

MINUTES OF A ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
WESTSIDE DISTRICT WATER AUTHORITY

Held January 8, 2020

An adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Westside District Water Authority was held on January 8, 2020, at 11:30 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 11:30 a.m.

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

Director Leon Elwell was not in attendance.

Also present were Phil Nixon, Kris Lawrence, Joe Hughes, Danielle Duncun, Oscar Mello, Gnell Babb, Kim Constant, and Mary King.

PUBLIC COMMENT)
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No Public Comment.

MINUTES)
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Approval of Minutes of October 2, 2019, October 9, 2019, October 30, 2019, November 6, 2019, December 4, 2019, and December 9, 2019: On motion of Rob Goff, seconded by Rod Stiefvater, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meetings of October 2, 2019, October 9,

2019, October 30, 2019, November 6, 2019, December 4, 2019 and December 9, 2019, were approved subject to an update to December 9, 2019 minutes.

LEGAL COUNSEL)
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No report.

ITEMS OF COMMON INTEREST)
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Kern Groundwater Authority: Kris Lawrence reported on the following matters pertaining to the KGA: 1) Undistricted Lands Agreements: most agreements and invoices have been collected and APN's have been added to the GSP Chapter; 2) December 18, 2019 KGA Board Meeting: WDWA GSP Chapter was approved for inclusion in submission to DWR; 3) important upcoming dates: a) KGA Board meeting will be held on January 15, 2020 and the GSP submission to DWR to follow, b) a meeting with DWR to discuss subsidence along the aqueduct will be held on February 7, 2020; and 4) the coordination agreement has not been signed by the Buena Vista GSA.

Westside Water Quality Coalition: Kris Lawrence reported on the following matters pertaining to the WWQC: 1) a grower outreach meeting pertaining to the preparation and submittal of updated Irrigation and Nitrogen Management Plan Worksheet, 2019 Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Reports, new on-farm drinking water well requirements, and membership information updates will be held January 16, 2020; 2) CV-SALTS; and 3) CGQMP, SGMA, and GQTMP effort: staff is generating an inventory of water supply wells in the WWQC area and focus on well-head protection and proper destruction methods.

Committee for Delta Authority: No report.

Delta Conveyance Project: Phil Nixon reported on the following matters pertaining to the Delta Conveyance Project (DCF) Agreement in Principle (AIP) status: 1) negotiations concluded in November; 2) State Water Contractors (SWC) are not in agreement: major issues include Article 21 water allocation and San Luis storage carryover impacts; 3) DWR prepared a counter offer on December 20, 2019 due to the following: a) sixteen out of twenty-nine SWC committed to the November 13, 2019 AIP, b) the level of support is less than anticipated and unlikely to result in a contract amendment that could be implemented uniformly across all contracts, and c) further negotiations are not likely to increase the level of support; 4) DWR has statutory and contractual authority to proceed with planning, construction, and operation of DCF; 5) DWR proposing an opt-out provision: a) credit non-participants from cost associated with planning, construction, and

operation of DCF, b) waiver of any water supply benefits from DCF, and c) opt-out of either 100% of M&I or ag allocation; 6) SWC's that don't opt-out will be responsible for associated cost and receive benefits of DCF; 7) DWR proposing contract negotiations begin January 22, 2020 and 8) Member Unit Managers meeting will be held January 9, 2020.

Agency/Member Unit Policy Meetings: Phil Nixon reported on matters discussed at the Agency Board meeting. Among those included: 1) 2020 – 2021 budget development schedule; 2) Delta Conveyance Project updates; 3) review of SWP operations and deliveries; 4) review and approval of transfers; 5) revised transaction request form charges; and 6) authorized approval of routing transfers, exchanges, and purchase.

2020 Meeting Schedule: Phil Nixon presented a draft 2020 meeting schedule for informational purposes only.

Review WWA Status: Phil Nixon reminded the Board that the ad-hoc General Manager Search committee (search committee) consists of Alan Scroggs, Mike Nordstrom, and Rob Yraceburu with assistance from Dale Melville. The search committee received proposals from multiple executive search firms. After researching each firm, the search committee hired John Rossi with Ralph Anderson and Associates and plans to meet with Mr. Rossi next week. The search committee will update the Board at the next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS)
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District Employee Salary Adjustments: This matter was tabled until after Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION)
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The President directed that the Board move into closed session to evaluate the performance of District employees. Legal Counsel advised the Board that it has authority to hold a closed session under Government Code section 54957. All persons other than the Directors and the General Manager thereupon retired from the meeting.

Following the closed session, the President reported that no action was taken in closed session and the meeting was again open to the public.

District Employee Salary Adjustments: Phil Nixon reported that he had met with ad hoc Committees of all three Districts to discuss proposed salary and benefit adjustments for employees. After discussion, the Directors agreed with the recommendation of the various committees. Action

to approve said adjustments will be considered at each of the District's adjourned regular meetings in January.

ADJOURNMENT)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Don Elholm, seconded by Rob Goff, and unanimously carried, said meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Rod Stiefvater
Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Directors

APPROVED:

Bernard Pugét
Chairman

