

July 29, 2015
Regular Meeting
6:03 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District convened in regular session on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at 6:03 p.m. at the San Benito County Water District office at 30 Mansfield Road, Hollister, California. Members present were: President Joe Tonascia, Vice President Sonny Flores and Directors John Tobias, Frank Bettencourt and Bob Huenemann. Also present were District Manager/Engineer Jeff Cattaneo, District Counsel David E. Pipal, Assistant Manager Sara Singleton, Deputy District Engineer Dale Rosskamp, Supervising Accountant Natalie Sullivan, Consultant Harry Blohm and Office Specialist III Barbara Mauro.

CALL TO ORDER

President Tonascia called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

- a. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
President Tonascia 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 Tobias and a second by Director Bettencourt; 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: June 24, 2015 Regular Meeting**
2. **Allowance of Claims**
3. **Acknowledgement of Paid Claims prior to the July Board Meeting**
4. **Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report, Ending June 30, 2015**
With no questions by the Board, a motion was made by Director Huenemann and seconded by Director Tobias; the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

REGULAR AGENDA:

5. **Discuss and Consider Approval of Amendment #7 for HDR for Hollister Urban Area Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update and Authorize District Manager to Sign Amendment (NTE \$ 153,913)**
Mr. Cattaneo stated this is the 7th Amendment for HDR. The purpose of this amendment is to update the Master Plan, which was called for in the original master plan sometime around 2015. Mr. Cattaneo stated the key change is in the demand and the water supply. The demand is significantly different due to conservation efforts and changes in the economy. Also, the City of Hollister (COH) now has the issue with Chromium VI. Mr. Blohm added the COH has a separate contract for the Chrom VI, but there are cross-over

activities involved, so it is discussed in this Amendment. Mr. Cattaneo stated the District's share of this contract is \$55,409.

Director Tobias asked if the North County Groundwater Banking is included in this amendment. Mr. Cattaneo stated no, but it does take into account the increase in our CVP Contract of an additional 2000 AF of M & I water.

Discussion ensued on when the update would be completed and how far it would take the agencies. Mr. Blohm stated staff hopes the final draft will be ready by July 2016. The update should take us through 2023, Mr. Cattaneo reported. With a motion by Director Bettencourt and a second by Vice President Flores, the Board of Directors unanimously Approved Amendment #7 for HDR for the Hollister Urban Area Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update and Authorized the District Manager to Sign Amendment (NTE \$ 153,913).

6. Discuss and Consider Approval of a 5-Year Contract for Todd Groundwater to Prepare the Annual Groundwater Report for Years 2015 through 2019 and Authorize District Manager to Execute Contract (\$ 241,966)

Mr. Cattaneo stated 2014 was the last year of the current Todd Groundwater contract for the Annual Groundwater Report, so a new contract is needed. Staff feels Todd Groundwater is the best firm in the state and has been doing our groundwater report for the last 9 years. Mr. Cattaneo stated the proposal is for 5 years rather than 3 years, mainly due to the upcoming Ground Sustainability Plan (GSP), due in 2022. Some of what Todd Groundwater's proposal will do is to help lay out the path but will not complete the work that is needed for the GSP but it will get the District started. Otherwise the proposal is pretty standard, which the total for the 5 years is \$241,966. Mr. Cattaneo introduced Iris Priestaf from Todd Groundwater for her presentation.

Ms. Priestaf, using a PowerPoint presentation, stated the reports will be much the same as they have been in the past, with the streamlined report and an overview of the basin and will include all the necessary data. The same staff from Todd will do the report, which will include herself, Maureen Riley, Chad Taylor and Gus Yates. It is for a 5 year rather than a 3 year time span; she reviewed the handouts she had distributed. Cleaning up the boundaries, set by the Department of Water Resources (DWR), will be important per Ms. Priestaf.

Director Bettencourt asked if it will be difficult to maintain if it is out of our jurisdiction. Ms. Priestaf stated the likelihood would be the boundaries will need to change. Mr. Cattaneo added the District is already having discussions with Santa Clara Valley Water District and Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency about these boundaries. There will be similar boundary issues with Pacheco Pass Water District.

Director Huenemann asked about the basin, south of Tres Pinos, as it is not identified on the maps. Ms. Priestaf stated it is a low priority basin and will not need a Groundwater Sustainability Plan or Agency. Mr. Cattaneo added the Paicines area is in the San Benito River system and would be included in our District's plan.

With no further questions, a motion was made by Vice President Flores and seconded by Director Bettencourt, the Board of Directors unanimously Approved of a 5-Year Contract for Todd Groundwater to Prepare the Annual Groundwater Report for Years 2015 through 2019 and Authorize District Manager to Execute Contract (\$ 241,966).

7. Discuss and Consider Resolution Authorizing Application be made to the California Department of Water Resources for a 2015 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Public Resource Code Section 75001 et seq.), Enter into a Grant Agreement and Granting District Manager Authorization to Execute Documents in relation thereto

Mr. Cattaneo stated this is related to the Prop 84 Grant, which the Board previously approved Gutierrez Consultants to prepare an application for. This grant would be for approximately \$2.1 million and be used for the cross-town pipeline for the West Hills Water Treatment Plant to get water to the well heads for the COH to reduce the Hex. Chrom. VI. Mr. Cattaneo stated the resolution is a requirement of the State and is a final step needed in the grant process.

With no further questions, a motion was made by Director Tobias and seconded by Vice President Flores; Resolution #2015-17, *A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District Authorizing Application be made to the California Department of Water Resources for a 2015 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Public Resource Code Section 75001 et seq.), Enter into a Grant Agreement and Granting District Manager Authorization to Execute Documents in relation thereto* was unanimously approved.

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

Regarding the West Hills Water Treatment Plant (WHWTP), Mr. Blohm reported the bid opening was today at 2 p.m. There were 5 bidders and Auburn Constructors was the apparent low bidder. No evaluation has been done but the schedule is to have it done over the next 7 business days and recommend awarding the contract.

Director Tobias asked when the start date will be and Mr. Blohm reported it would be approximately 1 ½ months from award date. Mr. Cattaneo added, once the bid review is done he would like to hold a Special Board Meeting to award the contract, perhaps on August 12th at 5 p.m.

Regarding the Chromium VI, Mr. Blohm stated that will be part of the Master Plan update but primarily a COH issue. HDR has a draft report and will likely present it to the COH at the committee level next week. Mr. Blohm further explained how the cross town pipeline would address the Chrom VI issue at the COH's wells.

9. Committee/Agency Representative Reports:

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

Mr. Cattaneo stated he will cover under his report.

- b) **Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority (Bettencourt/Flores)**
As per Director Bettencourt, they mostly approved claims as they did not have a quorum at their regular meeting and could not take that action.
- c) **Administration Committee (Tobias/Flores)**
As per Director Tobias, these issues have been covered.
- d) **Investment Committee (Flores/Tobias)**
As per Director Tobias, the committee discussed the 4th quarter Investment Report.
- e) **Zone 6 Water Supply Committee (Tobias/Flores)**
As per Directors Tobias and Flores, the committee reviewed the proposal from Todd Groundwater for the Annual Groundwater Reports.

10. District Manager/Engineer's Report:

- a) **Reach 1 Operations**
Mr. Cattaneo reported the Pacheco Pumping Plant was off-line for 1 day; panels needed to be installed.
- b) **Zone 3 Operations**
Mr. Cattaneo reported staff would like to take advantage of the fact that the Paicines Reservoir is dry. Staff would like to remove sediment near the slide gate. There are several options to consider to accomplish this task.
- c) **Zone 6 Operations**
Mr. Cattaneo reported staff is drawing down both San Justo Reservoir and our water that is in San Luis Reservoir; staff is watching for low pressure.
- d) **Recycled Water**
Mr. Cattaneo reported the bid documents are being reviewed by the District's engineering department and should only need a few more days. Once our review is done, it will go to John Dahl. The intention is to go to bid around the middle of August and have a 3 week bid window. Mr. Cattaneo also reported that the Prop 13 increased the grant amount by \$200,000 now making the grant/loan mix to be \$750,000/\$500,000.
- e) **San Luis Delta Mendota Authority Activities**
Mr. Cattaneo reported Dan Nelson is retiring and will be replaced by Jason Peltier, who is coming from Westlands Water District.

Director Tobias asked how he was chosen. Mr. Cattaneo stated he thinks by committee but he isn't completely certain of the process.

Also, Mr. Cattaneo reported the Delta Fix tunnel project was discussed. He feels it has a slim chance to go forward.

f) Pacheco Pass Water District

Mr. Cattaneo reported he attended the LAFCO meeting last Thursday. Both our District and Santa Clara Valley Water District asked to have the matter of Pacheco Pass Water District deferred until March 2016. The deferment was asked for, so that both districts could review GEI's report and options for ownership. Also, a meeting needs to be scheduled with legal counsels from both Districts. Finally, there are steelheads which cause an environmental issue at Pacheco.

Director Bettencourt asked when Mr. Nelson is retiring. Mr. Cattaneo stated at the end of the year.

Director Huenemann asked if the GEI study included the Los Viboras Creek. Mr. Cattaneo stated the study will mostly focus on the North Fork Reservoir but will look at it again. If used, it would have to be rebuilt.

11. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the August 26, 2015 meeting and signed by the presiding board member.

/s/ Joseph A. Tonascia
Joseph A. Tonascia, President

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