoming Spring ACWA conference the first week of May.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

No report.

OLD OR NEW BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Taylor reviewed the letter received from Sierra Club California.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

During the meeting, the Board met in closed session, as follows: At 10:10 a.m. President Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 11:45 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 11:50 a.m.