FAIR OAKS WATER DISTRICT

AGENDA ITEM III.1a

Regular Board Meeting Approved Minutes May 20, 2024

District Attendees

Chris Petersen President Mark Dolby Vice President Randy Marx **Board Member** Michael McRae **Board Member** Misha Sarkovich **Board Member** Tom R. Gray General Manager Shawn Huckaby Operations Manager Chi Ha-Ly Finance Manager

Paul Siebensohn Technical Services Manager
Rebecca Simon Human Resource Administrator
Nick Kepler Operations Superintendent

Other Attendees

Paul Helliker SJWD General Manager

Ali Cooper Visitor

Absent

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CALL TO ORDER

• President Petersen called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Visitor Cooper introduced himself and provided his feedback on the 25% water rate increase over three years and the construction of the Corporate Yard Project. He asked the Board to consider establishing a Citizen Oversight Committee.
- Director Sarkovich shared that there will be a workshop discussing the budget process to provide an opportunity for the public to participate.
- Director McRae stated that FOWD still offers the lowest water rates in comparison to nearby water agencies.
- SJWD General Manager Helliker stated that SJWD responded to FOWD's litigation regarding wholesale rates. He also provided a brief summary of the Water Bank Program Committee Meeting he attended.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent calendar items were considered and acted upon as follows:

- 1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Board Meeting of April 15, 2024
- 2. Accept and File Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2024
 - Director McRae inquired about the tarp expenses in the check register.
 - General Manager Gray explained that FOWD received a notice advising that they needed to be removed. A permit was obtained, and material was replaced to operate for the next few years.
- 3. File Investment Report for the month of March 2024
- 4. Accept and File Financial Expense Report for the month of April 2024
- 5. Approval of Warrants
- 6. Approval of Cal-Card Statements for the month of April 2024
- 7. Approval of Board Expense Report for the month of April 2024

Director Sarkovich moved to approve the consent calendar as presented.

Director McRae seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following votes: Dolby - aye, Marx - aye, McRae - aye, Petersen - aye, and Sarkovich - aye.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. None

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Discussion and possible action on the selection of a consultant to provide professional design services for the Northridge Well Project
 - General Manager Gray shared staff's recommendation to hire KASL Consulting Engineers for this project.
 - General Manager Gray addressed questions and concerns from the Board.

Director Marx moved to approve the selection of a consultant to provide professional design services for the Northridge Well Project and directed General Manager Gray to open all three bids for negotiation purposes.

Director Dolby seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following votes: Dolby – aye, Marx – aye and McRae – aye, Petersen – abstain, Sarkovich – abstain.

2. Discussion and possible action on the New York Water Main Replacement Project

- General Manager Gray shared the bid package for Phase I of the New York Main Replacement and presented staff's recommendation to obtain bids for the construction in accordance with the included schedule.
- The Board discussed the bid approach and process.

President Petersen moved to approve and direct General Manager Gray to obtain bids for the New York Water Main Replacement Project.

Director Sarkovich seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following votes: Dolby – aye, Marx – aye, McRae – aye, Petersen – aye, and Sarkovich – aye.

VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion on FOWD Water Supply for the month of April 2024

- Technical Services Manager Siebensohn provided a summary of the water supply report.
- Technical Services Manager Siebensohn and General Manager Gray addressed questions from the Board.

2. Discussion on and possible action on moving the June 17, 2024 and July 15, 2024 FOWD Regular Board Meeting dates

• President Petersen will not be present for the June 17, 2024 and July 15, 2024, Board Meetings. Meeting dates will not be moved.

3. Discussion and possible action on an updated FOWD Policy No. 1010: "Conflict of Interest"

• General Manager Gray presented the Board with the updated policy.

Director Sarkovich moved to approve the updated FOWD Policy No. 1010 as presented.

Director McRae seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following votes: Dolby - aye, Marx - aye, McRae - aye, Petersen - aye, and Sarkovich - aye.

4. Update and discussion on the Transmission Pipeline Main Break at Pershing Avenue and Chestnut Avenue

- Operations Manager Huckaby provided an overview and update.
- Operations Manager Huckaby and General Manager Gray addressed questions from the Board.
- Operations Superintendent Kepler provided a summary of events.
- The Board congratulated staff for their prompt response and amazing work.

5. Update and discussion on the 2023 Consumer Confidence Report

• General Manager Gray provided an overview.

6. Update and discussion on the candidate statement costs for the November 2024 General Election

• General Manager Gray provided an overview.

7. Update and discussion on State proposed "Water Budgets" for FOWD customers

• Technical Services Manager Siebensohn provided an overview. He addressed questions from the Board and SJWD General Manager Helliker.

8. Discussion and possible action on additional funding for 2024 expenses

• General Manager Gray provided a summary of additional funding requested to cover 2024 expenses.

Director Sarkovich moved to authorize General Manager Gray to transfer \$325,000 from the reserves to cover 2024 expenses.

President Petersen seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following votes: Dolby – aye, Marx – aye, McRae – aye, Petersen – aye, and Sarkovich – aye.

VII. UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1. May 20, 2024 / SJWD Public Information Committee Meeting / SJWD Office
- 2. May 22, 2024 / SJWD Board Meeting / SJWD Office
- 3. June 13, 2024 / SGA Board Meeting / Sacramento
- 4. June 23-26 / CSDA GM Leadership Summit / Anaheim

VIII. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- 1. Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA)
 - None.
- 2. Regional Water Authority (RWA)
 - Report provided.
- 3. Sacramento Water Forum
 - None.

4. Other

• Report provided.

IX. DIRECTORS' REPORTS & COMMENTS

- 1. Budget Committee (Sarkovich, Dolby)
 - None.
- 2. Technical Advisory Committee (Marx, Petersen)
 - President Petersen and Director Marx met.
- 3. Capital Improvement Committee (Petersen, Dolby)
 - None.
- 4. Personnel Committee (McRae, Dolby)
 - None.
- 5. Public Relations Committee (McRae, Dolby)
 - None.
- 6. FOWD and SJWD 2x2 Ad-Hoc Committee (McRae, Petersen)
 - None.
- 7. FOWD and CWD 2x2 Ad-Hoc Committee (McRae, Marx)
 - None.
- 8. Corporate Yard Ad-Hoc Committee (Sarkovich, Petersen)
 - None.

X. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- 1. Maintenance Work Report
 - Report provided.
- 2. Capital Projects Status Report
 - Report provided.
- 3. Authorizations of Additional Funding
 - Report provided.
- 4. Water Transfer Status Report
 - None.
- 5. Claims Against District
 - Report provided.

6. Employee Update

• General Manager Gray provided update.

7. Water Issues – Update on Regional Involvement

None.

8. Other

• None.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

• None.

President Petersen closed the open session meeting at 8:55 p.m.

President Petersen opened the closed session meeting at 9:05 p.m.

XII. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54954 AND 54956

- 1. Conference with legal counsel on existing litigation; Government Code Sections 54954.5 and 54956.9; Citrus Heights Water District & Fair Oaks Water District v. San Juan Water District; Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 24WM000064
- 2. Conference on Anticipated Litigation; Government Code Section 54956.9(d) one case

President Petersen closed the closed session meeting at 9:45 p.m.

President Petersen reopened the meeting to the public at 9:45 p.m.

XIII. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

None.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, President Petersen adjourned the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

The Board approved the preceding minutes on June 17, 2024

Tom R. Gray

General Manager/Board Secretary

6-24-2024 Date