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UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

"Conserving Water since 1927"

AGENDA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 12:00 P.M. Board Room, UWCD G.I. "Irv" Wilde Headquarters 106 North 8th Street, Santa Paula, California

BOARD MATTERS

Normally, Action (Motion) Items will be considered and acted upon separately; Consent Items will be considered and acted upon collectively, although a Consent Item may be considered and acted upon separately; and Information Items will be considered separately without action.

The Board of Directors in its discretion may change the order of agenda items.

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

Items to be discussed in Executive (Closed) Session will be announced.

1.1 Public Comments Information Item

Members of the public may address the Board on any matter on the Closed Session agenda or on any non-agenda item within the jurisdiction of the Board. All comments are subject to a five-minute time limit.

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

The Board will discuss matters outlined in the attached Executive (Closed) Session Agenda (Exhibit A).

2. SECOND OPEN SESSION AND CALL TO ORDER 1:30 P.M.

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2.2 Public Comment

Information Item

Members of the public may address the Board on any item on the Consent Calendar or on any non-agenda item within the jurisdiction of the Board. No action will be taken by the Board on any non-agenda item. All comments are subject to a five-minute time limit.

2.3 Approval of Agenda Motion

2.4 Oral Report Regarding Executive (Closed) Session Information Item

Presented by District Legal Counsel David D. Boyer.

2.5 Board Communication Information Item

Board members may present non-agenda information including, but not limited to, the following: 1) meetings, workshops, conferences and functions attended during the previous month on behalf of the District; 2) meetings, workshops, conferences and functions Directors plan to attend in the upcoming months; and 3) possible conflicts that Directors might have with respect to issues on the Agenda.

2.6 General Manager's Report

Information Item

The General Manager will present information on his activities of possible interest to the Board and that may have consequence to the District.

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

Motion

The Board will consider casting the District's ballot for one candidate for the Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission's (LAFCo) Regular Special District member, and one ballot for a candidate for LAFCo's Alternate member.

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

The Board will consider providing direction to the District's representative on the ACWA JPIA Board of Directors, Director Bruce Dandy, on how to respond to the request to form a Captive Insurance Company.

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)

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.

MOTION ITEMS (By Department)

Administrative Department – Anthony Emmert/Robert C. Siemak

4.1 Approval and Adoption of Proposed Legislative Platform Motion

The Board will consider approving and adopting the proposed Legislative Platform.

4.2 Mid-term Election Results – Board Vacancy Motion

The Board will acknowledge mid-term election results and address the vacancy for UWCD Board seat for Division 2.

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

Board will consider adopting <u>Resolution 2018-14</u>, approving United Water Conservation District's (UWCD) staff organizational restructuring and staffing changes.

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

The Board will consider adopting <u>Resolution No. 2018-13</u>, 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.

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

The Board will consider authorizing 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.

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

Motion

The Board will consider receiving 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.

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

The Board will consider authorizing 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. The Board will also consider authorizing 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.

4.8 Receive and Adopt the Lake Piru Recreation Management Plan - Motion

The Board will consider receiving and adopting the Lake Piru Recreation Management Plan (RMP) as District's planning document for the Lake Piru recreation area.

Operations and Maintenance – Mike Ellis

4.9 On Call State Water Project Consultant Motion

The Board will consider authorizing 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.

4.10 Participation in CA WaterFix Finance JPA Motion

The Board will consider providing direction to staff for the District's participation in the California WaterFix Finance Joint Powers Authority (JPA) and direct staff to advise the Ventura County Watershed Protection District to bring forth a resolution to the Ventura County Board of Supervisors stating the District's intent if warranted.

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

Staff will report on environmental and regulatory issues of note to the District. The report will include water releases, operations of the fish ladder at the Freeman Diversion, various monitoring efforts, study plans and issues associated with the Endangered Species Act, including the Section 10 MSHCP process, future fish passage requirements, compliance with the District's FERC license/Biological Opinion, the Santa Felicia Dam, studies and operations in and near Piru Creek, any interactions with Rancho Temescal and Rancho Camulos.

5.2 Quagga Mussel Management Efforts Update Information Item

Staff will report on the ongoing management and monitoring efforts related to the Lake Piru quagga mussel infestation.

Groundwater Department – Maryam Bral

5.3 Monthly Groundwater Department Report Information Item

Staff will report on monthly Groundwater Department activities. Department activities include, but are not limited to, updates to the Ventura Regional Groundwater Flow Model; the Santa Paula Basin Technical Advisory Committee; status of the Santa Paula Basin safe yield and practical measures studies; brackish water treatment feasibility study; upper Santa Clara River Chloride TMDL; hydrologic and well conditions statewide and locally; available Forebay storage; county well ordinance update; Fox Canyon GMA issues; City of Oxnard's GREAT Program; potential recycled water projects, including use of United's terminal reservoirs; user groups (including but not limited to Oxnard Plain and Pumping Trough Pipeline groups); local implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (including formation of groundwater sustainability agencies in the District's basins, stakeholder and basin user groups, joint powers or governance agreements, development of water markets, and potential basin boundary changes); and potential District solar power facilities.

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

Staff will report on the monthly activities of the two Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (Mound Basin GSA and Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA), for which the District serves as a member director, and Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency.

Park and Recreation Division - Clayton Strahan

5.5 Monthly Park and Recreation Department Report <u>Information Item</u>

Staff will report on operations and items of note relative to the Lake Piru Recreation Area. Items may include, but are not limited to, discussion of potential revisions to the existing PMC operating agreement, camping and boating policies at the lake; operations and activities; financing and status of facility improvement projects; maintenance activities; security issues; and emergency response activities.

<u>Administration Services</u> – Anthony Emmert and Christy Ramirez

5.6 Monthly Administrative Services Department Report – Anthony Emmert

Information Item

Summary report on Administration Department activities including issues associated with budget development, financial performance versus budget plan, financial accounting requirements and procedures, potential debt issuance and related financial services, status of District investments and reserves, updates on its capital improvement programs, human resources and safety, District property and facilities maintenance and administration, the search for new District offices, District records and reports, groundwater extraction statements administration, risk management and District liability insurance matters, management of District contracts, policy development, governance procedures, and supporting activities of Board and staff.

Outreach, Legislative, Grants and Training Report - Christy Ramirez

5.7 Monthly Outreach, Legislative, Grants and Training Report Information Item

Summary report on outreach activities, newly proposed legislation for 2018, pending and chaptered state and federal legislation, state and federal legislative issues of note for the District over the past month, potential grants/grant activity, and staff and director training.

Engineering Department – Maryam Bral

5.8 Monthly Engineering Department Report Information Item

Summary report on various water resources, planning efforts and department programs affecting the District, including, but not limited to design and construction; dam safety; FERC license compliance; Freeman Diversion; recycled water; pipeline operations and various engineering analysis.

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 including Santa Felicia Dam and hydroplant; the Piru Groundwater Recharge facility; the Freeman Diversion Dam; the Saticoy and El Rio Groundwater Recharge facilities; the Pleasant Valley and

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Pumping Trough Pipeline systems; and the Oxnard-Hueneme Pipeline system. The report covers operating plans, the quantity and quality of water diverted and delivered, fish ladder status, major maintenance problems and repairs, status of O&M projects and safety and training issues.

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS READING FILE

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Board will adjourn to the **Regular Board Meeting** on **Wednesday**, **December 12, 2018** or call of the President.

All testimony given before the Board of Directors is recorded.

Materials, which are non-exempt public records and are provided to the Board of Directors to be used in consideration of the above agenda items, including any documents provided subsequent to the publishing of this agenda, are available for inspection at the District's offices at 106 North 8th Street in Santa Paula during normal business hours.

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Approved:

Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr. - General Manager

Posted: (date)November 9, 2018

(time) 11:00a.m.

(attest) Kris Sofley

At: United Water Conservation District Headquarters, 106 No. 8th St., Santa Paula, CA

Posted: (date) November 9, 2018

(time) 11:15a.m.

(attest) Kris Sofley

At: www.unitedwater.org

EXHIBIT A EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION AGENDA

1. LITIGATION

1.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)

- A. <u>City of San Buenaventura v. United Water Conservation District, et al</u>, Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. VENCI00401714
- B. <u>City of San Buenaventura v. United Water Conservation District,</u> <u>et al</u>, Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 1414739 (consolidated for purposes of trial with case in subsection A.)
 - <u>Note:</u> 2.1 A and B consolidated in the California Supreme Court, 2nd Civil No. S226036, Review granted on June 24, 2015 of published decision of Division Six, Second District of the Court of Appeal of the State of California, 2d Civil No. B251810.
- C. <u>City of San Buenaventura v. United Water Conservation District</u>, et al, Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. 1467531
- D. Wishtoyo Foundation, et al v. United Water Conservation District,
 U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, Case
 No.2:16-cv-03869 GHK (PLAx)
- 1.2 Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): three cases

2. LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

2.1 Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code 54957.6)

Agency designated representatives: Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., and Christy Ramirez. Employee organization: SEIU Local 721.