

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SERRANO WATER DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Serrano Water District met in a regularly scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, December 21, 2021. The meeting was held at the District Office located at 18021 Lincoln Street, Villa Park, California.

CALL TO ORDER: President Mills called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS PRESENT:

Greg Mills	President
Brad Reese	Vice President
Jerry Haight	Board Member
C.L. "Larry" Pharris, Jr.	Board Member
Frank Bryant	Board Member

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Jerry Vilander	General Manager
Laura Heflin	Administrative Assistant
Vittorio Roggero	Business Manager
Jeremy Jungreis	Legal Counsel

GUESTS PRESENT:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ANNUAL BOARD REORGANIZATION

It was moved (Director Reese), seconded (Director Bryant), and unanimously carried with Directors Reese, Haight, Pharris, Bryant and Mills voting yes to nominate Director Mills to the position of President of the Board of Directors. President Mills was congratulated on his continued appointment.

It was moved (Director Pharris), seconded (Director Mills), and unanimously carried with Directors Reese, Pharris, Bryant and Mills voting yes to nominate Director Reese to the position of Vice President of the Board of Directors. Vice President Reese was congratulated on his continued appointment.

It was moved (Director Pharris), seconded (Director Reese), and unanimously carried with Directors Reese, Pharris, Haight, Bryant and Mills voting yes to remain status quo with the Secretary and Assistant Secretary positions.

BOARD MINUTES

Consideration of Serrano Water District Board Meeting minutes of November 16, 2021. Director Haight moved that the minutes of the November 16, 2021 meeting be approved as amended, Director Pharris seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously carried with Directors Bryant, Mills, Reese, Haight and Pharris voting yes.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Vilander summarized the status of Board Committee and management matters as agendized for the month of November. Highlights included a review of various meetings attended and current issues. Discussion ensued as well as a question-and-answer period. General Manager Vilander reported that the PFAS project had been slightly delayed due to electrical subcontractor issues. The District's divisions review status was also discussed. General Manager Vilander is working with Carolyn Emery of LAFCO and staff from CSUF to obtain the necessary data.

Discussions have been held with the Construction Committee, Attorney Jungreis, Thai Pham, and Bob Bowcock regarding potential retention of a lobbyist to assist with funding efforts. A meeting with Cal-EOS has been held regarding potential funds through hazard mitigation or covid relief with potential money available. President Mills stressed the importance of retaining a lobbyist with excellent relations with existing agencies and their lobbyists. General Manager Vilander will also follow up with Joey Soto regarding the same. Meetings will be made for after the first of the year. It was unanimously agreed that the Construction Committee should make recommendations to the Board of Directors relating to the retention of a lobbyist.

Revisions and updates have been made to the District's website from the Transparency Committee's recommendations. A public records request received by the District was discussed as well as the completed ERT plan which will be reviewed with the Construction Committee. Smith Reservoir alternatives were also discussed briefly with options being determined at the Special Board meeting in January.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Business Manager Roggero presented the financials for the month October. It was moved (Director Pharris), seconded (Director Haight), and unanimously carried with Directors Bryant, Pharris, Reese, Haight and Mills voting yes to approve the disbursements in the amount of \$742,287.80. The services of Ware Disposal have been terminated. Staff will work to retain the services of another disposal company.

WATER REPORT

General Manager presented the water report for the month of November. The report was received and filed.

PFAS PROGRESS REPORT

General Manager Vilander reported on this item under the General Manager agenda item.

IRVINE LAKE AGREEMENTS

Attorney Jungreis reported that the agreements have been sent back to legal counsel at IRWD to reconcile several issues. Attorney Jungreis will follow up with legal counsel from IRWD.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was reviewed as agendized.

The following item was moved out of sequence on the agenda:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12-01 OF THE SERRANO WATER DISTRICT SUPPORTING FEDERAL PFAS LEGISLATION THAT PROTECTS RATEPAYERS AND WATER/WASTEWATER AGENCIES

Following discussion led by General Manager Vilander, it was moved (Director Pharris), seconded (Director Haight), and unanimously carried with Directors Reese, Mills, Pharris, Haight and Bryant voting yes to approve Resolution No. 2021-12-01 as presented.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Director Reese reported that the City of Villa Park Board is still reviewing potential funds transfer to the District for capital improvement projects. Director Pharris asked that Attorney Jungreis briefly review the items that are eligible for these funds.

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Attorney Jungreis reported on redistricting. He noted that two public hearings will be required.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – GENERAL MANAGER

The Board of Directors gave General Manager Vilander his annual performance evaluation and remarked on the great job that he is doing for the District.

ADJUSTMENT OF GENERAL MANAGER SALARY

Following discussion, it was moved (Director Pharris), seconded (Director Bryant), and unanimously carried with Director Pharris, Bryant, Haight, Mills and Reese voting yes to authorize a 5.5% annual salary increase retroactive to the beginning of December.

It was announced that it was not necessary to enter into closed session.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

*Conference with real property negotiators
(Government Code Section 54956.8)*

Property: Santiago Reservoir (Irvine Lake), adjacent to 4621 Santiago Canyon Road, Silverado Canyon, CA 92676.

Agency Negotiator: Jerry Vilander

Negotiating Parties: County of Orange

Under Negotiation: Price and terms

*Conference with real property negotiators
(Government Code Section 54956.8)*

Property: Storage Rights, Santiago Reservoir (Irvine Lake), adjacent to 4621 Santiago Canyon Road, Silverado Canyon, CA 92676.

Agency Negotiator: Jerry Vilander

Negotiating Parties: Irvine Ranch Water District

Under Negotiation: Price and terms

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was formally adjourned at 10:45 a.m. to the Special Board meeting scheduled for January 13, 2022 @ 8:00 a.m. at the District offices.

Laura Heflin
Administrative Assistant