

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
May 3, 2023  
3:00 p.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Roy Pierucci, Jason Selvidge, Barry Watts & Mitch Millwee

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Gary Unruh

**OTHERS PRESENT**

District Staff / Consultants – Dan Bartel, Trent Taylor, Megan Misuraca, Dan Raytis & Jennifer Spaletta  
Public – Christian Howland (counsel for Buena Vista Water Storage District)

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Pierucci called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

a) Consideration of Resolution No. 532 Adopting Rate for Assessment Year 2023-2024 – Ms. Misuraca displayed and reviewed a summary of the District’s preliminary budget for 2024 (including projections for 2023). Ms. Misuraca noted that the proposed assessment level of \$150/acre is unchanged from the prior year. A motion was made by Director Millwee with a Second by Director Selvidge to adopt Resolution No. 532 - Adopting Assessment Rates for the Year 2023-2024, in which the Board determined that the district assessment should remain at \$150/acre. A roll call vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Roy Pierucci, Jason Selvidge, Barry Watts & Mitch Millwee

NOES: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

a) Consideration of Filing Application for a Temporary Permit to Appropriate Water with the State Water Resources Control Board - Mr. Bartel noted the historically high level of snowpack in the Southern Sierras, which is expected to result in extremely high outflows from Isabella Reservoir for an extended period of time. In light of the expected high outflow from the Isabella Reservoir, Mr. Bartel predicted that all the needs, demands and capacity of the Kern River water right holders would soon be met, leaving unappropriated water available that would either flow into and through the Kern River Intertie to the California Aqueduct, or up the Kern River Flood channel without being applied to beneficial uses and increasing the likelihood of flooding farmlands in Tulare Lake. Mr. Bartel explained that diversion and recharge of such flows should be covered by a temporary permit from the State Water Resources Control Board and that there is currently an Executive Order issued by the Governor allowing for such

diversions. Director Watts made a motion, seconded by Director Selvidge, to authorize the Engineer-Manager to submit an application for a temporary (180-day) permit to divert high flow Kern River supplies for groundwater recharge, as outlined by the Engineer-Manager. The motion unanimously passed.

AYES: Roy Pierucci, Jason Selvidge, Barry Watts & Mitch Millwee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None.

**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 3:04 p.m. President Pierucci announced the Board would meet in closed session. At 3:38 p.m. the Board reconvened to open session and Mr. Raytis announced there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.