

Special Meeting

5:00 pm

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Richard Blood
Brady McCartney
J.W. Dell'Orto
Steve McDermed

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jack Tressler

STAFF PRESENT: Travis Small, General Manager
Adam Brown, District Legal Counsel (Remote)
Carissa Bear, Clerk of the Board
Mathew Roberts, Water System Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Alison Lechowicz, Lechowicz & Tseng Municipal Consultants

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: President Blood called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS: Directors Blood, McCartney, Dell'Orto, and McDermed were present. Director Tressler was absent.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
5. CONSENT ITEMS
 - a. March 8, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes
 - b. March 16, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Director Dell'Orto, seconded by Director McCartney, to approve consent items a-b. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Blood, McCartney, Dell'Orto, and McDermed voted yes; none opposed. Motion carried 4-0.

6. APPROVE FINAL DRAFT OF RATE STUDY

The Board considered approval of the final draft of the rate study. President Blood said he did not see in the report how much the rate increase will affect the over consumption of water use. He asked for clarification on the basis of the revenue data. Alison Lechowicz, Lechowicz & Tseng Municipal Consultants, clarified that the past 3 year average was used to determine the average water use and it is assumed that customers will continue to use the same amount of water. Ms. Lechowicz explained that the usage charge on page 12 and the total consumption on page 13 explain the revenue data. Travis Small, General Manager, explained that it is expected for customers to continue to use the same amount of water and if they do not, that will bring down the cost of treatment. President Blood mentioned the amount of water sold in 2012 seemed to be significantly

more than now. Mr. Small clarified that many customers implemented drought measures that they have continued to keep even after the drought was lifted. President Blood reported that he found an error on Page 28 which referenced "Error! Reference source not found." Mr. Small will work with staff to get that corrected before posting the final rate study to the website. President Blood asked for additional information on Table 13, Mr. Small clarified. President Blood asked for Ms. Lechowicz to explain the changes that were made to the Draft Water Rate Study, and Ms. Lechowicz gave a brief overview of the changes. The track changes Water Rate Study was included in the Board packet for comparison. A motion was made by Director Dell'Orto, seconded by Director McDermed, to approve the Final Draft of the Rate Study. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Blood, McCartney, Dell'Orto, and McDermed voted yes; none opposed. Motion carried 4-0.

7. APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSITION 218 NOTICES

Director McDermed asked if the Proposition 218 notice would be mailed with the regular bills. Mr. Small clarified that Proposition 218 notices will be mailed separately from normal customer bills. President Blood asked for clarification if both property owners and renters can protest. Mr. Small clarified that either could protest, but only one vote per parcel will count. Director McDermed was pleased with the clarity of the notice. A motion was made by Director McDermed, seconded by Director McCartney, to approve the form of notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Water Rate Increase under Proposition 2018 and authorize staff to mail the notices to District customers. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Blood, McCartney, Dell'Orto, and McDermed voted yes; none opposed. Motion carried 4-0.

8. FINAL HEARING JUNE 8TH 2023 AT 7:00 PM AT THE SAN ANDREAS TOWNHALL

The Board June 8, 2023 for the final hearing on the rate increase. A motion was made by Director McCartney, seconded by Director Dell'Orto, to schedule the final hearing on the Proposed Water Rate Increase on June 8th 2023 at 7:00pm at the San Andreas Town Hall. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Blood, McCartney, Dell'Orto, and McDermed voted yes; none opposed. Motion carried 4-0. Director Dell'Orto thanked Ms. Lechowicz and the staff, especially Mr. Roberts, for participating in the last public outreach. He felt like it went well. President Blood agreed that the product produced by Ms. Lechowicz was far superior to the study prepared for the last rate increase.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Blood adjourned the meeting at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carissa Bear, Clerk of the Board