



MINUTES

CALAVERAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

APRIL 27, 2022

Directors Present: Cindy Secada, President
Scott Ratterman, Vice-President
Bertha Underhill, Director
Russ Thomas, Director

Directors Absent: Jeff Davidson, Director

Staff Present: Michael Minkler, General Manager
Matt Weber Esq, General Counsel
Rebecca Hitchcock, Clerk to the Board
Damon Wyckoff, Director of Operations
Stacey Lollar, Human Resources Manager
Jesse Hampton, Plant Operations Manager
Jessica Self, External Affairs Manager
John Griffin, Senior Civil Engineer
Kate Jesus, Engineering Coordinator
Tiffany Burke, Administrative Technician Sr.
Catherine Eastburn, Accountant II
Kelly Richards, Customer Service Supervisor

Others Present: Carl Stoughton

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. ROLL CALL

President Secada called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Director Davidson was absent.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Carl Stoughton addressed the Board regarding the new meters that have been installed.
Jesse Hampton addressed the Board regarding dogs on company property.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Directors Ratterman/Thomas-Approved Consent Agenda Items:
3a and 3b as presented

- 3a Approval of Minutes for the Board Meeting of March 23, 2022
(Rebecca Hitchcock, Clerk to the Board)
- 3b Report on the Monthly Investment Transactions for March 2022
(Jeffrey Meyer, Senior Vice President Hilltop Securities Inc)
- Director Underhill pulled Item 3c from the Consent Agenda***
- 3c Consideration of taking positions on Legislative Bills: AB 1717, SB 1235, SB 1426, AB 2728, and AB 2421
(Jessica Self, External Affairs Manager)

AYES: Directors Ratterman, Thomas, Underhill, and Secada
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Director Davidson

4. NEW BUSINESS

- 4a Presentation of ACWA JPIA Refund Check by Patricia Slaven, JPIA Director of HR and Administration

DISCUSSION: Patricia Slaven, JPIA Director of HR and Administration described how the refund was calculated for Workers Compensation. She explained that the District is doing the right things and employees are taking safety seriously. She presented a \$36 thousand dollar refund to the District. Director Ratterman reiterated what Ms. Slaven said about staff really focus on safety. The Board would like a luncheon for staff with the Board present to celebrate the accomplishment.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

OFF CONSENT AGENDA

Director Underhill pulled Item 3c from the Consent Agenda

- 3c Consideration of taking positions on Legislative Bills: AB 1717, SB 1235, SB 1426, AB 2728, and AB 2421
(Jessica Self, External Affairs Manager)

DISCUSSION: Director Underhill asked about AB2421 Unpermitted Cannabis Cultivation. Mr. Minkler responded to her questions and further discussion ensued about the bill. Director Ratterman stated he would like staff to create a policy on how the District handles adopting official opinions on legislative positions.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- 5a Discussion/Action regarding the Slurry Line Water Services Wheeling Agreement with Utica Water and Power Authority
(Brad Arnold, Water Resources Manager) **RES 2022-43**

MOTION: **Directors Ratterman/Underhill-Adopted Resolution No. 2022-43 Approving the Slurry Line Water Services Wheeling Agreement with Utica Water and Power Authority Mokelumne River Middle Fork Pump Station Easement**

DISCUSSION: Mr. Minkler stated that the Utica Water and Power Authority (UWPA) Board approved this agreement at their board meeting on Tuesday. He reviewed the details of talks between the

District and NCPA regarding the Slurry Line plan. There was discussion regarding those talks and how they are progressing and who is replacing Randy Bowersox at NCPA. There was additional discussion regarding the agreement and how long it has taken to get to this point.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joel Metzger, General Manager of UWPA addressed the Board regarding the agreement and thanked staff for their work on the agreement. He feels this agreement will be very beneficial to the community.

Don Kimber thanked the Board for approving this agreement and he appreciates the District keeping the water in Calaveras County.

YES: Directors Ratterman, Underhill, Thomas, and Secada
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Director Davidson

6. REPORTS

6a General Manager's Report
(Michael Minkler)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Minkler reported on the following activities: 1) the upcoming price increase from CPPA; 2) the Sheep Ranch tank project is almost complete, and plans are in place for a ribbon cutting on May 13th; 3) the West Point Town Hall is scheduled for Tuesday May 17th; 4) the bills that recently went out in Ebbetts Pass have true consumption from the date of their meter swap out. Customers may call regarding what seems to be an increase in their bill but will be assured that and the price tiers have been adjusted; and 5) the District's water conservation message.

7. BOARD REPORTS / INFORMATION / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Underhill asked about the drought outreach.

Director Ratterman reported he will attend the ACWA Conference and JPIA meeting beginning on Monday. He asked about the suggestions be brought back from the JPIA meeting the previous year such as cones on vehicles, reflective tape on vehicles, and no extension cords on the floors. Mr. Wyckoff reported those suggestions have been implemented District wide. He also reported on the upcoming MCWRA Meeting and Caldor Tour.

Director Thomas inquired on the 80 acres for sale at the end of the road that could possibly provide a road between Hwy 49 and George Reed Rd.

Director Secada asked about payment plan options for customers that have much higher bills this month.

8. NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

- Wednesday, May 11, 2022, 1:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting
- Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 1:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting

9. CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned into Closed Session at approximately 2:29 p.m. Those present were Board Members: Cindy Secada, Russ Thomas, Bertha Underhill, and Scott Ratterman; staff members Michael Minkler, General Manager; and General Counsel, Matt Weber.

- 9a Conference with Real Property Negotiators Gov. Code § 54956.8
Property: APN 012-011-011, Copperopolis
Agency negotiators: M. Minkler
Negotiating parties: Calaveras Healthy Impact Prod Solutions (CHIPS)
Under negotiation: Price and/or terms of payment
- 9b Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation
Significant Exposure to Potential Litigation-Government Code Section
54956.9(d)(2)-2 cases.
- 9c Public Employee Performance Evaluation-Government Code §54957
General Manager

10. REPORTABLE ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened into Open Session at approximately 3:55 p.m. There was no reportable action.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Michael Minkler
General Manager

ATTEST:



Rebecca Hitchcock
Clerk to the Board