



## Minutes

### **Del Paso Manor Water District/Sacramento Suburban Water District 2x2 Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 14, 2023**

#### **Location:**

3701 Marconi Avenue, Suite 100, Sacramento, CA 95821, and Audio Conference at 1-669-900-6833, and Video Conference using Zoom at Meeting Id #851 5677 8149

#### **Call to Order – Videoconference/Audioconference Meeting**

SSWD Director Wichert (Chair Wichert) called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

#### **Roll Call**

SSWD Directors

Present: Jay Boatwright and Robert Wichert.

SSWD Directors

Absent: None.

DPMWD Directors

Present: Carl Dolk and Ryan Saunders.

DPMWD Directors

Absent: None.

SSWD Staff Present: General Manager Dan York (SSWD GM York), Assistant General Manager Matt Underwood, Jeff Ott, Greg Bundesen, and Heather Hernandez-Fort.

DPMWD Staff Present: General Manager Alan Gardner (DPMWD GM Gardner).

Public Present: Gwyn Pratt, Carol Rose, William Eubanks, Kevin Thomas and Christine Kohn.

#### **Public Comment**

None.

#### **Consent Items**

1. **Minutes of the January 10, 2023, Del Paso Manor Water District/Sacramento Suburban Water District 2x2 Committee Meeting**

Chair Wichert requested to pull Item 1 for discussion. He provided clarification that the \$52 million dollars would be needed over 20 years, as opposed to immediately.

Chair Wichert moved to approve the Consent Item; SSWD Director Boatwright seconded.

Mr. Eubanks expressed concern over the financial impact to SSWD ratepayers.

DPMWD Director Saunders clarified that their intent was for an equitable relationship with mutual agreement.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

AYES:	Boatwright, Dolk, Saunders, and Wichert.	ABSTAINED:	
NOES:		RECUSED:	
ABSENT:			

### **Items for Discussion and/or Action**

2. **Municipal Services Review Update**

DPMWD GM Gardner presented the staff report and an update on DPMWD's Municipal Services Review (MSR).

SSWD GM York provided an update to SSWD's MSR.

3. **Combination Discussion – Next Steps/Analysis**

SSWD GM York presented the staff report and PowerPoint presentation.

GM York expressed staff was not planning on hiring outside consultants, as he felt staff would be able to conduct the analysis internally.

DPMWD Director Saunders expressed DPMWD Board wanted to see all outreach materials before being published.

Mr. Eubanks asked clarifying questions.

Chair Wichert expressed he would not vote to move the item forward until it was clear that each topic was a Board decision.

SSWD GM York clarified that each topic was for Board decision and staff was providing higher level information to the Committee.

DPMWD GM Gardner expressed that the information provided was intended to be an educational and decision making document which included options in each area for the Boards to make decisions.

DPMWD Director Saunders pointed out it was a lot of work, and suggested targeting a few components at a time, to present to both Boards, to assess the position of the Boards.

DPMWD Director Dolk suggested holding several Joint Board meetings, with the first being an informal, educational, meet-and-greet, to get a feel for how the Boards would react to the information provided.

SSWD Director Boatwright suggested presenting the information to both Boards and request that they authorize the 2x2 Committee to gather and review more information, and then make recommendations to the full Boards.

Chair Wichert didn't think the full Boards would allow the 2x2 Committee to make any decisions, and additionally recommended a Joint Board meeting as a meet-and-greet. He additionally suggested for staff to bring background, current structure, and possibly perceived benefits, to that Joint Board meeting.

SSWD GM York expressed that if the full Boards were not comfortable providing authority to the 2x2 Committee, that perhaps they should discontinue holding 2x2 Committee meetings and only holding Joint Board meetings.

The Committee agreed with SSWD GM York's suggestion.

DPMWD Director Saunders recommended there be a Joint Board meeting, with presenting the topics Chair Wichert suggested, and additionally present the next steps/analysis.

Mr. Eubanks expressed that having a Joint Board meeting would identify how comfortable the Boards were with moving forward on a combination.

The Committee agreed to hold a Joint Board meeting as an introductory meeting.

4. **Combination Discussion Communications Plan Update**

SSWD GM York presented the staff report.

Discussion ensued regarding presenting the Communications Plan to the Joint Board meeting. The Committee agreed to not include the Communications Plan at the first Joint Board meeting.

SSWD GM York suggested that staff could present recommendations on what their next Joint Board meeting topics would include.

Carol Rose requested the Committee address not only the potential benefits, but also the disadvantages of a combination.

5. **Joint Board Meeting**

SSWD GM York presented the staff report.

6. **Next Meeting Date and Time**

The Committee agreed to hold the Joint Board meeting before scheduling another meeting of the 2x2 Committee.

7. **Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

Chair Wichert adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

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Dan York  
General Manager/Secretary  
Sacramento Suburban Water District