



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SERRANO WATER DISTRICT

18021 East Lincoln Street, Villa Park, California

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 – 8:30 a.m.

Zoom link:

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Remote Location:

- *Director Mills – 333 Lakeside Drive, Forest City, CA 94044*

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1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE
 2. ROLL CALL
 3. PUBLIC COMMENT (Public comments are limited to three minutes per person.)
 4. BOARD MEETING MINUTES: March 18, 2024
Recommended Action: Approve the Minutes.
 5. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT: General Manager will summarize the status of all Board Committees, management and operations matters outlined below:
 - a) Ad-Hoc Construction and Maintenance Committee
 - b) Ad-Hoc Finance and Insurance Committees
 - c) Ad-Hoc Personnel and Media/Public Affairs Committees
 - d) Ad-Hoc SWD and Recreation Operations Committees
 - e) Ad-Hoc Security and Ad Hoc Irvine Lake Committees
 - f) Ad-Hoc Special Districts and City Liaison Committees

- g) Ad-Hoc Santiago Reservoir, Groundwater, Imported and Regional Water Issues
- h) Ad-Hoc External Agencies and Issues: OCWD, MWDOC, City of Orange, Orange County Operational Items: Distribution System, Ground Water, Santiago Reservoir, Treatment Plant, Other Informational Items.

Recommended Action: Informational Only. No Action Required.

- 6. FINANCIAL REPORT: The Business Manager will submit the District's current financial condition based on the written reports to the board.

Recommended Action: 1. Receive and file financial report.
 2. Approve bills for payment of \$309,418.73

- 7. WATER REPORT: The General Manager will submit the District's water supply and quality report.

Recommended Action: Informational Only. No Action required.

- 8. SANTIAGO RESERVOIR PROJECT UPDATE

Recommended Action: Board discretion.

- 9. ANNUAL COLA AND COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT

Recommended Action: Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to conduct his annual employee reviews in July 2024 and, at his discretion, issue COLA increases in the amount of 2.5% on all the position ranges resulting in an overall total increase in budgeted salaries by 2.05%

- 10. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN SERRANO WATER DISTRICT AND ROBERT D. NEIHAUS, INC. FOR AS NEEDED FINANCIAL AND RATE EVALUATION SERVICES NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000

Recommended Action: Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to increase the contract amount with Robert D. Neihaus Inc. in an amount of not to exceed \$100,000 for as-needed financial and rate evaluation services.

- 11. CONSIDERATION ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2024-04-01 (APPROVING AN INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (IS/MND) FOR, THE SMITH RESERVOIR REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Recommended Action:

- (1) Carefully review and consider this staff report and the exhibits attached thereto; and
- (2) Conduct a Public Hearing in regard to the Smith Reservoir Project MND;
- (3) Close the Public Hearing; and
- (4) Approve Resolution 2024-04-01 as recommended by District staff and adopt a mitigated negative declaration for, and approving, the Smith Reservoir Replacement Project

- 12. RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04-02 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SERRANO WATER DISTRICT DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY AT IRVINE LAKE AS "EXEMPT SURPLUS LAND" IRVINE LAKE MASTER GROUND LEASE UPDATE AND RESOLUTION DECLARING EXEMPTION FROM SURPLUS LAND ACT

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2024-04-02 as presented.

13. RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04-03 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SERRANO WATER DISTRICT REVIEWING, AMENDING, AND RESTATING THE DISTRICT'S STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2024-04-03 as presented.

14. RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04-04 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SERRANO WATER DISTRICT ESTABLISHING CERTAIN RESERVE GOALS AND ALLOCATING DISTRICT FUNDS TO DESIGNATED RESERVE ACCOUNTS.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2024-04-04 as presented.

15. ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO 5 YEAR RATE STRUCTURE

Recommended Action: Informational.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

Recommended Action: Board discretion. No action required.

17. DIRECTORS COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Recommended Action: Informational only. No Action Required.

18. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Recommended Action: Board Discretion

19. 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

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – [Government Code Section 54956.9(a)] – *Orange County Water District et al. v. 3M Company et al.*

20. ADJOURNMENT

Website Unique Visitors 2024: January – 929; February – 802; March - 971.

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