

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, May 23, 2023. The meeting was held at the District Office located at 18021 Lincoln Street, Villa Park, California.

CALL TO ORDER: President Reese called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brad Reese	President
Frank Bryant	Vice-President
Greg Mills	Board Member
Jerry Haight	Board Member
Mike Pelly	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:

Lora Nichols	<i>Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates</i>
Robert Porr	<i>Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates</i>

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05-01 DISTRICT FINANCING: WIFIA (THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND INNOVATION ACT) LOAN

Ms. Lora Nichols and Mr. Robert Porr of Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates presented the WIFIA loan components with the Board of Directors. Following discussion, it was moved (Director Mills), seconded (Director Bryant) and unanimously carried with Directors Reese, Haight, Pelly, Mills and Bryant voting yes to adopt Resolution No. 2023-05-01 as presented. Ms. Nichols and Mr. Porr were thanked for their informative presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD MINUTES

Consideration of Serrano Water District Board Meeting minutes of the board meetings of April 21, 2023 and April 25, 2023. Director Haight moved that the minutes of the April 21, 2023 and April 25, 2023 meetings be approved as submitted, Director Mills seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously carried with Directors Bryant, Haight, Mills, Pelly, and Reese voting yes.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Vilander summarized the status of Board Committee and management matters as agendized for the month of April. Highlights included a review of various meetings attended and current issues. General Manager Vilander reported that Well #3 is up and running and that the design is being finalized for Smith. Director Haight asked about the RIDM cost variation for the dam tower and spillway project. General Manager Vilander will follow up on this request. Director Haight requested a revised proforma reflecting reduced reserves for the WIFIA loan as well as smoothed rates. Congresswoman Young Kim will be visiting the District facilities tentatively on July 7, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m. The MWDOC Water Policy Forum is scheduled for 6/22. General Manager Vilander reported on a leak on Ludwig and a repair issue with the District vehicle GMC Denali.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Business Manager Roggero presented the financials for the month of April. It was moved (Director Mills), seconded (Director Bryant), and unanimously carried with Directors Bryant, Reese, Pelly, Haight and Mills voting yes to approve the disbursements in the amount of \$483,218.14.

WATER REPORT

General Manager presented the water report for the month of April. The report was received and filed. Director Haight requested that Level II Conservation be removed from the District's website.

SANTIAGO RESERVOIR PROJECT UPDATE

General Manager Vilander reported on the status of the Santiago Reservoir Project. General discussion revolved around talking points for the Town Hall meeting. Director Haight requested that Attorney Jungreis be involved in the slide deck review and Transparency Committee meeting.

BAD DEBT WRITE-OFFS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Following discussion led by General Manager Vilander, it was moved (Director Bryant), seconded (Director Haight), and unanimously carried with Directors Bryant, Pelly, Reese, Haight and Mills voting yes to authorize staff to write off bad debt in the amount of \$7,889.62.

CONTRACT FOR GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND STRATEGIC ADVOCACY SERVICES: VAN SCOYOC ASSOCIATES – PETE EVICH, VICE PRESIDENT

Following discussion led by General Manager Vilander, it was moved (Director Mills), seconded (Director Bryant), and unanimously carried with Directors Bryant, Pelly, Reese, Haight and Mills voting yes to authorize General Manager Vilander to enter into a contract with Van Scoyoc Associates for a 12-month period as outlined in agreement.

CONTRACT FOR GRANT WRITING AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES: JOEY SOTO, SOTO RESOURCES

Following discussion led by General Manager Vilander, it was moved (Director Mills), seconded (Director Haight), and unanimously carried with Directors Bryant, Pelly, Reese, Haight and Mills voting yes to authorize General Manager Vilander to enter into a contract with Soto Resources for a 12-month period as outlined in agreement.

CONTRACT FOR GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND STRATEGIC ADVOCACY SERVICES: WEST COAST ADVISORS – BETH OLHASSO, VICE PRESIDENT

This item was removed from the agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was reviewed as agendized.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Director Haight remarked that he thought Director Pelly should be on more committees. Director Pelly responded that he would be happy to consider this within the next few months. Director Mills stated that the ACWA Conference recently attended was very enlightening.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

It was not necessary to enter into closed session.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Conference with real property negotiators (Government Code Section 54956.8)
Property: Storage Rights and other District Real Property at 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 11:55 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for June 30, 2023 @ 8:30 a.m. and a Special Board Meeting to be held on June 2, 2023 @ 10:30 a.m.

Laura Heflin
Administrative Assistant