

April 19, 2013
Special Meeting
11:03 a.m.

The Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District convened in special session on Friday, April 19, 2013 at 11:03 a.m. at the San Benito County Water District office at 30 Mansfield Road, Hollister, California. Members present were: President John Tobias, and Directors Sonny Flores and Joe Torquato. Vice President Joe Tonascia and Director Frank Bettencourt were absent. Also present were District Manager/Engineer Jeff Cattaneo, District Counsel David E. Pival, Deputy District Engineer Dale Rosskamp and Office Specialist III Barbara Mauro.

CALL TO ORDER

President Tobias called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Tobias led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1. Public Hearing declaring a water shortage condition for the 2013-2014 Water**
 - a. Proof of Publication submitted for Notice of Public Hearing**

Mrs. Mauro verified the publication for today's meeting ran one time, in the Hollister Free Lance, on April 12, 2013.
 - b. Presentation of conditions that caused the water shortage**

Mr. Cattaneo stated the Bureau decided on March 25, 2013, due to the extreme water conditions from this past winter, to reduce the water allocations. The Ag allocation went from 25% to 20%, and the M & I went from 75% of historical use to 70 % (historical use). Using water from its storage, the District had allocated to its water customers, 54% of requests for Ag and 100% of requests for M & I. Due to the reduction from the Bureau, the District is reducing the Ag from 54% to 50% and reducing M & I from 100% to 90%. Mr. Cattaneo stated if the District allocates as he indicated, the District will be able to make all deliveries but will not have any extra water, hence the need for a regulatory overuse fee. If the District has to buy water on the open market, the approximate cost would be \$500/AF. In the past, the Yuba Water Transfer cost was approximately \$450/AF.

Director Torquato asked why the District would put the regulatory fee on top of the regular per acre charge. Mr. Cattaneo stated in the past, the District charged the regular per acre charge plus the additional overcharge fee. Director Torquato asked why not back out the original per acre charge and just charge the overuse fee of \$450/AF. President Tobias added that losses need to be accounted for. Mr. Cattaneo stated the price per acre foot for Yuba is only \$300 but has a loss factor

of 30% to bring it into the District. Mr. Pipal stated the resolution could be amended to read the overuse charge would be *up to* \$450/AF.

c. Open Public Hearing

With no further questions from the directors, President Tobias opened the Public Hearing. There were no public comments or questions.

d. Close Public Hearing or continue to a later date

President Tobias closed the Public Hearing.

e. Consider Resolution Declaring a Water Shortage Condition for the 2013-2014 Water Year and Establishing Interim Policies and Procedures during the period of such shortage

Noting the one change of up to \$450 per AF for the overuse fee, a motion was made by Director Torquato and seconded by Director Flores, Resolution #2013-11, *A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District Declaring a Water Shortage Condition for the 2013-2014 Water Year and Establishing Interim Policies and Procedures during the period of such shortage* was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Minutes were approved at the May 29, 2013 Board Meeting and signed by the presiding board member.

/s/John Tobias
John Tobias, President

/s/Barbara L. Mauro
Barbara L. Mauro, Recording Secretary