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General Manager
Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr.

Legal Counsel
David D. Boyer

CORRECTED MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Directors in Attendance

President Robert Eranio
Vice President Daniel C. Naumann
Secretary/Treasurer Michael W. Mobley
Director Bruce Dandy
Director Lynn Maulhardt
Director Edwin T. McFadden III

Directors Absent

Director Sheldon Berger

Staff in Attendance

Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., General Manager
David D. Boyer, Legal Counsel
Anthony Emmert, Assistant General Manager
Robert C. Siemak, Assistant General Manager
Dr. Maryam Bral, Chief Engineer
Mike Ellis, Chief Operations Officer
Brian Collins, Operations and Maintenance Manager
James Grisham, Engineering Manager
Christy Ramirez, Executive Coordinator
Clayton Strahan, Senior Park Services Officer
Dr. Katherine Ayres, Associate Ecologist
Dan Detmer, Supervising Hydrogeologist
Erin Gorospe, Senior Accountant
Craig Morgan, Senior Engineer
Linda Purpus, Senior Environmental Scientist
Kris Sofley, Clerk of the Board
Cherie Windsor, Field Assistant

Public in Attendance

Kevin Brown, Ventura Water
Frank Bromschenk, Frank B Associates
Nate Kowalski, AALRR
Tony Morgan, DBS&A

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1. FIRST OPEN SESSION 12:00 P.M.

President Eranio called the meeting to order at 12noon.

**1.1 Public Comments
Information Item**

President Eranio asked if any members of the public wished to address the Board on any matter on the Closed Session agenda or on any non-agenda item within the jurisdiction of the Board. No public comments were offered.

1.2 EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION 12:05 P.M.

President Eranio asked Legal Counsel to announce the items to be discussed in Executive (Closed) Session, which Mr. Boyer reported.

2. SECOND OPEN SESSION AND CALL TO ORDER 1:50 P.M.

President Eranio called the second open session to order at 1:50p.m. He then asked Director Naumann to lead the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Director Naumann led the group in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2.2 Public Comment
Information Item**

President Eranio asked if any members of the public wanted to address the Board or share any public comments. No comments were offered.

**2.3 Approval of Agenda
Motion**

Mr. Guardado stated that the Minutes from the October 10, 2018 Board of Directors meeting had been corrected on item 2.4, reporting out of Executive Session, as indicated on the corrected copy of the Minutes provided to the Board members and the public. President Eranio asked if the Minutes needed to be pulled from Consent Calendar for separate discussion, Mr. Guardado replied that it was not required to discuss the correction.

Motion to approve the agenda with the correction of item 2.4 in the Minutes of the October 10, 2018, Board of Directors meeting, Director Dandy; Second, Director Naumann. Voice vote: six ayes (Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio); none opposed; one absent (Berger). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/01.

**2.4 Oral Report Regarding Executive (Closed) Session
Information Item**

District Legal Counsel David D. Boyer reported out of Executive (Closed) Session agenda item 1.1 D., Wishtoyo Foundation, et al. v. United Water Conservation District, the Board unanimously (Director Berger not in attendance) approved and ratified the prior actions of the General Manager in consenting to the withdrawal of Musick, Peeler & Garrett as counsel for the District in that matter. On Executive (Closed) Session agenda item 1.2, the Board unanimously (Director Berger not in attendance) authorized and approved AALRR defending the District in Las Posas Valley Water Rights Coalition, et al. v. Fox Canyon

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Groundwater Management Agency, et al.(Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. VENCI00509700), in which the District is named as a defendant. Currently identified in the complaint as adverse parties to the District are: Las Posas Valley Water Rights Coalition; Placco, Inc.; Grimes Rock, Inc.; Saticoy Properties, LLC; SCS Partners; Green Hills Ranch, LLC; and Rolling Green Hills Ranch. The allegations against the District involve a claim for a comprehensive groundwater adjudication of the Las Posas Valley Groundwater Basin. Mr. Boyer also stated that the remainder of the Executive Session discussion items would be address in a second executive session after the agenda's Motion and Information items had been completed.

2.5 Board Communication

Information Item

Director McFadden reported attending the Recreation Committee meeting on October 25, the Groundwater Committee meeting on October 29, the Fillmore and Piru Basins Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board meeting on October 25, a FPB GSA ad hoc committee meeting on November 2 and his plans to attend the AWA Waterwise breakfast, Lake Piru Park Services Office ribbon cutting ceremony and the FPB GSA Board meeting all taking place on November 15.

Director Maulhardt stated that he had not attended any meeting or events in the past month.

Director Mobley reported that he attended the Finance Committee meeting on November 13, the Mound Basin GSA meeting on October 18, the Executive Committee meeting and prep meeting for the Fox Canyon GMA meeting on the 23rd of October; the Fox Canyon GMA meeting on October 24, the Groundwater Committee meeting on the 29th of October. He added that the Mound Basin meeting for November 15 was cancelled.

Director Dandy reported that he had attended the Finance Committee meeting yesterday, November 13, the October Oxnard Chamber Water Issues committee meeting on October 11, met with the Harbor Master of Port Hueneme and encouraged other members of the Board and staff to do likewise; on October 15, he met with the General Manager and Director Naumann.

Director Naumann reported that he had attended the Recreation Committee meeting on October 25, the Groundwater Committee meeting on October 29, the joint California WaterFix ad hoc committee meeting on the 8th of November, substituted for Director Berger at the Finance committee on November 13, attended the Executive Committee meeting on October 23, attended the AWA Breakfast in October and the Pleasant Valley County Water District Board meeting on October 16, with United's GM.

President Eranio reported his attendance at the October Board meeting and agenda review meeting with the General Manager; an AWA Water issues meeting; an AWA Breakfast in Thousand Oaks; two Fox Canyon GMA meeting; meetings with Pleasant Valley and Calleguas regarding the FC GMAsustainability plan, and a review meeting with UWCD staff. He is also planning on attending the AWA Breakfast tomorrow, November 15 and the Lake Piru ribbon cutting ceremony tomorrow for the new Park Services Office. President Eranio also mentioned that, in his role with the State Water Resource Control Board, he has been made aware that beginning in March 2019, Operators certification and

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exams for A series and Advance Water Treatment, Wastewater and Potable Water grades A3 through 5 will be given three times per year, all at the same time. The tests will be given in March, July and October. He cautioned the Board and staff by saying that 40 percent of the current certified water operators are over the age of 60; and that 50 percent are over the age of 50, which means a lot of qualified personnel will be retiring and with the exams given only three times per year and all at the same time, it will be harder to find qualified staff.

Director Dandy then added that on November 19 at 12noon, the Public Works Director for the City of Oxnard would be presenting the City's water management plan to the Oxnard Chamber of Commerce Water Issues Committee and he invited everyone to attend as his guest, stating that the meeting was at the Esplanade Drive office of the Oxnard Chamber of Commerce.

2.6 General Manager's Report

Information Item

Mr. Guardado called the Board's attention to the copies of the California State Assembly and State Senate rosters that were included in their blue folders. He also reminded those that were attending the ACWA Fall Conference that Ms. Ibarra had prepared individual itineraries for each of them which were also on the desk. He reported that he had attended a meeting with Directors Naumann and Mobley with the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency regarding the recently executed joint Memorandum of Understanding between the two agencies, which would provide for more in-depth management of the Santa Clara River watershed and foster greater collaboration between the two agencies. He continued stating that in light of the recent court order, the District's lobbyist was encouraging the Board and staff to meet with local elected officials to provide a brief summary of the court ruling and asking for their help in moving the situation at the Freeman Diversion forward. Mr. Guardado also reported that he had made a presentation to the Ventura County Taxpayers Association and the following day was surprised to receive a copy of the Association's letter of support for United regarding the NMFS situation at the Freeman Diversion. He said the District still has a long way to go, but the more support the District can solicit and the more partners it has, the better.

2.7 Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) Runoff Election for one Regular Special District member and one Alternate Member

Motion

Motion to cast its vote for the Regular Special District member of LAFCo for Elaine Freeman and vote for Jack Curtis as the Alternate member, Director Dandy; Second, Director Mobley. Voice vote: six ayes (Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio); none opposed; one absent (Berger). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1.

2.8 Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority (ACWA JPIA) Proposed Captive Insurance Company

Motion

Director Dandy stated that he was in support of the Captive Insurance Company as it offered a lot of upside in terms of earning and does not affect the District directly. He said the downside was a trust issue as there would be another separate Board and separate

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functions, and the reasons he was asking for the Board's input was because of future liability and workers comp issues. President Eranio clarified that the Captive Insurance Company would not impact the District's current coverage or policies and Director Dandy said it would not.

Motion to provide direction to the District's representative on the ACWA JPIA Board of Directors, Director Bruce Dandy, to respond in support of the association's formation of a Captive Insurance Company, Director Maulhardt; Second, Director McFadden. Roll call vote: five ayes (Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Eranio); none opposed; two absent (Berger, Naumann temporarily left the Boardroom.). Motion carries unanimously 5/0/2.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR: All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member pulls an item from the Calendar. Pulled items will be discussed and acted on separately by the Board. Members of the public who want to comment on a Consent Calendar item should do so under Public Comments. (ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)

As stated earlier in the meeting, the Minutes from the October 10, 2018, Board of Directors meeting have been corrected on item 2.4 within the Minutes, to correctly reflect Legal Counsel's reporting out of Executive (Closed) session as required by the Brown Act.

Motion to approve Consent Calendar items with the correction of the Minutes (3A); Director Dandy; Second, Director Mobley. Roll call vote: six ayes (Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio); none opposed; one absent (Berger). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1.

3A. Approval of Minutes

Motion

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board meeting of October 10, 2018.

3B. Groundwater Basin Status Reports

Information Item

Receive and file Monthly Hydrologic Conditions Report for the District.

3C. First Quarter FY 2018-19 Financial Report and Request of Budget Modifications

Motion

The Board will review the FY 2018-19 First Quarter Financial Report for the period of July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018 and consider approving the proposed modifications to the FY 2018-19 Budget.

3D. FY 2017-18 Year End Financial Report

Information Item

Receive and file the FY 2017-18 Year End Financial Report for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

4. MOTION ITEMS (By Department)

Administrative Department – Anthony Emmert/Robert C. Siemak

4.1 Approval and Adoption of Proposed Legislative Platform

Motion

Ms. Ramirez addressed the Board, stating that staff had taken the feedback from the Board and had the District's legal counsel review the proposed Legislative Platform, and that he gave it a thumbs up. The Executive Committee also received a very thorough analysis of the proposed Legislative Platform.

Director McFadden asked why the Legislative Platform contained a different version of the District's mission statement. Ms. Ramirez said the District's mission statement was taken from the Board adopted FY 2018-19 Budget. Director McFadden said it appears that there are two different versions of the District's mission statement. Mr. Guardado added that the budget mission statement is consistent with the legislative platform.

Motion to approve and adopt the proposed Legislative Platform, Director Naumann; second, Director McFadden. Voice vote: six ayes (Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio); none opposed; one absent (Berger). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1.

4.2 Mid-term Election Results – Board Vacancy

Motion

Mr. Guardado explained to the Board that the election filings for the current Division 2 seat were not filed in time and that the County's Election office had not received any other interest for that seat, which creates a vacancy in Division 2 effective December 1, 2018. He said that staff knew the steps to follow in initiating the process for a Board appointment, including notifying the County Election office within 15 days of the December 1 vacancy; posting the vacancy in three conspicuous locations throughout the District for a minimum of 15 days, and asking the Board to either appoint a Director within 60 days, call for a special election to fill the vacancy, or, if the Board elected to do neither, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors would appoint someone to the vacant Board seat.

Director Dandy asked if an ad hoc committee would be formed to oversee the details. Mr. Guardado said that applications of qualified candidates to fill the vacancy would be presented to the full Board. Director McFadden asked if the full Board would be able to communicate or interview all of the qualified candidates. Director Naumann asked if it would be an ad hoc committee or a standing committee, like the Executive Committee, for example. Director Maulhardt said that all interested candidates should be able to address the full Board. President Eranio agreed, but thought this should be done at a Special Board meeting. Mr. Guardado said it could be done either at a Regular or Special Board meeting. Director Maulhardt suggested that staff go back and look through the historical files and compile information as to how Board vacancies have been handled in the past and report those findings back to the President or Executive Committee and let them make the decision as to how to move forward. Director Maulhardt added that the Executive Committee should make the decision or call a Special Board meeting.

Separate from the vacancy in Division 2, the County Clerk Recorder, Registrar of Voters Mark A. Lunn had notified the District that, due to the fact that only one candidate had filed to run for Board seats in Division 1 and Division 3, an election was not required and that Director Robert Eranio, from Division 3, and Director Edwin T. McFadden III, from Division 1, were appointed in lieu of the election, and considered to be elected to a new four-year term. Directors Eranio and McFadden will be given the Oath of Office at the December 12 Regular Board meeting.

Motion to acknowledge mid-term election results and have staff proceed with the process required for the Board to fill the vacancy for UWCD Board seat for Division 2, Director Maulhardt; Second, Director Naumann. Roll call vote: six ayes (Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio); none opposed; one absent (Berger). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1.

4.3 Resolution 2018-14 Approving United Water Conservation District (UWCD) Staff Organizational Restructuring and Staffing Changes

Motion

Mr. Emmert address the Board, explaining the various changes being requested to institute an organizational restructuring that included several staff changes. Among the changes are the request for the addition of a full time Human Resource Manager, someone who was experienced in risk management duties; reclassifying two positions within the District's Groundwater Resources department to address the higher level of expertise required in these positions. He said the District would like to reclassify the current assistant Hydrogeologist position to associate hydrogeologist and the current water resource technician position to staff hydrogeologist. Mr. Emmert also stated that three current positions -- Chief Financial Officer, Executive Coordinator and Executive Assistant, were having the areas of responsibilities for each position changed, explaining that the CFO position would focus on finance department employees, long term financial planning and working with legislators on advocating for the District's various projects. The duties of the Executive Coordinator position were being narrowed to emphasize legislative affairs, public outreach and grants; and the Executive Assistant was expanding to include Clerk of the Board duties. He said that the total annual costs of the proposed changes would be \$295,200 per year, with the new human resources manager accounting for \$230,200 per year from the Overhead fund; the reclassified Associate Hydrogeologist would account for an additional \$25,000 per year and the reclassified Staff Hydrogeologist would account for an addition \$40,000 per year from the Water Conservation fund.

Director Naumann reported that the Finance and Executive Committees had reviewed the proposed restructuring and staff changes. He added that the HR position is stated to be effective in January, but it will likely be much later than that before someone is hired. Director Naumann also stated that the District's fiscal responsibilities would likely be less than requested and may even be delayed until after June 2019.

Director Dandy stated that the Board had tasked the General Manager to move the District forward and that this is evidence of his efforts to do so. Director Maulhardt added that the

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District is growing to service the needs of its constituents and that it would benefit from a highly professional HR manager who could help build out departments.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-14, approving UWCD's staff organizational restructuring and staffing changes, Director Naumann; Second, Director Dandy. Roll call vote: six ayes (Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio); none opposed; one absent (Berger). Motion passes unanimously 6/0/1.

Engineering Department – Maryam Bral

4.4 Resolution 2018-13 Adopting the Revised Owner Dam Safety Program dated October 2018, and Designation of the Chief Dam Safety Engineer

Motion

Mr. Grisham addressed the Board, explaining that the Santa Felicia Dam's non-conforming reporting structure would benefit from the addition of Dr. Maryam Bral as the Dam Safety Engineer and that FERC is supporting this addition to demonstrate to the community that the District is complying with dam safety requirements by providing clearly defined lines of communication. He showed an organizational chart to the Board which indicated that there is direct communication between Dr. Bral and FERC's Regional Engineer and Division of Safety of Dams' Field Engineer and that communication is supported by the District's organizational reporting structure which shows Operations staff and management, reporting through Assistant General Manager Siemak to Dr. Bral is reinforced by independent and outside consultants and engineering staff reporting directly to Dr. Bral. Mr. Grisham stated that this reporting structure was first adopted by the District in 2012 and this is the first revision of that reporting structure.

President Eranio asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments from the public. None were offered.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2018-13, approving the revised Santa Felicia Dam Owner Dam Program, dated October 2018, and designating Maryam A. Bral, PE, Ph.D., as the Chief Dam Safety Engineer for Santa Felicia Dam, Director Maulhardt; Second, Director Naumann. Roll call vote: six ayes (Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio); none opposed; one absent (Berger). Motion passes unanimously 6/0/1.

4.5 Santa Felicia Dam Spillway and Outlet Works Safety Improvement Projects, CEQA/NEPA Documentation and Processing, Contract Amendment No. 4 in the amount of \$50,060

Motion

Mr. Grisham explained that, due to delays and design changes, staff is asking for an amendment to the existing contract with Catalyst Environmental Solutions for additional work associated with the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Santa Felicia Dam Spillway and Outlet Works Safety Improvement projects, including CEQA/NEPA documentation and processing. That additional work is anticipated to be in the amount of \$50,060. Mr. Grisham said he believes this will take the District through final draft of the EIR and looks forward to the EIR being adopted by the Board in Spring

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2019. He added that the draft EIR has been approved by regulators and that the EIR document was determined to be compliant.

Director Naumann said that the Finance Committee had reviewed the request and finds the additional support necessary.

President Eranio asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments from the public. None were offered.

Motion to authorize the General Manager or designee to execute Contract Amendment No. 4 in the amount of \$50,060 to Catalyst Environmental Solutions for the additional work associated with the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Projects, Director Naumann; Second, Director McFadden. Roll call vote: six ayes (Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio); none opposed; one absent (Berger). Motion passes unanimously 6/0/1.

4.6 Draft Environmental Impact Report, Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project, Notice of Completion, Set Date of Public Hearing

Motion

Mr. Grisham addressed the Board, dropping a huge bound document on the podium, he stated that it was the draft Environmental Impact Report and appendices, which has been available for public review and comment since November 5, 2018. He said the public review period is required to last 45 days and has been posted to the District's website as well as on the State Clearinghouse and various libraries. He added that electronic copies of the report had been filed with FERC and that he had a confirming call scheduled for November 19. He also said that the District had published a Public Notice with the Ventura County Star on November 5 (and again on December 10) advising the public of the proposed Public Hearing to receive public comments on the EIR scheduled for the next regular Board meeting of December 12, 2018. While the 45 day public comment period would end on December 20, 2018, the comments received during the Public Hearing on December 12 would be addressed by the consultant along with any other comments received through December 20, and would be included in the final EIR.

President Eranio asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments from the public. None were offered.

Motion to receive the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project and set December 12, 2018 as the date for a public hearing to receive public comment, Director Mobley; Second, Director Dandy. Roll call vote: six ayes (Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio); none opposed; one absent (Berger). Motion passes unanimously 6/0/1.

4.7 Contract with Northwest Hydraulic Consultants for Furthering the Design and Modeling of the Gated Notch and Low Flow Fish Passage System as a Freeman Diversion Fish Passage Facility Alternative; and Authorize the General Manager to negotiate a Contract Amendment with Northwest Hydraulic Consultants for Furthering the Design and Modeling of the Hardened Ramp Fish Passage Facility Alternative

Motion

Senior Engineer Craig Morgan addressed the Board, explaining that the agreement with Northwest Hydraulic Consultants (NHC) in the amount of \$427,500 will obtain a 30 percent design of the Gated Notch and Low Flow Fish Passage system as one of the alternatives being considered for the Freeman Diversion as directed by the Courts.

Director Dandy wanted to clarify that the first phase of the agreement will be completed by May 2019. The second alternative that includes the Hardened Ramp Fish Passage Facility will, with the Board's approval, provide the GM with the authority to negotiate the cost and scope of work with NHC to proceed with the next phase of that alternative. Mr. Morgan replied that when NHC is up to speed on the hardened ramp design evaluation, both alternatives should meet the deadline set by the Court. He then cautioned that the request could get larger, stating that the gated notch was \$427,500. Director Maulhardt then added total costs of the project is \$1.6 million. Mr. Morgan said, yes, roughly, but said that the 30% design may show flaws in the design which would prove this is not the way to proceed.

Director Naumann asked if there was any way to change the consultant's scope of work to insure the District stays within the time frame Judge Carter requested. He also asked if there was a third option, perhaps, and were permits and budget funding also being considered.

President Eranio asked if the Board had any further questions or if there were any comments from the public. None were offered.

Motion to authorize the General Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Northwest Hydraulic Consultants (NHC) in the amount of \$427,500 to provide further modeling and analysis of the Gated Notch and Low Flow Fish Passage System as a Freeman Diversion Fish Passage Facility alternative and to authorize the General Manager to negotiate a professional services agreement with NHC to provide further modeling and analysis of the Hardened Ramp as a Freeman Diversion Fish Passage Facility alternative, Director Dandy; Second, Director Mobley. Roll call vote: six ayes (Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio); none opposed; one absent (Berger). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1.

4.8 Receive and Adopt the Lake Piru Recreation Management Plan -

Motion

Mr. Grisham provided the Board with an historical overview of the Federal Water Powers Act of 1935, the Santa Felicia Dam FERC license issued in 1954 and the various articles

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and license updates that require the District to develop a Recreation Management Plan for the Lake Piru Recreation area. This includes whitewater rafting accessibility, hiking trails, the Juan Fernandez boat launch and Day Use area. On September 19, 2018, the District amended its application, replacing the previously submitted Recreation Management Plan with one that focuses on the core area around the lake's marina, including minor improvements to the Juan Fernandez marina area. Mr. Grisham also said that staff was negotiating with FERC regarding the use of District land that was outside the FERC boundary.

Director Naumann reported that the Recreation Committee had extensively reviewed the revised Recreation Management Plan and supported the Board's adoption of this RMP.

President Eranio asked if the Board had any further questions or if there were any comments from the public. None were offered.

Motion to receive and adopt the Lake Piru Recreation Management Plan (RMP) as District's planning document for the Lake Piru recreation area, Director Maulhardt; Second, Direct Naumann. Voice vote: six ayes (Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio); none opposed; one absent (Berger). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1.

Operations and Maintenance – Mike Ellis

4.9 On Call State Water Project Consultant

Motion

Robert Siemak addressed the Board stating that the State Water market is very dynamic and with all of the opportunities and negotiations currently taking place, staff thought it would be beneficial to retain the services of a consultant who had a high level of expertise in securing State Water with an on call agreement. A request for proposals was distributed among State Water professionals and two proposals were received. It is staff's recommendation to secure the services of Provost & Pritchard and Mr. Siemak asked the Board to authorize the General Manager to negotiate a professional services agreement with that agency.

Direct Naumann said the item was discussed in the Finance Committee, weighing the pros and cons of having such a consultant on call, and the committee recommends executing the contract.

President Eranio asked if the Board had any further questions or if there were any comments from the public. None were offered.

Director McFadden stated that the \$25,000 contract amount wasn't an issue, but the District needs to figure out how to pay for State Water purchases going forward.

Mr. Guardado said efforts were being made to develop a plan to secure large volumes of State Water and referenced the joint ad hoc committee meeting attended by the District, Ventura Water and Casitas Municipal Water District the previous week. He added that

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the general sentiment was that State Water needed to stay in the County and that Mr. Siemak had spoken with both agencies regarding potential terms.

Motion to authorize the General Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Provost & Prichard for an amount of \$25,000 to assist the District with securing additional State Water. Director Naumann; Second, Director McFadden. Roll call vote: six ayes (Dandy, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann, Eranio); none opposed; one absent (Berger). Motion carries 6/0/1.

4.10 Participation in CA WaterFix Finance Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

Motion

Mr. Ellis addressed the Board, providing an update on the California WaterFix project. Mr. Ellis said the JPA is one component and will serve as a vehicle to purchase water, possibly through debt service bonds, at least enough to get the program moving. He reported that there was an ad hoc committee meeting with Mike Flood, the interim GM for Casitas, similar to the special joint board meeting that was held on September 13. He said that, as a result of that meeting, the parties concluded that the costs to the District is still a moving target and could fall between \$2 and \$18 million. He added that the District has several large dollar items coming up and that, while the District could still participate in the discussion after the December 3 Financial JPA deadline, there would have to be unanimous approval from all three agencies to move forward. He said the Ventura Water Commission decision would be delayed to later in December.

Kevin Brown addressed the Board stating that he recommends moving forward with the discussion but to delay the decision on the Finance JPA. Mr. Ellis added that he would continue to keep the Board up to date on the ad hoc committee's actions, but advised taking no action on this motion at present. The Board was in agreement and no action was taken.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS (By Department)

Environmental Planning and Conservation Department – Anthony Emmert

5.1 Monthly Environmental Planning and Conservation Department Report

Information Item

Linda Purpus updated the Board on the Santa Felicia Project FERC License. She reported that there were some challenges with the Forest Service. Ms. Purpus pointed out that the District's General Manager's outreach efforts with key members of the Department of Water Resources made it possible to piggyback on the DWR's monitoring program, utilizing the DWR's permits. She said that DWR's willingness to collaborate with the District was a very positive move. Ms. Purpose also reported that the District's Noxious Weed Management efforts have been very successful.

President Eranio asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments from the public. None were offered.

Mr. Guardado added that the collaboration with DWR was beneficial in terms of both timing and costs and was appreciative of DWR staff reaching out to the District.

Dr. Ayres then updated the Board on the District's Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. She reported that NMFS was moving forward on meeting with the District and had suggested the November 1 meeting with Engineers to examine the fish passage upper flow limit. She also stated that the District was working with other agencies to update the HCP accordingly.

5.2 Quagga Mussel Management Efforts Update

Information Item

Dr. Ayres reported that the District had received feedback on the draft ecological risk assessment for the treatment for Quagga at Lake Piru. She said it was determined that there was no risk to other terrestrial species with the application.

Director Maulhardt asked Dr. Ayres that since the District was leading the treatment studies for quagga management in California, were there any grants or special funding that could be applied for to support or offset the costs of the treatment application. Ms. Ramirez said that the District's application for a US Fish & Wildlife grant was denied, but that staff continued to explore other funding sources. Clayton Strahan added that the US Fish & Wildlife grant funded prevention of quagga, not eradication. He added that the US Bureau of Reclamation focuses on eradication and control and that the District was pursuing those opportunities.

Mr. Guardado added that the District had received a \$300,000 grant from the Bureau of Reclamation and credited the District and Board's visits to federal agencies in DC in helping to secure that funding. He also stated that the District was reaching out to California Fish and Wildlife and that the Bureau of Reclamation was looking to increase its funding and organization a Quagga task force. He stated that he and Ms. Ramirez had spent time meeting with Qualco to outline programs that could be accessed on behalf of the District in support of funding and efforts to eradicate the quagga at Lake Piru.

President Eranio asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments from the public. None were offered.

Groundwater Department – Maryam Bral

5.3 Monthly Groundwater Department Report

Information Item

Dan Detmer reported that the District's groundwater model was up and running and being used to support the GSP developed by Fox Canyon GMA. The District had provided a proposal to Ventura which would assist with modeling support for indirect potable reuse. He stated that the District had assisted in concept proposals for water supply Integrated Regular Water Management (IRWM) Prop 1 grants in the service area and had also assisted EPCD with fish passage flow parameters and design and provided groundwater modeling support to Engineering's ASAP project.

President Eranio asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments from the public. None were offered.

5.4 Update on Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

Information Item

Mr. Detmer provided updates on the Fox Canyon GMA's GPS for the Oxnard, Pleasant Valley and Las Posas basins. He also provided updates on DWR's basin boundary modification requirements, which he referred to as very specific, and were required to be approved by DWR before accepted as "official" boundaries. The Board then discussed the various "shovel ready" projects being considered by FCGMA for its various GSPs

President Eranio asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments from the public. None were offered.

Park and Recreation Division – Clayton Strahan

5.5 Monthly Park and Recreation Department Report

Information Item

Mr. Strahan reported on operations and items of note relative to the Lake Piru Recreation Area, stressing that although camping revenue was down, filming revenue was up (\$145,000), which was also contributing to cost savings and increased profits for PMC. He said that during the off season, staff had many update and refresh projects in the works to continue to improve upon visitors experience at Lake Piru. He also stated that PMC was asking for a fee increase at the Lake, which will be brought to the Recreation Committee and Board in the months ahead. He also said PMC would like the Board to revisit the sale of alcohol at the Lake. Most important news from Park and Recreation, however, was the official "ribbon cutting" ceremony being held the next day to open the new Park Services Office.

President Eranio asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments from the public. None were offered.

Administration Services – Anthony Emmert and Christy Ramirez

5.6 Monthly Administrative Services Department Report – Anthony Emmert

Information Item

Summary report on Administration Department activities was received by the Board.

President Eranio asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments from the public. None were offered.

Outreach, Legislative, Grants and Training Report – Christy Ramirez

5.7 Monthly Outreach, Legislative, Grants and Training Report

Information Item

Summary report on outreach activities, legislation, potential grants activity, and staff and director training was received by the Board.

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President Eranio asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments from the public. None were offered.

Engineering Department – Maryam Bral

5.8 Monthly Engineering Department Report

Information Item

Summary report on various activities of the department were received by the Board.

President Eranio asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments from the public. None were offered.

Operations and Maintenance – Brian Collins

5.9 Monthly Operation and Maintenance Department Report

Information Item

Summary report on monthly operations and maintenance of District facilities was received by the Board.

President Eranio asked if there were any questions from the Board or comments from the public. None were offered.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Dandy mentioned the creation of a list of all District contracts over \$500,000, which included the names or principals involved in the project, and asked that the Finance Committee consider the creation of such a document/report.

SECOND EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

The Board adjourned to a second Executive (Closed) session to continue its earlier discussion at 4:35p.m.

THIRD OPEN SESSION 5:20p.m.

President Eranio called the third Open Session to order at 5:20 p.m. and asked District's legal counsel to report on the Board's actions during the second Executive (Closed) session.

Oral Report Regarding Second Executive (Closed) Session

Information Item

District Legal Counsel David D. Boyer reported that the Board took no reportable action during its second Executive (Closed) session in accordance with the Brown Act.

ADJOURNMENT 5:25p.m.

President Eranio adjourned the meeting at 5:25p.m. to the **Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 2018** or call of the President.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the United Water Conservation District's Board of Directors meeting of November 14, 2018.

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Daniel C. Naumann, Vice President, UWCD Board of Directors

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