

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 7, 2023

DISTRICT OFFICE

ROLL CALL:

Board President Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Those in attendance: Director Rodriguez, Director Peranick, Director Valdez, Director Baroni, Director Gonzales, Neal Costanzo, Jason Franklin and JoAnn Vierra. Also in attendance: Lorii Anderson/Berger & Co. CPAs

CONSENT CALENDAR: Minutes from Regular Meeting of February 6, 2023 & bills payable were accepted as presented.

PUBLIC ADDRESS: NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Presentation of the District audit for fiscal year end 06/30/22

Lorii Anderson/Berger & Co. CPAs presented the District's finalized audit for fiscal year end 06/30/22 and answered questions regarding CALPERS contributions. Director Rodriguez called for a motion to accept or reject the audit results. Director Peranick motioned & Director Baroni seconded to accept the audit results. Vote was cast, with all board members voting in favor to accept the audit results as presented. Lorii Anderson exited the meeting.

6.2 Consideration and Necessary Action regarding Resolution 2023-03 Finding that the Pinedale County Water District/Fresno Irrigation District Surface Water Supply Agreement Project is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Discussion regarding the agreement with FID. Jason stated that he spoke with Kassy/GMA and there's some pushback from the City of Fresno regarding the District's use of ponding basins. There is one viable ponding basin within District boundaries, located at Maroa/Herndon. The City of Fresno is currently uncooperative regarding allowing the District to use that basin. Discussion continued regarding the possible alternatives and the District's response to issues with the City of Fresno. Neal & Jason both recommended that the Board adopt Resolution 2023-03. Director Peranick motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-03, Director Baroni seconded. Vote was cast, with all Directors voting in favor to adopt Resolution 2023-03, none absent and none abstained.

DEFERRED BUSINESS:

7.1 Ben Etemadi/Hunsaker & Assoc. was not in attendance. Some discussion was conducted regarding the District's position on the construction at 58 W. Herndon and the protection of the District's existing water line at the property. The District has provided the property owners, Property Manager & the General Contractor with the District's requirements for the easement and the protection of the District's line, and the District's expectation is that those requirements will be honored.

7.2 Harrison Hughes/Provost & Pritchard was not in attendance; however, he provided a written update which was given to all Board members. Jason gave a rundown on the Water Main Replacement project & the Water Meter project, both of which are proceeding as expected and are still on track. Director Rodriguez inquired whether the State's 2025 deadline for installation of water meters has been extended. Per Neal, the date has been extended, possibly to 2030.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

BOARD AND STAFF REPORTS:

9.1 Manager's Report:

9.1.1 See 6.2 above—Resolution 2023-03 was passed by the Board.

9.1.2 Jason informed that he wants Frank Daniele to be present at meetings with prospective Engineering firms. The Board is in agreement, and Jason will contact Frank regarding scheduling.

9.2 **Engineer's Report:** NONE

9.3 **Attorney's Report:** Neal requested that Director Valdez contact him after his 3/25/23 meeting with Mayor Jerry Dyer.

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9.4 **Board President’s Report:** Director Rodriguez states that he would like to see the PCWD Compensation Schedule that Jason & JoAnn are formulating at the next meeting. Per Jason, it will be ready by then.

9.5 **Director’s Report(s):**
Questions were posed regarding watering schedules and the District’s response to complaints received from customers. The District’s policy is to investigate complaints and to respond accordingly, whether it be with a warning or the assessment of a fine for overwatering or watering on a non-allowed day/time. A permit is required to drain a pool, and a fine of \$150 is assessed in the event that the property owner or the pool contractor does not contact the District to obtain a permit to drain a pool prior to actually draining the pool.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

APPROVED BY	:	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
DAVID RODRIGUEZ		JOANN VIERRA
BOARD PRESIDENT		DISTRICT SECRETARY