

September 20, 2017
Regular Meeting
6:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District convened in regular session on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the San Benito County Water District office at 30 Mansfield Road, Hollister, California. Members present were: President John Tobias, Vice President Joe Tonascia and Directors Sonny Flores and Bob Huenemann; Director Frank Bettencourt was absent. Also present were District Manager/Engineer Jeff Cattaneo, District Counsel David E. Pival, Assistant Manager Sara Singleton, Deputy District Engineer Garrett Haertel and Board Clerk/Office Specialist III Barbara Mauro.

CALL TO ORDER

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

- a. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
President Tobias 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 Vice President Tonascia and a second by Director Flores, 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: August 30, 2017 Regular Meeting**
- 2. **Allowance of Claims**

REGULAR AGENDA:

- 3. **Public Hearing for the District to formally initiate with the California Department of Water Resources a proposed basin boundary modification request to consolidate the Hollister, Bolsa and San Juan Valley subbasins of the Gilroy-Hollister Groundwater Basin under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act**
 - a. **Proof of Publication submitted for Notice of Public Hearing**
Mrs. Mauro verified the proof of publication.
 - b. **Presentation of Proposed Basin Boundary Modification**
Mr. Cattaneo stated this would be a request to consolidate the basins through the Sustainable Groundwater Management Plan process, into 1 basin and thus needing only 1 plan. He added this will still allow for different management activities for each basin.

Director Huenemann asked if the District will have to move boundaries between counties. Mr. Cattaneo stated the District has requested to modify boundaries between San Benito and Santa Clara counties and have an agreement with Santa Clara Valley Water District to use the county boundaries as the basin boundaries.

Director Flores asked if our District staff will manage the area in Pacheco. Mr. Cattaneo stated yes.

c. Open Public Hearing

President Tobias opened the Public Hearing.

d. Close Public Hearing

Seeing no one wishing to speak, President Tobias closed the Public Hearing.

e. Consider Resolution to formally initiate the proposed basin boundary modification request to consolidate the Hollister, Bolsa and San Juan Valley subbasins of the Gilroy-Hollister Groundwater Basin with the California Department of Water Resources under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

With no further questions from the Board, a motion was made by Vice President Tonascia and seconded by Director Flores; Resolution #2017-17, *A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District to formally initiate with the California Department of Water Resources a proposed basin boundary modification request to consolidate the Hollister, Bolsa and San Juan Valley subbasins of the Gilroy-Hollister Groundwater Basin under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act* was unanimously approved.

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

Mr. Cattaneo reported last week, the West Hills Water Treatment Plant (WHWTP) began to deliver water. Shawn Novack wrote an article in Benito Link, which has received no comments thus far. Mr. Cattaneo also reported the Department of Drinking Water has given us the necessary permit to operate. The contractor is working on the final punch list, will only 3 or 4 items remaining. With the Board approving the purchase of the mitigation credits, once delivered to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the District's letter of credit will be released.

President Tobias asked what the capacity of the plant is. Mr. Cattaneo stated 4.5 million gallons per day but the operators are slowly ramping it up. The mix of water will be 60% surface water and 40% groundwater. Discussion ensued regarding testing and water quality. Mr. Cattaneo stated an Open House at the WHWTP is scheduled for November 4th. Mr. Haertel added the Open House was mentioned in the article by Mr. Novack.

5. Committee/Agency Representative Reports:

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

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

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

Director Bettencourt is absent, therefore no report was given.

- c) **Water Resources Association (Flores/Bettencourt)**
As per Director Flores, Mr. Novack discussed his outreach efforts.
- d) **Pacheco Reservoir Exploratory Committee (Flores/Tonascia <substituting for Tobias>)** As per Director Tonascia, a meeting was held last week; plans for the grant are moving forward.

6. District Manager/Engineer's Report:

a) Reach 1 Operations

Mr. Cattaneo reported the shutdown for October 6th is on schedule and District staff is working on the details. The water should be back on the first part of December. Also, Mr. Cattaneo reported a bid is out for work the District would like performed during the shutdown, which includes replacement of air valves and underground valves.

President Tobias asked if the replacements are for retrofitted valves or new ones. Mr. Cattaneo stated new ones, but the old ones will be refurbished. This work will coincide with the Reach 1 shutdown. Mr. Haertel added a pre-construction meeting is being held tomorrow. President Tobias further asked when the valves would be installed. Mr. Cattaneo stated following the dewater process, which should take about 2 weeks.

b) Zone 3 Operations

Mr. Haertel reported the level in Hernandez Reservoir has been reduced and will soon be down to its minimum; Paicines Reservoir is almost empty.

c) Zone 6 Operations

Mr. Cattaneo reported staff will finish the groundwater monitoring needed for the District's annual report, sometime next week. He added the District continues to percolate with the intent to percolate approximately 4000 AF.

President Tobias asked what the water level of San Justo Reservoir is. Mr. Cattaneo reported its elevation is at 488' and staff will raise it to 490' before the shutdown. Discussion ensued about when San Luis Reservoir will fill. President Tobias asked if the District will have an opportunity to use more storage in San Justo Reservoir. Mr. Cattaneo stated yes. The District will serve water from San Justo Reservoir during the shutdown and then refill the reservoir from early December through the month of February.

d) San Luis Delta Mendota Authority Activities

- **California WaterFix**

Mr. Cattaneo reported yesterday Westlands Water District has pulled out of the project and that leaves the project up in the air, at this point. The proposed project is \$16 billion, with the federal share being at 45%. It has also been discussed to redistribute the costs throughout the CVP participants, which would include the North Delta and Friant, not just the south of Delta members. Pressure is being applied to both the State of California as well as the Bureau of Reclamation.

7. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

The Minutes were approved at the October 25, 2017 Board meeting and signed by the presiding board member.

/s/Joe Tonascia

Joe Tonascia, Vice President

/s/Barbara L. Mauro

Barbara L. Mauro, Board Clerk