

March 31, 2021
Regular Meeting
5:07 p.m.

On March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20, which enhances State and Local Governments' ability to respond to COVID-19 Pandemic; this meeting was conducted with some members participating via conference phone. Because of this, all voting was done by roll call vote.

The Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District convened in regular session on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 5:07 p.m. at the San Benito County Water District office at 30 Mansfield Road, Hollister, California. Members present at the District were: President Doug Williams, Vice President Joe Tonascia and Director John Tobias. Director Andrew Shelton participated virtually, and Director Sonny Flores was absent. Also present at the District were District Manager/Engineer Jeff Cattaneo, Assistant Manager Sara Singleton, Deputy District Engineer Garrett Haertel, Water Conservation Program Manager Shawn Novack and Board Clerk/Office Specialist III Barbara Mauro. District Counsel Jeremy T. Liem, Finance Manager Natalie Sullivan and Office and Maintenance Supervisor Michael Craig also attended virtually.

CALL TO ORDER

President Williams called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

President Williams called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

b. Roll Call

Mrs. Mauro called roll; President Williams, Vice President Tonascia and Director Tobias were present at the District. Director Shelton participated virtually, and Director Flores was absent.

c. Speakers will be limited to 5 minutes to address the Board; rebuttal will be limited to 3 minutes; no new business agenda items will be heard after 8:00 p.m.

d. Approval of Agenda

With a motion by Director Shelton and a second by Vice President Tonascia, the Agenda was approved by 4 affirmative votes, Williams, Tonascia, Shelton and Tobias and 1 absence, Flores.

e. Public Input: Members of the Public are Invited to Speak on any Matter not on the Agenda

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approval of Minutes for: February 24, 2021 Regular Meeting**
- 2. Allowance of Claims**
- 3. Acknowledgement of Paid Claims prior to the March Board Meeting**

4. Recognizing Garrett Haertel for 5 Years of Service, Certificate Issued

Mr. Cattaneo thanked Garrett for his service. He added Garrett brings a new perspective and a lot of energy to the District. Mrs. Singleton added she appreciates his upbeat and positive attitude.

5. Recognizing Barbara Mauro for 15 Years of Service, Certificate Issued

Mrs. Singleton thanked Barbara for her hard work and Mr. Cattaneo thanked her for her positive attitude.

With no further comments, a motion was made by Vice President Tonascia and seconded by Director Tobias, the Consent Agenda was approved by 4 affirmative votes, Williams, Tonascia, Shelton and Tobias and 1 absence, Flores.

REGULAR AGENDA:

6. Discuss and Consider Authorizing the District Manager to sign agreement with Corpro, Inc. for the Pipeline Close Interval Survey Corrosion Study and Analysis Work on the 18.2 miles of the Hollister Conduit Pipeline (NTE \$35,819)

Mr. Haertel stated every 5 years, the District is required to have a corrosion study of the Hollister Conduit. The District solicited bids and Corpro, who has done the last few studies, was again the low bidder.

With no questions from the Board, a motion was made by Vice President Tonascia and seconded by Director Shelton, the Board of Directors Authorized the District Manager to sign an agreement with Corpro, Inc. for the Pipeline Close Interval Survey Corrosion Study and Analysis Work on the 18.2 miles of the Hollister Conduit Pipeline (NTE \$35,819) by 4 affirmative votes, Williams, Tonascia, Shelton and Tobias and 1 absence, Flores.

7. Consider Resolution Approving a Term Sheet in connection with the Refinancing of the District's CalPERS Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL)

Mr. Cattaneo stated the Board previously authorized District staff to move forward with bond funding for the WIIN (Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nations) Act and CalPERS Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL). The District has already secured the non-taxable bonds for the WIIN Act and now will secure taxable bonds for the CalPERS UAL. The bond issuance will be approximately \$2.9-\$3 million. The resolution before the Board states the intention to proceed with the funding and approves the term sheets. It also appoints Caldwell Sutter, Weist Law Firms and California Municipal Advisors LLC, as consultants for the financing. Mr. Cattaneo reviewed the bids and stated Sterling was the low bidder at 3.274% and the bids from BB&T and CB&T would also be acceptable if agreements with Sterling could not be finalized. By financing the UAL through bonds rather than through CalPERS, it will give the District a estimated savings of \$1.5 million over 25 years.

Vice President Tonascia asked if it is a fixed rate; Mr. Cattaneo stated yes.

Mrs. Singleton stated Mr. Weist, the District's Bond Counsel, is participating in tonight's meeting and is available for any questions. She added the lenders who participated were pleased with the District's financial package.

With a motion by Director Tobias and a second by Vice President Tonascia, Resolution #2021-04 A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District Approving a Term Sheet in connection with the Refinancing of the District's CalPERS Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) was approved by the Board of Directors by 4 affirmative votes, Williams, Tonascia, Shelton and Tobias and 1 absence, Flores.

8. Consider Authorizing the District Manager (or his Designee) and Director Attendance at the 2021 ACWA Spring Virtual Conference, May 12-13, 2021

If any Directors are interested, please contact Mrs. Mauro so she can register you for the conference.

9. Consider Authorizing Director Attendance at the 2021 ACWA/JPIA Spring Virtual Board Meeting, May 10, 2021

Director Shelton is the District's JPIA representative and this will be a virtual Board meeting. Director Shelton intends on participating.

10. North San Benito County Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)

• Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Update

Mr. Cattaneo stated staff and our consultants continue to work on the next Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) chapters which are: Project and Management Actions and Implementation Plan. The next Technical Advisory Committee Meeting will be at the end of April. Next month, the District will be requesting bids for the monitoring wells that are needed, per Mr. Cattaneo. The schedule for the GSP is as follows: Administrative Draft in May or June; Public Draft in July (public review is for 90 days); and Final Approval of the GSP will be in November. Mr. Cattaneo added Santa Clara Valley Water District will approve the GSP in December.

Mr. Cattaneo reported the last Public Workshop went well and those in attendance understood the fee structure and the fees seemed reasonable.

11. Committee/Agency Representative Reports:

a) San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority (Tonascia/Cattaneo)

As per Mr. Cattaneo, he will cover this under his manager's report.

12. Monthly Operations and Maintenance Report

Mr. Craig discussed the work District staff performed on the sectionalizing valve. He added with the start of the new water year, staff is working on being as efficient as possible. He also discussed the new maintenance tracking system the District implemented in January 2021 through NEXGEN. Mr. Craig stated this is a very useful tool for his department.

13. District Manager/Engineer's Report:

a) Reach 1 Operations

Mr. Cattaneo reported there isn't much activity on this item, except the discussion of the pump rebuilds continues.

- b) **Zone 3 Operations**
Mr. Cattaneo reported in the next day or two, District staff will begin releasing water from Hernandez Reservoir and this should last about 20 days. Staff will run this water through the Paicines Canal and into Tres Pinos Creek.
- c) **Zone 6 Operations**
Mr. Cattaneo reported the Bureau initially gave an AG allocation of 5% but now are saying it's on hold. He had anticipated a 0% allocation, so he will continue with his plan to run part of the District's operations off of Bifurcation and the other part off of San Justo Reservoir.
- d) **San Luis Delta Mendota Authority Activities**
Mr. Cattaneo reported the District is waiting for the workshop on the San Luis Transmission Line.
- e) **Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project**
Mr. Cattaneo reported this project is still moving forward slowly. Next week, Santa Clara Valley Water District is having a workshop to solicit more partners for the project besides SBCWD.

14. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Approved at the April 28, 2021 Board meeting and signed by the presiding board member.

/s/Doug Williams
Doug Williams, President

/s/Barbara L. Mauro
Barbara L. Mauro, Board Clerk