

Minutes

Sacramento Suburban Water District Special Board Meeting Monday, April 4, 2022

Location:

3701 Marconi Avenue, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95821, Audio Conference at 1-669-900-6833,
and Video Conference using Zoom at Meeting Id #871 2213 3225

Call to Order

President Locke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Locke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Directors Present: Jay Boatwright, Dave Jones, Craig Locke, Kevin Thomas, and Robert Wichert.

Directors Absent: None.

Staff Present: General Manager Dan York, Assistant General Manager Matt Underwood, and Heather Hernandez-Fort.

Public Present: William Eubanks, Ursula Binggeli, Ed Binggeli, Mary Sullivan-Trivett, Brenda Hasting, and Legal Counsel Josh Horowitz.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Locke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements

General Manager Dan York (GM York) announced:

- The ACWA Spring Conference will be taking place in Sacramento May 2-6, 2022.

Public Comment

None.

Public Hearing for the Reapportioning of Divisions for Election of Directors after the 2020 Federal Census

1. Public Hearing for the Reapportioning of Divisions for the Election of Directors After the 2020 Federal Census

President Locke opened the Public Hearing and asked GM York to provide a summary of the circumstances that brought forth the need for the Public Hearing.

GM York provided a timeline from the Board action calling for the Public Hearing through legal notices provided to the public. He explained the order of the proceeding for the Public Hearing and noted that after all public comments have been received, the Public Hearing would be closed.

Assistant General Manager Matt Underwood (AGM Underwood) presented the proposed voting division map, summarized changes to voting divisions, and summarized the verbal and written communication received.

William Eubanks (Mr. Eubanks) asked clarifying questions.

Mary Sullivan-Trivett (Ms. Sullivan-Trivett) asked clarifying questions.

AGM Underwood provided an additional summary of the circumstances that brought forth the need for the Public Hearing.

President Locke closed the public comment portion of the Public Hearing.

President Locke closed the Public Hearing.

Items for Discussion and/or Action

2. Resolution No. 22-06 Reapportioning Divisions for the Election of Directors After the 2020 Federal Census

AGM Underwood answered clarifying questions.

Director Wichert moved to approve the staff recommendation; Director Boatwright seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

AYES:	Boatwright, Jones, Locke, Thomas, and Wichert.	ABSTAINED:	
NOES:		RECUSED:	
ABSENT:			

3. Carmichael Water District and Sacramento Suburban Water District Combination Study - Business Case Analysis

GM York presented the staff report.

Mr. Eubanks expressed he was against a combination with Carmichael Water District (CWD) as he did not feel there was any benefit to the District’s ratepayers.

Ms. Sullivan-Trivett requested the Board make the information on the Combination Study more simple for ratepayers, and asked additional clarifying questions.

President Locke provided the public with a summary of the Combination Study discussions leading up to the Business Case Analysis.

Clarifying questions were asked by the public and the Board responded.

Director Wichert expressed he was opposed to the contract, noting there was not even a table of contents. He additionally expressed he felt staff could do a better job conducting the Combination Study.

Director Jones expressed he felt the Combination Study was a great starting point.

President Locke expressed he supported continuing with the analysis as well.

Director Boatwright asked some clarifying questions, and expressed he was also interested in the study being performed by an independent firm rather than staff, as he didn't feel staff had the time to do it, and an independent firm would not have a stake in the outcome of the report.

Director Wichert restated he was most interested in staff doing the report, and further expressed staff could use overtime to complete the report.

Director Thomas moved to approve the staff recommendation; Director Jones seconded. The motion passed by a 4/1 vote. Director Wichert opposed.

AYES:	Boatwright, Jones, Locke, and Thomas.	ABSTAINED:	
NOES:	Wichert.	RECUSED:	
ABSENT:			

Closed Session (Closed Session Items are not open to the public)

The Board convened in Closed Session at 5:52 p.m. to discuss the following:

- 4. Public employee performance evaluation involving the General Manager under Government Code section 54954.5(e) and 54957.

Return to Open Session

The Board convened in Open Session at 6:20 p.m. There was no reportable action.

Adjournment

President Locke adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Dan York
General Manager/Secretary
Sacramento Suburban Water District