



RESOLUTION NO. 2019-16
RESOLUTION NO. PFA-03
ORDINANCE NO. 2019-01

MINUTES

**CALAVERAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

MARCH 13, 2019

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

Staff Present: Michael Minkler, General Manager
Rebecca Hitchcock, Clerk to the Board
Matt Weber, General Counsel
Jeffrey Meyer, Director of Administrative Services
Peter Martin, Manager of Water Resources
Damon Wyckoff, Director of Operations
Joel Metzger, Manager of External Affairs, Conservation, and Grants

Others Present: J. Fontana, MSD
Frank Fields, UWPA
Brad Lester, MCI
Jen Rouda, GreenGen
Mike Manwaring, GreenGen
Aram Shumavon, GreenGen

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. ROLL CALL

President Thomas 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

There was no public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION: Directors Ratterman/Underhill - Approved Consent Agenda Item:
3c as presented**

Director Thomas pulled Item 3a from the Consent Agenda

3a Review Board of Directors Monthly Time Sheets for February, 2019.

Director Secada pulled Item 3b from the Consent Agenda

3b Ratify Claim Summary #564 Secretarial Fund in the Amount of \$2,354,229.41 for February, 2019
(Jeffrey Meyer, Director of Administrative Services) **RES 2019-_____**

3c Approve Authorized Signers on Banking and Investment Accounts
• Umpqua Bank **RES 2019-16**
• Local Agency Investment Fund **RES 2019-17**
(Jeffrey Meyer, Director of Administrative Services)

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

OFF CONSENT AGENDA

Director Thomas pulled Item 3a from the Consent Agenda

3a Review Board of Directors Monthly Time Sheets for February, 2019

MOTION: Directors Ratterman/Secada – by Minute Entry Approved Consent Agenda Item: 3a with changes on the timesheet for Director Thomas as stated below

DISCUSSION: Director Thomas advised he made a mistake on his timesheet. He would like to change the meeting listed on 2/13 to zero dollars meeting cost and change the meeting listed on 2/19 to \$120.00 meeting cost. The totals would remain the same.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

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

Director Secada pulled Item 3b from the Consent Agenda

3b Ratify Claim Summary #564 Secretarial Fund in the Amount of \$2,354,229.41 for February, 2019
(Jeffrey Meyer, Director of Administrative Services) **RES 2019-18**

MOTION: Directors Secada/Underhill - Approved Consent Agenda Item: 3b as presented

DISCUSSION: Director Secada asked about various expenses such as health insurance for retirees, tablets, winter tires, office furniture, and District fuel costs. Director Thomas asked about a large delivery of road base to one of the sites. Mr. Meyer explained each question in detail.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

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

4. NEW BUSINESS

- 4a Presentation of GreenGen Storage: Mokelumne Water Battery Project
(Peter Martin, Manager of Water Resources)

DISCUSSION: Aram Shumavon and Mike Manwaring from GreenGen gave a presentation on the Mokelumne Water Battery Project. Mr. Shumavon explained that they are in the planning process of the project and felt it important to provide outreach to the neighboring agencies. They took questions from the Board and staff regarding the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

This item was for information only; no action was taken.

- 4b Presentation / Discussion of District's Geographic Information System (GIS)
Implementation (Sam Singh, Engineering Technician)

DISCUSSION: Charles Palmer presented the status of the District's Geographic Information System (GIS) implementation. He described GIS as a system designed to capture, store, manipulate, analyze, and manage all types of geospatial data and presents it in map format providing patterns and trends. He said it can combine various maps into layers providing a wealth of information to the users. Mr. Palmer reviewed the three phases of the implementation that Sam Singh, Engineering Tech II will be working on. Once the project is complete and implemented, the CCWD field staff will be able to access the system to assist in day-to-day operations. The system will also be made available to other agencies. Discussion followed between the Board and staff members.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Fontana asked the Board if the District had considered the connectivity issues with the District laptops.

This item was for information only; no action was taken.

- 4c Discussion / Action Regarding the Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2018-19
Personnel Allocation
(Jeffrey Meyer, Director of Administrative Services) **RES 2019-19**

MOTION: Directors Ratterman/Underhill – Adopted Resolution No.
2019-19 Amending the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Personnel Allocation

DISCUSSION: Mr. Meyer described the District's need for an additional Engineer to assist with Water projects. He also explained the funding for this position would come from the Water Capital Renovation and Replacement Fund (Fund 125) and Operating Fund (Fund 101) budgets. The Board asked questions about the additional Engineer and Mr. Meyer responded.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

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

4d Discussion / Action Regarding Awarding Construction Contract for the Ebbetts Pass Reach 1 Water Pipeline Replacement Project, CIP #11085
(Charles Palmer, District Engineer) **RES 2019-20**

MOTION: Directors Ratterman/Underhill – Adopted Resolution No. 2019-20
Awarding Construction Contract for the Ebbetts Pass Reach 1 Water Pipeline Replacement Project, CIP # 11085

DISCUSSION: Mr. Palmer addressed the Board regarding the construction bids for the Reach 1 Water Pipeline Replacement Project. A public bid opening was held on February 26, 2019, and the District received six bids. Staff recommends awarding the construction contract to Mozingo Construction, as they are the lowest bidder for \$6,744,390. There was discussion regarding the possibility of change orders during the project, the fact that Mozingo has worked with the District in the past at Blue Lake Springs, and how they came in just under budget with that project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Lester from Mozingo addressed some of the Boards questions about the contract.

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

4e Report on the February 2019 Operations Department
(Damon Wyckoff, Director of Operations)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Wyckoff presented the February 2019 monthly Operations report. He reviewed items of interest and answered questions from the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

This item was for information only; no action was taken.

4f Discussion / Action Regarding Support of SB 669 (Caballero) – Safe Drinking Water Trust
(Joel Metzger, Manager of External Affairs, Conservation, and Grants)

MOTION: Directors Ratterman/Underhill by Minute Entry to take a “SUPPORT” Position on SB 669 - Safe Drinking Water Trust.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Metzger presented details about AB 669 (Caballero) – Safe Drinking Water Trust to the Board. Over the past two years, the District has joined a coalition of agencies across the state led by the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) to oppose the imposition of a water tax to fund a Safe Drinking Water Fund that was proposed by Senator Bill Monning via SB 623. As an alternative ACWA is sponsoring a bill that would create a Safe Drinking Water Trust (“Trust”) in the State Treasury without taxing individual water bills. Instead of relying on a proposed statewide water tax, the Trust would be funded with an initial infusion from the General Fund during a state budget surplus year. Staff believes the formation of a Safe Drinking Water Trust is a much better approach than a tax and recommends the Board take a “SUPPORT” position on SB 669 (Caballero).

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

YES: Directors Ratterman, Underhill, Secada, and Thomas

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Director Davidson

4g Discussion / Action Regarding SB 474: Department of Water Resources: Appropriations of Water (Joel Metzger, Manager of External Affairs, Conservation, and Grants)

MOTION: Directors Ratterman/Secada by Minute Entry to take an “OPPOSE” Position on SB 474 - Department of Water Resources: Appropriations of Water

DISCUSSION: Mr. Metzger presented details about SB 474 (Stern, D-Malibu). Current law provides an exception for state-filed rights, which are based on area of origin principles, giving general priority of the date of filing the application over subsequent applications. He explained that water rights under the applications is reserved for later use and development within the county of origin, and diligence in the development of those rights is not required. SB 474 would eliminate the exemption for state filed rights from the application of the diligence provisions as of January 1, 2021. Due to the potential serious adverse impacts on the District’s water rights, staff recommends the Board adopt an OPPOSE position on SB 474. There was significant discussion between the Board and staff regarding the implications of this bill.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

YES: Directors Ratterman, Secada, Underhill, and Thomas

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Director Davidson

4h Discussion / Action Regarding Invitation from Utica Water and Power Authority to Explore Collaborative Options for Highway 4 Corridor Services (Michael Minkler, General Manager)

MOTION: Directors Secada/Underhill by Minute Entry directed the General Manager to participate in efforts outlined by the Utica Water and Power Authority Board of Directors in their March 7, 2019 letter to the CCWD Board of Directors.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Minkler discussed the letter CCWD received from the Utica Water and Power Authority Board of Directors which seeks to initiate multi-agency collaborative discussions on the evaluation of governance, infrastructure, and the potential pursuit of opportunities for feasibility studies or projects to increase efficiencies in the delivery of water and wastewater services within the Highway 4 Corridor. There was discussion between the Board and Mr. Minkler regarding the Brown Act, and who should attend the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

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

5. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Minkler reported on the following activities: 1) his field visits with Damon Wyckoff to view the CCWD facilities and meet with staff members; 2) the meetings with Senator Borgeas and Assemblyman Bigelow after the ACWA Legislative Symposiums were productive; 3) CCWD is working diligently on the Section 219 Authorization; 4) the property adjacent to CCWD will be mowed to allow for proper assessment of the property prior to completing the purchase; 5) the Town Hall meeting in Copperopolis is March 19th to discuss the wastewater lift station construction project; and 6) the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will be adopting a plan this year and the County needs to be a major part of the planning process. With discussion between CCWD and the County, it was decided that the County will take the lead and begin attending the meetings in place of Director Thomas. Peter Martin will continue in his support role.

6. BOARD REPORTS / INFORMATION / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Underhill attended the Ebbetts Pass Property Owners Council (EPPOC) meeting last week and would like to bring Damon Wyckoff to a future meeting to introduce him.

Director Ratterman advised the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association (MCWRA) is applying to become a 501c3 nonprofit organization to enable them to receive grants. They also want to begin a cost sharing program to assist smaller agencies in paying for legal counsel.

Director Secada said the ACWA Legislative Symposium was very informative and she would like to attend more ACWA conferences. She added that she would like to have the Termination of Service Policy discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Director Thomas reported that there is only one more Board meeting before the Washington D.C. trip. He requested a future Engineering Committee agenda item about Copper Town Square.

Approved April 24, 2019

7. **NEXT BOARD MEETINGS**

- Wednesday, March 27, 2019, 1:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting
- Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 1:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

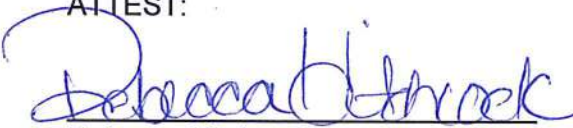
With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:15 p.m.

By:



Michael Minkler
General Manager

ATTEST:



Rebecca Hitchcock
Clerk to the Board