

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 12:00 P.M. Board Room, UWCD NEW Headquarters

Board of Directors
Michael W. Mobley, President
Bruce E. Dandy, Vice President
Sheldon G. Berger, Secretary/Treasurer
Patrick J. Kelley
Lynn E. Maulhardt
Edwin T. McFadden III
Daniel C. Naumann

General Manager Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr.

Legal Counsel David D. Boyer

DIRECTORS PARTICIPATING

Secretary/Treasurer Sheldon G. Berger Vice President Bruce E. Dandy Director Patrick J. Kelley (participating via WebEx) Director Edwin T. McFadden III (participating via WebEx) President Michael W. Mobley Director Daniel C. Naumann

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Director Lynn E. Maulhardt, recused himself from the entire meeting

STAFF PARTICIPATING

Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr., general manager

David D. Boyer, legal counsel

Dr. Maryam Bral, chief engineer (participating via WebEx)

Brian Collins, operations and maintenance manager (participating via WebEx)

Joseph Jereb, chief financial officer (participating via WebEx)

Josh Perez, human resources manager

Dan Detmer, supervising hydrogeologist (participating via WebEx)

Erin Gorospe, controller (participating via WebEx)

Linda Purpus, senior environmental scientist (participating via WebEx)

Clayton Strahan, chief park ranger (participating via WebEx)

Dr. Jason Sun, senior hydrogeologist/modeler (participating via WebEx)

PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS

Frank Brommenschenkel, Frank B & Associates (participating via WebEx)

Carol Crawley, court reporter

John Farnkopf, HF&H (participating via WebEx)

Burt Handy (participating via WebEx)

Miles Hogan, City of Ventura (participating via WebEx)

Thien Ng, City of Oxnard

Susan Rungren, Ventura Water (participating via WebEx)

Rick Simonson, HF&H (participating via WebEx)

Dr. Rod Smith, Stratecon (participating via WebEx)

Jennifer Tribo, Ventura Water (participating via WebEx)

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Clerk of the Board asked each of the Directors to state their name to check the audio levels. All Directors were present at the meeting, with Directors Berger, Kelley and McFadden participating via WebEx.

1. FIRST OPEN SESSION 12:07 P.M.

President Mobley opened the meeting at 12:07pm

Director Maulhardt recused himself from both the Executive (Closed) Session and the entire Board meeting citing a conflict with his family business and left the meeting.

1.1 Public Comments

Information Item

President Mobley asked if there were any public comments. None were offered.

President Mobley asked Legal Counsel to list the topics for discussion in Executive Session. Mr. Boyer reported that the Board would be discussing several cases of existing litigation, including two cases with the City of Ventura, one with Wishtoyo and one with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC); and one case of anticipated litigation.

President Mobley adjourned the meeting into Executive (Closed) Session at 12:10p.m.

1.2 EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION 12:10 P.M.

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

President Mobley reopened the Board meeting at 1:30p.m.

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

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

President Mobley asked Director Naumann to lead everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.2 Public Comment

Information Item

President Mobley asked if there were any public comments or questions. None were offered.

2.3 Approval of Agenda

Motion

President Mobley asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Mr. Guardado replied that the agenda stood as published.

Motion to approve the agenda, Director McFadden; Second, Director Naumann. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Dandy, Kelley, McFadden, Naumann, Mobley); none opposed; one recused/absent (Maulhardt). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1.

2.4 Oral Report Regarding Executive (Closed) Session

President Mobley asked District's legal counsel to report on any actions by the Board in Executive Session. Mr. Boyer reported that no action was taken by the Board in Executive session reportable under the Brown Act

2.5 Board Communication

Information Item

Director Dandy reported his participation at the May 13 Board meeting and the Special Board meeting on May 27. He also attended the Legislative and Outreach Committee meeting on May 4, the WebEx test meeting on May 11, the Finance Committee meeting on May 12 and had a meeting with the General Manager on May 7. Director Dandy also participated in the ACWA's Accounting 101 webinar, AWA's virtual meeting on May 21 and the AWA Water Issues Committee meeting on May 19.

Director Naumann reported his participation at the May 13 Board meeting and Special Board meeting on May 27. He said he also attended the AWA meeting on May 21 and tried to attend the Pleasant Valley County Water District Board meeting but lost his internet connection about five to six minutes into the meeting.

Director Berger reported his attendance at two AWA meetings, the District's Legislative and Outreach Committee meeting on May 4 and the Board meeting on May 13.

Director McFadden reported that, since the last Board meeting, he had participated in the Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA (FPBGSA) Board meeting on May 21 and the District's Special Board meeting on May 27. He also attended the FPBGSA Budget meeting on June 4 and was planning on participating in the FPBGSA Board meeting on June 18 and its Stakeholder Outreach meeting on June 25.

Director Kelley reported his participation at the Board meeting on May 13 and the Special Board meeting on May 27 via WebEx. He also participated in the Water Resources Committee meeting on May 5 and the Finance Committee meeting on May 12. Director Kelly also attended the Ventura City Council meeting virtually and the AWA Water Issues Committee meeting and AWA WaterWise meeting.

President Mobley reported his participation at the May 13 Board meeting and the Special Board meeting on May 27; a preparation meeting with General Manager on May 12; a Special Board meeting of the Fox Canyon GMA on June 8 and the Mound Basin GSA Board meeting on May 21 and was planning on attending the Mound Basin GSA Board meeting on June 18, and a Special Board Meeting for the Fox Canyon GMA on June 12.

2.6 General Manager's Report Information Item

Mr. Guardado addressed the Board and stated that in addition to his written report included in the Board packet, he wanted to highlight for the Board his recent conversation with AWA's Kelle Pistone, which resulted in District working Kelle Pistone on a special virtual event for the AWA VC. The event will provide the District with an opportunity to present an update on the Water Sustainability Summit's projects to participants on Thursday, June 25 at 8am (via Zoom).

Director Berger added that he had received an email from Ms. Pistone confirming that event for June 25.

Director Kelley said he noticed the Water Resources Committee meeting and the Finance Committee meeting were both scheduled for July 7 and asked that the Water Resources Committee meeting be rescheduled to a different date.

2.7 Update on Public Health Mandates regarding Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19)

Information Item

District's Human Resources Manager Josh Perez presented an update on the number of cases of the corona virus in Ventura County, including those that had recovered and those that had died to date. He also talked about the numbers of tests being administered, which areas of the county had the most cases and detailed the steps the District was taking in insuring employee safety. He also reported that the District's goal was to have 100 percent of staff back in the office by August 3.

Director Kelley asked about testing for the virus in Ventura County and if Mr. Perez was aware of any staff wanting to participate in that testing. Mr. Perez said that District employees were considered essential workers for the County.

2.8 Consider Cancellation of August Board Meeting Motion

As has been the District's tradition, the Board typically cancels its regular August 2020 Board meeting to accommodate staff's scheduling issues. President Mobley asked if the Board would like to consider cancelling its August Board meeting.

Motion to cancel he Board's August meeting, Director Dandy; Second, Director Naumann. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Dandy, Kelley, McFadden, Naumann, Mobley); none opposed; one recused/absent (Maulhardt). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1.

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)

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion

Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of May 13, 2020 and the Special Board Meeting – Budget Workshop on May 27, 2020.

B. Groundwater Basin Status Reports

Information Item

Receive and file Monthly Hydrologic Conditions Report for the District.

C. Monthly Investment Report

Information Item

Receive and file report on the District's investments and the availability or restriction of these funds. All investments are in compliance with the District's investment policy, which is reviewed and approved annually by the Board.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar, Director Naumann; Second, Director Kelley. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Dandy, Kelley, McFadden, Naumann, Mobley); none opposed; one recused/absent (Maulhardt). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1.

4. MOTION ITEMS (By Department)

Groundwater Department - Maryam Bral

PUBLIC HEARING

4.1 Conclusion of Annual Groundwater Hearing, Acceptance of Public Comment and Setting of 2019-20 Zones and Extraction Charges Motion

President Mobley opened the continuation of the Public Hearing, reading from script and stated: "This is Agenda Item 4.1, the continuation of our annual public hearing to review groundwater conditions and surface water supplies within the District, to determine if one or more zones should be created within the District, and to determine whether groundwater extraction charges should be levied in such zone or zones within the District. In accordance with the District's principal act, and specifically Water Code Section 75590, the Board must make these determinations before the end of the water year, that is, June 30, 2020. This public hearing complies with the requirements of the District's principal act, and specifically Water Code Section 75570 et seq.

The District held a Special Board Meeting – Budget Workshop on May 27, and heard from the District's Chief Financial Officer Joseph Jereb as to the proposed FY 2020-21 Budget and proposed groundwater extraction rates for Zones A & B as well as costs for the Oxnard Hueneme Pipeline and Pumping Trough Pipeline customers. HF&H Consultants and Stratecon presented analysis of the cost of service and the District's rate structure. And the Board heard from the City of Oxnard, Port Hueneme and Santa Paula through letters requesting us to refrain from raising rates when so many in our communities are suffering economically.

Before we begin with staff's reports and testimony, are there any comments or testimony being offered by the public today?"

Susan Rungren, representing both the City of Ventura and Ventura Water, addressed the Board, stating: As in pervious years, the City and Ventura Water have sent letters of protest for inclusion in the administrative record of this public hearing. We value the District's efforts and look forward to further discussions. Mr. Rungren continued, saying that she owed Mr. Guardado a lunch and hoped that they could find a solution for the issues between United and the City of Ventura without resulting in litigation.

Mr. Guardado asked to address the Board. He said that, before the public hearing continued, he would like to propose that the Board take no action today but continue this public hearing to a Special Board meeting on June 24, 2020.

Explaining his request, he said that, as President Mobley mentioned in the introduction, the Board received three different letters from Oxnard, Port Hueneme and Santa Paula asking the District to reconsider the recommended rate increases that were included in the proposed FY 2020-21 Budget. He said that he read those letters with a heavy heart, recognizing that so many in our community are out of work, facing economic hardships, have lost family members and friends, and are facing seemingly insurmountable challenges in the year ahead on a variety of levels.

He continued, stating that after that Budget Workshop, he reached out to the District's financial team and asked them to work with staff to see, in fact, if the District could continue to provide its best in class service and meet its numerous obligations without raising rates but rather by possibly delaying or reconfiguring some of the projects and programs that the District had planned to tackle in FY 2020-21. He said staff had done just that so he now wanted to request that the Board consider an alternative proposed FY 2020-21 budget, a budget that would maintain the current groundwater extraction rates for those customers in Zone A and Zone B, and even lower the rates a bit for the Oxnard Hueneme pipeline users, without sacrificing the services and commitments of the District.

He asked the Board to consider this revised FY 2020-21 budget, which would be posted on the District website and that staff would publish notices so that the public, as well as the Board, will have adequate time to review the figures and consider the modified projects and programs schedules. The Board could elect to continue this

Public Hearing to a special board meeting two weeks from now, on June 24, at which time they can consider which of the two Budget options they would like to adopt.

President Mobley asked District's legal counsel if the Board could consider this action at this time. Mr. Boyer said that it is within the authority of the Board to continue this Public Hearing to two weeks from today to allow the Board and the public adequate time to consider an alternative Budget plan for FY 2020-21.

Motion to continue the Public Hearing to June 24 to provide ample time for the Board and the public to review the alternate proposed FY 2020-21 budget, Director Dandy; Second, Director Naumann. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Dandy, Kelley, McFadden, Naumann, Mobley); none opposed; one recused/absent (Maulhardt). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1

President Mobley asked if, before continuing this public hearing to a special board meeting on Wednesday, June 24, at 12 noon, were there any other comments or questions from the Board or the public at this time. Director Dandy said that the Finance Committee has recommended that staff prepare alternate scenarios a month ago.

President Mobley asked if there were any other comments or questions. None were offered. He declared the Public Hearing was to be continued to June 24 and asked the Board to proceed with the other items on the agenda.

Administration Services – Anthony Emmert

4.2 Resolution 2020-12

Adopting the Proposed District Budget Plan, Financial Policies, Overhead Allocation Method, Staffing Levels and Salary Schedules for Fiscal Year 2020-21 and Appropriation Carryovers for Fiscal Year 2019-20 Motion

As this Resolution is also dependent upon the Board's approval of the District's FY 2020-21 Budget, it would be continued to the Public Hearing on June 24.

Motion to reschedule this motion to the Special Board Meeting and continuation of the Public Hearing on June 24, Director Naumann; Second, Director McFadden; Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Dandy, Kelley, McFadden, Naumann, Mobley); none opposed; one recused/absent (Maulhardt). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1.

4.3 <u>Resolution 2020-13</u> A Resolution of the Board of Directors of UWCD Requesting the Auditor-Controller to Compute and Affix a Tax Rate for the Fiscal Period 2020-21 Sufficient to Satisfy the State Water Project Charges Motion

District's Chief Financial Officer Joseph Jereb informed the Board that this resolution was not dependent upon the approval of the FY 2020-21 Budget, so the

Board was able to consider adoption of <u>Resolution 2020-13</u>, requesting the County Auditor-Controller to compute and affix a tax rate for FY 2020-21 to provide approximately \$719,000 in property tax revenue sufficient to satisfy a portion of the voter approved debt for State Water Project costs.

Director Dandy commented that it was essential for the District to bring State Water into Ventura County and this was one of the means of doing that.

Motion to adopt <u>Resolution 2020-13</u> affixing a tax rate for the FY 2020-21 for State Water Charges, Director Naumann; Second, Director Dandy. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Dandy, Kelley, McFadden, Naumann, Mobley); none opposed; one recused/absent (Maulhardt). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1

4.4 Resolution 2020-14 Transfer of Remaining Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Grant from the General/Water Conservation Fund to the Water Purchase Fund

Motion

Mr. Jereb explained to the Board that when the District received a grant from Fox Canyon GMA, the District did not have a fund established for Water Purchases exclusively, so the money was placed in the General/Water Conservation Fund. Now that the District had established a fund specifically for the purchase of State Water Project water, staff was asking the Board's approval to transfer the remaining balance of the grant, \$1,271,196, to that Water Purchase Fund.

Motion to approve <u>Resolution 2020-14</u> transferring FCGMA grant balance from General Water Fund to Water Purchase Fund, Director Naumann; Second, Director McFadden. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Dandy, Kelley, McFadden, Naumann, Mobley); none opposed; one recused/absent (Maulhardt). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1.

4.5 <u>Resolution 2020-15</u> Interfund Loan from General/WC Fund to Freeman Diversion Fund Motion

Mr. Jereb asked the Board to consider adopting <u>Resolution 2020-15</u>, authorizing the General Manager to execute an interfund loan agreement for up to \$1,694,000 from the General/Water Conservation Fund to the Freeman Diversion Fund for the payment of the first two installment payments of a legal judgement against the District and the Freeman Diversion Fund's portion of the new Headquarters project. He said the loan would be repaid in five years.

Director Dandy said the Finance Committee reviewed this motion and was recommending that the Board approve the motion.

Motion to approve Resolution 2020-15 authorizing the General Manager to execute an interfund loan agreement for up to \$1,694,000 from General Water Conservation Fund to Freeman Diversion Fund, Director Dandy; Second, Director Naumann.

Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Dandy, Kelley, McFadden, Naumann, Mobley); none opposed; one recused/absent (Maulhardt). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1

4.6 Request from JAM Mutual Water Company to Waive Penalties and Interest Charges for Late Payment

Motion

The Board will consider a request from JAM Mutual Water Company to waive penalties and interest charges of \$6,071 for a late payment and filing.

Mr. Jereb explained that a clerical error resulted in the late payment of JAM Mutual Water Company's late payment of the second installment of its 2019 billing invoice. He said that once the error was discovered, in February or March of 2020, a representative from JAM carried the payment in full to the District's office. The District recently received a letter from the company asking the District to waive the late fee and penalties in the amount of \$6,071.

Director Berger said the Finance Committee had reviewed this request and because this was a clerical error that, once discovered, was immediately remedied, the Committee was recommending the wavier of penalties and interest charges. Director Kelley said the District received cooperation from JAM and an immediate response to fix a problem and he agreed with the Finance Committee's recommendation.

Motion to approve request for a waiver of late fees and interest by JAM Mutual Water Company, Director Berger; Second Director Kelley. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Dandy, Kelley, McFadden, Naumann, Mobley); none opposed; one recused/absent (Maulhardt). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1.

Director Naumann recused himself from participating in the discussion for motion item 4.7 and left the room.

4.7 Naumann Family Farms request for credit Motion

The Board will review and consider whether to approve Naumann Family Farms' request for a credit plus interest at an unspecified rate regarding State Well No. 04N19W31N03S.

Director Berger said the Finance Committee had reviewed this request and was recommending that Mr. Jereb and Melissa Naumann work on the final numbers and once those errors on amounts and the rates paid were finalized, bring the final numbers and the motion back to the Board at a regular Board meeting for its reconsideration of the request for credit plus interest.

Motion to continue this to the July Board meeting after the Finance Department and Melissa Naumann have had an opportunity to work out the exact numbers, Director Berger; Second, Director McFadden. Roll call vote: five ayes (Berger,

Dandy, Kelley, McFadden, Mobley); none opposed; two recused (Maulhardt, Naumann). Motion carries 5/0/2.

5. PRESENTATIONS AND MONTHLY STAFF REPORTS (By Department)

Administrative Services Department - Anthony Emmert

5.1 Monthly Administrative Services Department Report – Anthony Emmert Information Item

Summary report on Administration Department activities. President Mobley asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. None were offered.

Engineering Department – Maryam Bral

5.2 Monthly Engineering Department Report Information Item

Summary report on various water resources, planning efforts and department programs affecting the District. Dr. Bral addressed the Board stating that she wanted to let them know that staff had just submitted a grant application to Department of Water Resources for a Prop 1 Grant to support the modeling work for the Brackish Water Treatment Plant project and was anticipating a response within the next ten days.

Director Kelley stated that the District had talked about an early water release in June versus August or September and since that is not normally the time the District would do a release, was there some advantage to doing the release early. Mr. Guardado said that would be addressed in item 5.6.

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

Environmental Planning and Conservation Department – Anthony Emmert

5.3 Monthly Environmental Planning and Conservation Department Report Information Item

Summary report on environmental and regulatory issues of note to the District. President Mobley asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. None were offered

Groundwater Department - Maryam Bral

5.4 Monthly Groundwater Department Report Information Item

Summary report on monthly Groundwater Department activities. President Mobley asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. None were offered

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

Summary report on the monthly activities of the three local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (Mound Basin GSA, Fillmore and Piru Basins GSA, and the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency), for which the District serves as a member director, and Santa Paula basin (adjudicated) Technical Advisory Committee (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). President Mobley asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. None were offered

Operations and Maintenance - Brian Collins

5.6 Monthly Operation and Maintenance Department Report <u>Information Item</u>

Brian Collins reported to the Board that, in addition to his summary report on monthly operations and maintenance of District facilities, he wanted to provide them with an update on the Eddy Pumping project and had a presentation to walk them through the project. (see attached Presentation)

Mr. Collins reported that smolt season ended on June 1 and the Freeman was diverting between 40-50 cfs. On May 20, a sand sediment bar was forming at the mouth of the District's infrastructure, which increased in depth and size on May 26 and again when observed on June 3. This caused significant concerns among staff and when discussed with regulators believed that the District would not be able to garner a permit for conditional clean scoop excavation for the remainder of 2020.

Mr. Guardado asked what the depth of the sand was, and Mr. Collins explained that the infrastructure pictured in his presentation was 9.3 feet above the bottom of the canal and the sand bar was about two to three inches below that structure. He said that nine feet of sand filling the intake at the Freeman was problematic and showed a time lapse video of the sand's progression.

Mr. Collins said that a conservation release in August would be stymied by this sediment build up and demonstrated how an Eddy Pump attachment could be used in the District's facilities to stir, pump and lift the sediment from the canal intake to another area within the District's facility.

Director Naumann agreed with the concept and asked Mr. Collins if this would be considered as operational maintenance within the project footprint. Mr. Collins said yes. President Mobley asked how much sand needed to be moved and Mr. Collins said that he was projecting 63 feet at a depth of 49 feet. He said he thought it would be a month's long project. Mr. Collins said he spoke with the Army Corps

of Engineers who had performed a similar Eddy Pump sediment removal project and said it was very successful.

Director Kelley asked if the release would be done in June or July and Mr. Guardado said it depends on the success of the Eddy Pump project.

President Mobley asked if there were any more questions or comments from the Board. None were offered

Park and Recreation Division - Clayton Strahan

5.7 Monthly Park and Recreation Department Report Information Item

Summary report on operations and items of note relative to the Lake Piru Recreation Area. President Mobley asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board.

Director Dandy asked Chief Park Ranger Strahan if he was anticipating needing to increase the budget for Eco Marine to manage the quagga at Lake Piru. Chief Strahan replied that the company's scope of work had included five dives of four days each and over the past 18 to 24 months, were only able to perform two dives of two days each, so the District was saving money on scientific work. Linda Purpus had proposed adding to the scope of work and they were working on a proposal to present to the General Manager and executive management.

Director Kelley asked if staff were monitoring processes of other lakes in the area to determine or estimate what would qualify for an opening date for Lake Piru. Mr. Guardado replied that staff is continuing to monitor the situation and that staff will update the Board as more information becomes available regarding the number of people for social gatherings and other public health concerns. He added that he believed the Finance Committee was going to discuss the situation at its July meeting and had asked for an updated status report from Lake Piru regarding revenue, visitors, etc. so the Committee could update the Board and have that discussion at a Board level.

Mr. Perez added that at the May Board meeting there was a more restrictive view and as more lakes opened on June 1 around Lake Piru, staff was reviewing State recommendations regarding camp ground usage, limiting the number of sites and the size of the groups using the sites in an effort to propose a modest reopening of the lake. He added that Public Health recommendations for County parks was to reduce camping to only 50 percent and RV or trailer camping only, no tent camping, and limiting the number of people and activities to guidelines regarding the size of the area in use.

President Mobley asked staff to work out a practical opening proposal and said the Board would do whatever it can to support that as using half of the space is better than nothing as sooner was preferred to later. Mr. Guardado said it could be UWCD Board of Directors Meeting Agenda June 10, 2020

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addressed at the special Board meeting on June 24 as the full Board will be in attendance.

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS READING FILE

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

President Mobley asked if there were any future agenda items the Board would like to suggest. None were offered

8. ADJOURNMENT 2:47pm

President Mobley adjourned to the Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 08, 2020 or call of the President.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Regular Board of Directors meeting of June 10, 2020.

ATTEST:

Sheldon G. Berger, Secretary Treasurer

ATTEST:

Kris Sofley, Clerk of the Board



ATTENDANCE LIST

Board of Directors Michael W. Mobley, President Bruce E. Dandy, Vice President Sheldon G. Berger, Secretary/Treasurer Patrick J. Kelley Lynn E. Maulhardt Edwin T. McFadden III Daniel C. Naumann

General Manager Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr.

Legal Counsel David D. Boyer

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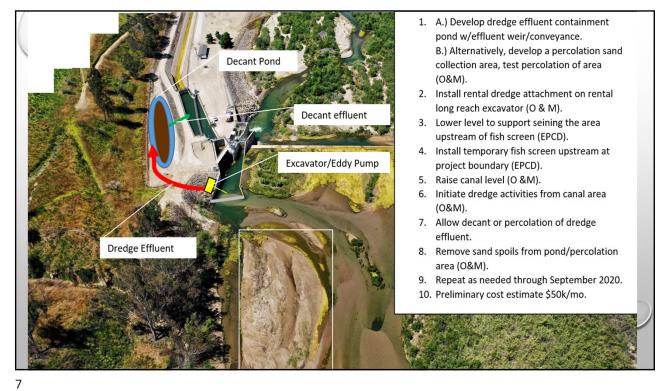




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1. FIRST OPEN SESSION 12:00 noon

President Mobley opened the meeting at 12:00 noon

1.a Directors Roll Call

Clerk of the Board asked each of the Directors to state their name to check the audio levels. All Directors were present at the meeting, with Directors Berger, Kelley and McFadden participating via WebEx.

1.b Public Comments

President Mobley asked if there were any public comments. None were offered.

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

President Mobley asked Legal Counsel to list the topics for discussion in Executive Session. Mr. Boyer reported that the Board would be discussing several cases of existing litigation, including one with Wishtoyo, one with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and two cases with the City of Ventura. The Board will also discuss two cases of anticipated litigation.

President Mobley adjourned the meeting into Executive (Closed) Session at 12:05p.m.

President Mobley reopened the Board meeting at 1:55p.m.

3. SECOND OPEN SESSION AND CALL TO ORDER 1:55 P.M.

3.a Oral Report Regarding Executive (Closed) Session

President Mobley asked District's legal counsel to report on any actions by the Board in Executive Session. Mr. Boyer reported that no action was taken by the Board in Executive session reportable under the Brown Act

3.b PUBLIC HEARING

Conclusion of Annual Groundwater Hearing, Acceptance of Public Comment and Setting of 2020-21 Zones and Extraction Charges Motion

In accordance with Part 9 of Division 21 of the California Water Code (Section 75500 et seq.), the Board annually conducts a public hearing to consider the conditions of groundwater resources within the District. An "Annual Investigation and Report of Groundwater Conditions" was submitted to the Board on March 25, 2020 and has been available for public review and comment. This hearing was opened on April 8, 2020 and continued until May 13, 2020, at which time it was again continued to June 10, 2020. At the June 10, 2020 hearing, the Board was asked to continue the hearing to a Special Board meeting on June 24, 2020 to allow time for the Board and the public to review and consider an alternative FY 2020-21 Proposed Budget and to receive information from District staff and consultant(s) in support of the establishment of zone(s) within the District and levying of groundwater extraction charges within such zone(s). Public comment will also be accepted. No Board decisions have yet been made. The Board may choose to conclude the hearing today and consider acting to establish zone(s) within the

District and to levy groundwater extraction charges within such zone(s) for the 2020-21 water year.

The proceedings of the Public Hearing were transcribed by a court reporter, including the testimony of General Manager Mauricio E. Guardado, Jr.; Supervising Hydrogeologist Dan Detmer; Chief Engineer Maryam Bral; Chief Financial Officer Joseph Jereb; and District Legal Counsel David Boyer as well as Dr. Rodney Smith of Stratecon and Mr. Rick Simonson of HF&H.

Resolution 2020-10

Making Findings and Determinations from the Evidence Submitted Concerning the Groundwater Conditions of United Water Conservation District.

Motion

Motion to adopt <u>Resolution 2020-10</u> making findings and determinations from the evidence submitted concerning the groundwater conditions of United Water Conservation District, Director Naumann; Second, Director Maulhardt. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Kelley, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann); none opposed; one absent (Dandy). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1.

Resolution 2020-11

Making Additional Findings and Determinations from the Evidence Submitted Concerning Groundwater Conditions of United Water Conservation District, Determining and Establishing Groundwater Extraction Charge Zones and Levying, Assessing and Fixing Groundwater Extraction Charges against All Persons Operating Groundwater Producing Facilities within Such Zones for the 2020-21 Water Year

Motion

Motion to adopt <u>Resolution 2020-11</u> making additional findings and determinations from the evidence submitted concerning groundwater conditions of United Water Conservation District determining and establishing groundwater extraction charge zones and levying, assessing and fixing groundwater extraction charges against all person operating groundwater producing facilities within such zones for the 2020-21 water year, Director Maulhardt; Second, Director Berger. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Kelley, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann); none opposed; one absent (Dandy). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1.

3.c Resolution 2020-12

Adopting the Proposed District Budget Plan-Revised, Financial Policies, Overhead Allocation Method, Staffing Levels and Salary Schedules for Fiscal Year 2020-21 and Appropriation Carryovers for Fiscal Year 2019-20 Motion

The Board will consider adoption of <u>Resolution 2020-12</u>, adopting the Proposed District Budget Plan-Revised, Fiscal Policies, Overhead Allocation Method, Staffing Levels and Salary Schedules for Fiscal Year 2020-21 and Appropriation Carryovers for Fiscal Year 2019-20.

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Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-12 adopting the proposed District Budget Plan-Revised, financial policies, overhead allocation method, staffing levels and salary schedules for Fiscal Year 2020-21 and appropriation carryovers for Fiscal Year 2019-20, Director Naumann; second, Director Berger. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Kelley, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann); none opposed; one absent (Dandy). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1.

3.d Supplemental Appropriation for Recreation Concessionaire Motion

Chief Financial Officer Joseph Jereb reported that since the Lake Piru recreation area has been closed, the Fiscal Year 2019-20 budget was not sufficient to manage Lake Piru, as the past three months have seen little if any revenue. Even though expenses have been decreasing since March, the lack of revenue led to an overrun of budget, which is why staff is asking the Board to consider authorizing a supplemental appropriation for concessionaire services at Lake Piru Recreation Area in an amount up to \$160,000.

Chief Park Ranger Clayton Strahan told the Board that he would present a detailed financial report to the Finance Committee in July including an update on concessionaire PMC and ongoing contract negotiations.

Director Berger congratulated Chief Strahan for a job well done, stating that he had just seen an episode of Jay Leno's Garage which had been filmed at Lake Piru and the lake looked semi-full and everyone was having fun and it was a very positive bit of publicity that likely earned the District a good deal of money.

Motion to approve a supplemental appropriation for Recreation Concessionaire, Director Maulhardt; Second, Director McFadden. Roll call vote: six ayes (Berger, Kelley, Maulhardt, McFadden, Mobley, Naumann); none opposed; one absent (Dandy). Motion carries unanimously 6/0/1.

4. ADJOURNMENT 2:50p.m.

President Mobley adjourned the meeting at 2:50p.m. to the Regular Board Meeting of Wednesday, July 8, 2020.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the UWCD Special Board of Directors meeting of June 24, 2020.

ATTEST:_		
	Sheldon G. Berger, Secretary/Treasurer	
ATTEST:		
	Kris Sofley Clerk of the Board	