

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 17, 2022

Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., via videoconference and teleconference.

# 1. Convene Meeting

The regular meeting of the San Lorenzo Valley Water District Board of Directors was called to order by President Gail Mahood at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom.

### Roll Call

**Board Members Present:** 

Gail Mahood, President Lois Henry, Vice President Jayme Ackemann, Director Bob Fultz, Director Mark Smolley, Director

### Staff Present:

Rick Rogers, District Manager
Holly Hossack, District Secretary
Gina Nicholls, District Counsel
Kendra Reed, Director of Finance and Business Services
Carly Blanchard, Environmental Programs Manager
Josh Wolff, Engineering Manager
James Furtado, Director of Operations

2. Additions and Deletions: None

3. Oral Communications: None

### 4. President's Report:

President Mahood called on Director Ackemann to report in her stead.

Dir. Ackemann reported that the District hosted Congressman Panetta on a tour of our CZU damaged facilities. They discussed our plans for fire recovery as well as the possibility of mergers with the smaller utilities also damaged in the fire.

### 5. New Business:

Pres. Mahood requested that we switch the order of the new business items. There were no objections from the Board.

### b. REVENUE STABILIZATION RATE PRESENTATION

R. Rogers introduced this item and said that staff would like to continue to review this item and bring it back to the Board at a later date.

Discussion by the Board and staff including:

- Budget & Finance Committee recommendation to move forward with the rate stabilization.
- Consumption, production, and drought
- CIP delays are due to CalTrans
- Board members on the committee were made aware of the change
- Review of budget
- This item will be revisited in a month
- Not the time to raise rates
- C. Dzendzel made a public comment.

Discussion by the Boar & staff regarding:

- Impact on fish
- Operating margins and revenue
- Deferral of maintenance and CIP
- Increase in usage in February

## a. ALTERNATIVES FOR CROSS-COUNTRY PIPELINE REPLACEMENT

- R. Rogers introduced Jeff Tarantino, lead engineer with Freyer & Laureta.
- J. Tarantino and his team gave a presentation on the Cross-Country Pipeline.

Discussion by the Board, staff & consultants regarding:

- After presenting this to Committee F & L listened to the committee and came back with information requested.
- Materials and methods were discussed
- CEQA Compliance
- Trench Depth
- Costs of buried vs. not buried HDPE (trench type)
- HDPE & Steel hybrid use
- Earthquake resilience
- Water sources
- Discussion with FEMA regarding alternatives
- A. Zilber made a public comment.
- R. Moran made a public comment.

Discussion by the Board, staff & consultants regarding:

Hydro-electric power

- Costs and financing for hydro-electric
- HDPE buried pipe v. steel pipe

Thanks to Freyer & Laureta for the presentation.

### 6. Unfinished Business:

a. REMOTE MEETING AUTHORIZATION UNDER AB 361

A motion was made and seconded to re-adopt Resolution No. 4 (21-22) authorizing continuation of remote meetings per AB 361.

The motion passed unanimously.

- 7. Consent Agenda:
  - a. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES 2.3.22 approved
- 8. District Reports:

DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORTS

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** 

Discussion by the Board and staff regarding:

# **Engineering**

• Felton Heights Tank - Property owner unresponsive

### Finance

• \$13,000 check to Ernie's Auto is for a Dump Truck transmission

### Operations

- Mainline Flushing will begin March 7, 2022
- 9. Written Communication: None
- 10. Adjournment: 9:10 p.m.

Minutes adopted

Holly B. Hossack, District Secretary