



**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
MINUTES
November 10, 2020**

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
MINUTES

1. Convene Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Pres. Henry, Directors Farris, Fultz and Moran were present.

Staff: R. Rogers-District Manager, G. Nicholls-District Counsel, C. Blanchard-Environmental Planner, H. Hossack-District Secretary

2. Unfinished Business:

a. URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

R. Rogers introduced this item.

C. Blanchard presented the item and read from the memo.

R. Moran questioned if the extra data needed will be difficult for the staff to provide.

C. Blanchard said that she didn't think it would be a burden.

B. Fultz said that he isn't convinced that WSC is the way to go. West is smaller and doesn't have as much overhead.

L. Farris questioned if C. Blanchard can quantify the hours of extra work for staff.

C. Blanchard said she can't quantify the hours, she is assuming that because they have not worked with us and they haven't worked in this area that they will need more staff input.

Discussion by Board and staff regarding differences between WSC and West and Associates and the SMGWA component.

L. Farris questioned if this needs to be decided tonight.

C. Blanchard said that staff has proposed 3 options and would like the Board to choose an option this evening. She noted that the cost is not actually 3 times more that we paid 5 years ago.

R. Moran said that he checked both websites and he didn't see any problems with West & Associates or WSC.

R. Rogers said that he supports staff's choice of WSC and the opportunity to work with Scott's Valley Water.

T. To said that she thinks that we should go with the joint plan, we only have 7 months from the deadline. She votes for WSC.

Discussion by Board and staff regarding costs of consultants.

B. Fultz made a motion to direct the District Manager to enter into a contract with West & Associates for the UWMP. No second to the motion.

L. Henry made a motion to work with SVWD and direct the District Manager to contract with WSC for the UWMP. The motion was seconded.

G. Nicholls restated the motion as a motion to authorize the District Manager to coordinate with Scott's Valley Water District to enter into a contract with WSC for the joint Urban Water Management Plan.

R. Moran agreed to the restatement of the motion.

President Henry, Directors Farris and Moran voted in favor of the motion. Dir. Fultz voted no. Motion passed.

- b. BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION / BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCY
G. Nicholls presented this item to the Board.

R. Moran questioned the cost of the election.

G. Nicholls said that the cost can only go down from \$72,000.

B. Fultz questioned the timeline of the Board vacancy and filling the vacancy.

R. Moran said that he believes that the Board vacancy should be filled by a vote of the people.

Discussion by the Board regarding filling the vacancy.

J. Mosher thanked the departing Board members for their service. He pointed out that both Directors, Farris and Moran were appointed. He said that the cost of a special election is unnecessary and a 4 person Board is a terrible idea.

T. To said that she wants to emphasize that the next election will be a year away and that isn't fiscally responsible.

C. Dzendzel doesn't see any reason to wait a whole year for a fifth Board member.

J. Words noted that G. Mahood was overwhelmingly elected by many different people in the community. She believes that G. Mahood and T. To should have their say regarding appointment vs. election.

E. Fresco questioned why the Board doesn't want G. Mahood and T. To to have a say in appointment vs. election.

R. Moran agreed to try to reduce costs but that is not the overriding factor for making a decision. There have been a lot of resignations on the Board. We need to stop having appointments.

B. Fultz explained that he believes that the Board should look at all of the options. Appointment is not the best way to go. He justified the cost of an election.

L. Farris asked what the staff has to say about election vs. appointment.

R. Rogers said that it is the Board's decision. His recommendation is based on the fact that the District has a lot of work to do.

L. Henry noted that the Board had appointed 2 great Board members. If the Board goes to election the elected person will only serve 1 year. There is a cost to the person running as well as the District. She thinks that a 4 member Board will be problematic.

B. Fultz doesn't think that a 4 member Board will be a problem.

J. Mosher agreed with Pres. Henry that a 4 member Board is not a good idea. He is concerned that the Board isn't allowing the new members of the Board to be part of the decision. He urged the Board to reconsider.

G. Mahood said that she is flabbergasted that a Board that ran on reducing costs is advocating for an unnecessary cost of an election. She doesn't think it is a good idea to have a 4 member Board. She also asked why the Board is not allowing the newly elected Board members to participate in the decision.

R. Moran said that he is not trying to prevent the newly elected Board members from making the decision. He's trying to use his experience on the Board to recognize issues with the Board. He made a motion that the Board proceed with a call for an election to fill the Board vacancy pursuant to Government Code 1780.e2 and immediately notify the Board of Elections of the decision. The motion was seconded.

B. Fultz questioned if we also need to immediately notify the elections office of the decision. He also commented that he would like to contact John Laird and Mark Stone to propose additional flexibility into the Election Code.

Director Farris, Fultz, and Moran voted in favor of the motion. President Henry voted no. Motion passed.

3. Consent Agenda:

- a. MINUTES FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2020
- b. MINUTES FROM SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2020
- c. MINUTES FORM SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 29, 2020
- d. MULTIPLE USER VARIANCE RENEWALS FOR 2020/21

Item 3d was pulled from the agenda to vote on the Resolution.

B. Fultz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 6 (20-21). The motion was seconded.

All present voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

4. District Reports:

DEPARTMENT STATUS REPORT

Receipt and consideration by the Board of Department Status Reports regarding ongoing projects and other activities.

- Engineering
- Legal

- DIRECTORS REPORTS

- Director's Communication
- Future Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Items

R. Moran questioned the success for the Engineering Manager recruitment.

R. Rogers said that we are back out for recruitment. The candidate chosen turned down the job.

B. Fultz asked why the job was turned down.

G. Nicholls said that this should discussed off-line.

5. Written Communications

- Letter to the Board from G. Mahood
- Letter to the Board from J. Martin
- Letter to the Board from R. duSaint
- Letter to the Board from V. Ahlgren
- Letter to the Board from A. Zilber
- Letter to the Board from M. Stephens
- Letter to the Board from multiple customers
- Letter to the Board from P. Frietas
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6. Adjournment 7:27 p.m.