

April 27, 2016
Regular Meeting
6:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District convened in regular session on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the San Benito County Water District office at 30 Mansfield Road, Hollister, California. Members present were: President Sonny Flores, Vice President John Tobias, Directors Frank Bettencourt, Joe Tonascia and Bob Huenemann. Also present were District Manager/Engineer Jeff Cattaneo, District Counsel David E. Pipal, Assistant Manager Sara Singleton, Supervising Accountant Natalie Sullivan, Water Conservation Program Manager Shawn Novack, Consultant Harry Blohm and Board Clerk/Office Specialist III Barbara Mauro.

CALL TO ORDER

President Flores called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
President Flores led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b. 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 9:00 p.m.**
- c. Approval of Agenda**
With a motion by Director Tonascia and a second by Vice President Tobias, the Agenda was unanimously approved.
- d. 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:**

March 30, 2016	Regular Meeting
April 6, 2016	Special Meeting
- 2. Allowance of Claims**
- 3. Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report, Ending March 31, 2016**

With a motion by Director Huenemann and a second by Director Bettencourt, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

REGULAR AGENDA:

- 4. Consider Resolution Proclaiming May as Water Awareness Month**
Mr. Novack, utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, gave the Board the same presentation he has given at the member agencies, the Board of Supervisors and the Aromas Water District for Water Awareness Month. Mr. Novack reviewed the year's rainfall, status of the drought and the CVP allocation. He also discussed coordinated efforts in our community such as the Hollister Urban Area Water Projects and the Urban Water Management Project Update (UWMP). The UWMP is a state requirement every 5 years. Mr. Novack stated the drought is still here and conservation is the key. He added the

State held a workshop last week to receive input for an upcoming regulations update expected from the Governor.

President Flores asked what the current regulations are. Mr. Novack stated Sunnyslope was asked for a 28% reduction and the City of Hollister was asked for a 22% reduction, otherwise, everyone was asked for a 25% reduction.

With a motion by Director Tonascia and a second by Vice President Tobias, Resolution #2016-10, *A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District Proclaiming May as Water Awareness Month* was unanimously approved.

5. Discuss and Consider Resolution Restating the District's Investment Policy

Mrs. Singleton stated it is the District's practice to review the Investment Policy on an annual basis. District Counsel reviewed it and made a one word change.

With no questions from the Board, a motion was made by Vice President Tobias and seconded by Director Bettencourt, Resolution #2016-11; *A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District Restating the District's Investment Policy* was unanimously approved.

6. Staff Report on the Hollister Urban Area Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update

Mr. Blohm stated he would like to invite the Board to tour the West Hills site, perhaps during the second week of May. There is a lot of activity going on such as the dome on the clear well and the treated water pipeline at the Nash Road Bridge.

Regarding the Master Plan Update, Mr. Blohm stated the District is currently working on two planning updates, the Master Plan and the Urban Water Management Plan Update. Both reports need to be consistent and the managers of the agencies are working on them concurrently. The Master Plan Update's expected completion is August 2016 and the Urban Water Management Plan is approximately July 2016.

Regarding the Chromium VI, Mr. Blohm stated the plan is to put in infrastructure to dilute the groundwater. The threshold established by the State is 10 parts per billion (ppb) but our goal is actually 8 ppb. Mr. Blohm stated we are on schedule with the California Department of Drinking Water.

Vice President Tobias asked if Sunnyslope County Water District (SSCWD) has a contingency plan to hook into the crosstown pipeline. Mr. Blohm stated yes, the pipeline is going closer to the well alignment for both the City and SSCWD.

Director Huenemann asked if California standards are stricter than other states. Mr. Blohm stated yes. Director Huenemann asked if there is science to support this. Mr. Blohm stated other states use the EPA standards but he is not an expert. He added it has only been a few years that ppb were able to be measured. Mr. Cattaneo also added in 2001, there were only 2 or 3 labs in the U.S. that could make these measurements, now there are several in our State that can. Also, the EPA is still considering a revision whether to consider the threshold to be for total chromium or hexavalent chromium.

7. Committee/Agency Representative Reports:

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

As per Director Tonascia, he attended this month's meeting, which had 3 sites; he was at the one held at the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD). It was reported that the Authority hopes 5-6 pumps will be operational in July and they are pushing to get an increase in the South of Delta water allocation to 15%. Also, it is anticipated that San Luis Reservoir will fill in either December or early January. Director Tonascia also discussed his tour of SCVWD's lab facilities.

b) Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority (Bettencourt/Flores)

As per Director Bettencourt, the meeting was mostly for bill approval. There was discussion about a request for a presentation on the River Study.

c) Water Resources Association (Flores/Bettencourt)

As per Director Flores, Mr. Novack has covered this.

d) Zone 6 Water Supply Committee (Tobias/Flores)

As per Directors Tobias and Flores, the committee discussed the CVP allocation.

8. District Manager/Engineer's Report:

a) Reach 1 Operations

Mr. Cattaneo reported the Reach 1 inspection proposed shut-down is December-January, which would be a problem if San Luis Reservoir fills; stored water could be lost. President Flores asked if SCVWD doesn't also have carry over water in San Luis. Mr. Cattaneo stated they have more storage capacity and options than our District.

b) Zone 3 Operations

Mr. Cattaneo reported that Mr. Micko is working on the Operation Plans for Hernandez and Paicines. He hopes to have a draft to committee very soon, so the committee can review them and offer comments.

c) Zone 6 Operations

Mr. Cattaneo reported the District had a special meeting earlier this month to discuss the CVP allocation. He reported the Bureau may allocate some additional water in June. If they raise the Ag to 15%, the M & I would be 65% of historical use. He has also made some additional water purchases. From the Exchange Contractors, the District is purchasing 4000 AF of M & I and 1250 AF of Ag water. Additionally, the District has also purchased about 750 AF from the South San Joaquin and Oakdale Irrigation Districts, but that won't be available until later in the year, so the District will have it for use next year. Mr. Cattaneo stated there has been a change in the Yuba Water Exchange, as a repayment from 2011 is due the State, so the DWR and the state contractors have renegotiated the C1 water. The amount available to the District now is only about 350 AF. In total, Mr. Cattaneo stated he has secured approximately 5500-6000 AF of transfer water.

d) San Luis Delta Mendota Authority Activities

Director Tonascia covered this under his committee report.

e) Pacheco Pass Water District

Mr. Cattaneo reported the Board of Supervisors will appoint 3 board members, so our efforts in regards to Pacheco Pass Water District will be on hold pending the general election.

f) Recycled Water

Mr. Cattaneo reported the distribution system is nearly complete. The District will be ready to deliver the recycled water once the permits and all the necessary paperwork is complete. The amount of water to the District will be limited until the pond project has been completed, per Mr. Cattaneo. There was a meeting today with GEI and Mr. Cattaneo reported we are close to completion of the plans for the storage ponds.

9. Adjournment

With no further business to report, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Minutes were approved at the May 25, 2016 Board Meeting and signed by the presiding board member.

/s/Sonny Flores
Sonny Flores, President

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