

December 9, 2024
Special Meeting
5:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District convened in special session on Monday, December 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the San Benito County Water District office at 30 Mansfield Road, Hollister, California. Members present were: Vice President Doug Williams and Directors Sonny Flores, John Freeman, Joe Tonascia and Mark Wright. Also present were General Manager Dana Jacobson, District Counsel Jeremy T. Liem, Assistant General Manager Brett Miller, Senior Engineer David Macdonald, Water Conservation Program Manager Jennifer Cosio Arellano and Office Specialist I Shannon Darnall. Jeff Cattaneo participated via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Williams called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

- a. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
Vice President Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- b. Roll Call**
Mrs. Darnall called roll; Vice President Williams and Directors Flores, Freeman, Tonascia and Wright were all present.
- c. Approval of the Agenda**
With a motion by Director Tonascia and a second by Director Flores, the Agenda was approved by 5 affirmative votes.
- d. Speakers will be limited to 5 minutes to address the Board**
There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1. Consider Awarding a Contract to C. OVERAA & Co. for the West Hills Water Treatment Expansion Project Construction and Authorizing the General Manager to Execute all Documents Necessary**

Mr. Macdonald reviewed this item for the Board. He reviewed the bid process, there were 3 bidders and Overaa & Co. was the low bidder. Staff and our consultants reviewed the bid in detail and determined it was reasonable and in range of the engineer's estimate and met all the requirements. Staff is recommending the Board approve the contract and authorize the General Manager to sign it.

Mr. Cattaneo asked Mr. Macdonald what the Engineer's Estimate was. Mr. Macdonald stated it was \$15,700,000. The bid was 19% below the engineer's estimate. Mr. Cattaneo asked Mr. Macdonald to read all three bids into the record. Overaa's bid was \$12,722,000; Mountain Cascade Inc. was \$13,056,000 and Myers & Sons Construction, LLC was \$13,999,000.

Director Freeman commented that in his experience, when bids come in so closely, it is usually because the bid information was clear and he congratulated staff. Director

Freeman presumed Overaa references were all good. Mr. Macdonald stated yes, they were.

Mr. Cattaneo asked Mr. Miller if Overaa also worked on the City of Hollister's Wastewater Plant and Mr. Miller stated yes, he believed that to be correct. Mr. Cattaneo further stated that if the Board does approve this tonight, the contract can be signed but work cannot begin until environmental clearance for the work being done on Fallon Road is given, which is a requirement by the Bureau of Reclamation. Anticipation on this clearance, per Mr. Cattaneo, would be late January or early February 2025. The reason for approving the contract now, is so the contractor can order supplies as the lead times could be 12-18 months and there is a time constraint for completion of the project for the grant funds.

Mr. Macdonald added, in addition to the bid amount, the Board is being asked to include a 5% contingency amount, bringing the total amount to \$13,358,100.

With a motion by Director Tonascia and a second by Director Freeman, the Board of Directors approved a contract to C. OVERAA & Co. for the West Hills Water Treatment Expansion Project Construction and Authorized the General Manager to Execute all Documents Necessary, for \$12,722,000, with a 5% contingency amount, and a total NTE \$13,358,100 by 5 affirmative votes, Williams, Flores, Freeman, Tonascia and Wright.

2. Consider Approving the Agreement for Water Transfer and Memorandum of Agreement for a Water Transfer with the Kern-Tulare Water District

Mr. Jacobson reviewed this item for the Board. The water demand for this year was lower than expected, so he has arranged a water transfer with water he anticipates will be remaining once the District maximizing all the water we can. Mr. Jacobson stated there are two agreements. One is the purchase agreement, which contains all the details of the transfer and the other is a memorandum of agreement, which is simply so the Bureau knows about the transfer, but the details are not necessary. Mr. Jacobson added, these agreements come to the Board with the Administration Committee's recommendation.

Discussion ensued about whether we are percolating as much as we can. Mr. Jacobson asked Mr. Cattaneo to answer this. Mr. Cattaneo stated the District is percolating in Tres Pinos Creek, at Union Road and at the Wastewater Ponds. Mr. Jacobson added, the District is under no obligation to transfer this water, it is strictly at its discretion.

With a motion by Director Tonascia and a second by Director Wright, the Board of Directors approved the Agreement of Water Transfer and the Memorandum of Agreement for a Water Transfer with the Kern-Tulare Water District by 5 affirmative votes.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Minutes were approved at the Special Meeting held on January 13, 2025 and signed by the presiding board member.

/s/Doug Williams
Doug Williams, Vice President

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