

October 12, 2016
Special Meeting
5:03 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District convened in special session on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 5:03 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 and 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 and Board Clerk/Office Specialist III Barbara Mauro.

CALL TO ORDER

President Flores called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

- a. **Pledge of Allegiance**
President Flores led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b. **Speakers will be limited to 5 minutes to address the Board**

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **Discuss and Consider Approval of Purchase of 2 Replacement Vehicles and Authorize District Manager to sign all necessary documents (NTE \$65,000 total)**

Mr. Cattaneo stated at the time staff worked on this year's budget, we thought we could wait until the next fiscal year to replace any vehicles, however; two of our current vehicles are experiencing mechanical problems. The two vehicles staff is recommending replacing are the 1999 Jeep, assigned to the Engineering staff, which has 85,000 miles and the truck assigned to WRA which has 146,000 miles. Mr. Cattaneo stated our target for replacement is currently at 150,000 miles but it used to be 100,000 miles. The replacement trucks staff is recommending to purchase are $\frac{3}{4}$ ton trucks as most of our maintenance trucks are $\frac{3}{4}$ ton for towing requirements.

Mr. Cattaneo stated the vehicles would be rotated by moving his vehicle and Mr. Meraz's vehicle to the Engineering staff and the current Engineering truck would move to WRA. Mr. Cattaneo and Mr. Meraz will receive the new vehicles and then these vehicles will eventually rotate to the maintenance staff. The two new vehicles could be purchased through the state procurement process, as all the bidding has already been done. The Board action would be to approve the purchase of the 2 new vehicles, not to exceed \$65,000.

Vice President Tobias asked if a local dealer could match the pricing. Mr. Cattaneo stated no, the pricing the state procurement if able to offer is about \$10,000 lower than a dealer could sell them for.

Director Huenemann stated he has purchased from Dave Smith in Idaho, and that dealership is very competitive. Mrs. Singleton stated using the State program is more

efficient for the District because the State has already done all the contracting and evaluation.

With no further questions, a motion was made by Vice President Tobias and seconded by Director Tonascia; the Board of Directors unanimously Approved the Purchase of 2 Replacement Vehicles and Authorized the District Manager to sign all necessary documents (NTE \$65,000 total).

2. **CLOSED SESSION:**

Conference with legal counsel: Anticipated Litigation

**Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to
subdivision (d)(2) of section 54956.9**

Existing facts or circumstances:

Receipt of a claim pursuant to Government Code Section 911.2(a).

(Claim available for public inspection)

Claimant: Randall McAlpine

Agency claimed against: San Benito County Water District

Number of cases: 1

(Board went into Closed Session at 5:10 p.m.)

3. **OPEN SESSION**

Report any action, if any

(Board returned from Closed Session at 5:17 p.m.)

Mr. Pipal reported the Board considered the claim and voted to reject the claim.

Mr. Cattaneo asked what is the next step. Mr. Pipal stated the claimant should be notified by letter of the Board's decision.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Minutes were approved at the October 26, 2016 Board Meeting and signed by the presiding board member.

/s/John Tobias

John Tobias, Vice President

/s/Barbara L. Mauro

Barbara L. Mauro, Board Clerk