

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL
MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
WESTSIDE DISTRICT WATER AUTHORITY

Held October 30, 2019

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Westside District Water Authority was held on October 30, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at the Belridge Water Storage District Administration Office.

CALL TO ORDER)
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Chairman Pugét called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL)
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The following directors were present: Bernard Pugét, Rob Yraceburu, Leon Elwell, Rod Stiefvater, and Rob Goff.

Director Don Elholm was not in attendance.

Also present were Kristen Camarena, Ronnie Koetsier, Phil Nixon, Kris Lawrence, and Joe Hughes. Kim Brown attended by phone

REVIEW WDWA FUTURE)
ADMINISTRATION AND ACTIVITIES)
ON BEHALF OF MEMBER AGENCIES)
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Phil Nixon reported on the following information pertaining to the WDWA's future administration: 1) background: a) the current General Manager, Phil Nixon, is retiring in May 2020, b) Dudley Ridge Water District (DRWD) General Manager and Westside 5 lead for supplemental water purchases is close to retirement, c) Director William D. Phillimore, who has represented WDWA and DRWD on Sacramento water policy has retired, d) KCWA General Manager has retired, e) KCWA has not adequately represented the Westside Districts, f) supplemental water purchases and water banking is a key part of landowners' water supply strategy, g) SGMA will reduce future supplemental water supplies and increase demand for supplemental water, and h) state regulations impacting landowners continue to increase requiring additional staff time and expense; 2) next steps: a) organize management to better influence

decisions at both County and State levels, b) each District will retain individual identity with WDWA continuing to manage water allocations and expenditures consistent with individual District rules and policies, c) staff is recommending joint management and representation not a merger of Districts, d) the General Manager showed a comparison between the Westside Districts and DRWD's SWP contracts and Table A water and graphs showing SWP Water Supply to KCWA Member Units, SWP Contract Supply to State Water Contractors, and SWP contract supply to Westside District's and DRWD, e) consider adding DRWD to WDWA, f) DRWD participation impacts the search for a new General Manager, g) individual District action to authorize WDWA management of District operations, h) water allocations and expenditures managed consistent with individual District rules and policies, i) modify WDWA JPA as needed, j) Districts can withdraw from WDWA, k) staff would need to set up WDWA State and Federal IDs, bank accounts, accounting system, liability insurance, employee handbook, and payroll system employee benefits, l) initially move BWSO and LHWD employees and equipment to WDWA while BMWD resolves retirement plan; and 3) recommendations: a) include DRWD in WDWA, b) individual Districts take action authorizing WDWA management of District finances and operations consistent with individual District rules and policies, and c) authorize staff to set up WDWA State and Federal IDs, bank accounts, accounting system, liability insurance, employee handbook, payroll system, and employee benefits consistent with existing District programs. Following discussion, on motion of Rob Goff, seconded by Rod Stiefvater, and unanimously carried, the Board approved including DRWD in WDWA. On motion of Rob Yraceburu, seconded by Leon Elwell, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized Staff in recommending DRWD be included in WDWA to the individual Boards. On motion of Rob Yraceburu, seconded by Rod Stiefvater, and unanimously carried, the Board directed Staff to move forward with setting up WDWA State and Federal IDs, bank accounts, accounting system, liability insurance, employee handbook, payroll system, and employee benefits consistent with existing District programs.

UPDATE ON GENERAL)
MANGER SEARCH)
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This matter was discussed earlier in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS)
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No new business.

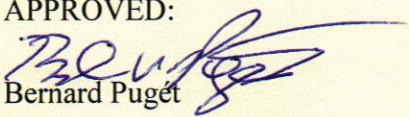
CLOSED SESSION)
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No closed session.

ADJOURNMENT)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Rod Stiefvater, seconded by Rob Goff, and unanimously carried, said meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Rod Stiefvater
Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Directors

APPROVED:

Bernard Puget
Chairman

