



## Minutes

### **Del Paso Manor Water District/Sacramento Suburban Water District 2x2 Committee Meeting Tuesday, January 10, 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 #839 0455 6332

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

DPMWD Director Saunders (Chair Saunders) 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, and Heather Hernandez-Fort,

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

Public Present: Dave Jones, Kevin Thomas, Gwyn Pratt, Craig Locke, Carol Rose, Desirae Fox, Jose Henriquez, Carl Jones.

#### **Public Comment**

None.

#### **Consent Items**

1. **Minutes of the December 6, 2022, DPMWD/SSWD 2x2 Committee Meeting**  
SSWD Director Wichert moved to approve the Consent Item; SSWD Director Boatwright seconded. 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**

SSWD GM York introduced the Item.

DPMWD GM Gardner provided an update to DPMWD’s Municipal Services Review (MSR).

SSWD Director Wichert expressed concern over DPMWD’s MSR, pointing out the last paragraph in the LAFCo report that stated much of DPMWD’s water mains are in state of disrepair, and need to be repaired and or replaced. He further pointed out the \$61 million dollars in rehabilitations and replacements needed. He expressed concern over how negative the report appeared, noting it might be challenging to defend some of the items in the report to the public.

DPMWD GM Gardner expressed he felt the actual condition of DPMWD was better than represented in the report.

SSWD GM York expressed that the communications plan is going to be very detailed and accurate.

Discussion ensued over the priority of replacing infrastructure in DPMWD.

SSWD Director Wichert inquired if LAFCo considered mandating a consolidation with DPMWD.

Jose Henriquez, Executive Officer for LAFCo (Mr. Henriquez) expressed that with the two Districts working together collaboratively, there was no need for LAFCo to pursue that at this point. He additionally stated that the DPMWD MSR was pointing out the necessary replacements and improvements as a whole, expressing that those upgrades were not expected to be completed immediately, but over time. He additionally noted that the district, or districts, could use that information in an effort to obtain grant funding for improvements.

SSWD Director Wichert commented that he felt it might be easier for the two boards to be told by LAFCo that they had to combine.

Mr. Henriquez expressed that a consolidation meant dissolving both districts, and creating a new one in its place, which also requires an election. He expressed that it appears that what DPMWD and SSWD were looking at was a reorganization, where DPMWD dissolves and SSWD absorbs DPMWD in an annexation, noting that is less disruptive. He further expressed its more advantageous and successful to engage the public and work together versus being told to do it.

SSWD Director Wichert expressed the he was in support of the reorganization of the two districts, noting he still felt it would be better for LAFCo to tell the districts to do so.

SSWD Director Wichert requested for Mr. Henriquez to add the words “over the next 20 years,” to the \$52 million dollars in well rehabilitation and water main replacements in the DPMWD MSR.

Mr. Henriquez expressed he would ask their consultant to add it and should have it updated by March 1, 2023.

DPMWD Director Dolk requested for Mr. Henriquez to also add the Forsgren inspection in the MSR.

Mr. Henriquez expressed he would ask their consultant to add that in as well.

3. **Condition Assessment – Groundwater Production Wells**

DPMWD GM Gardner presented the staff report, provided an update of the condition assessment of the groundwater production wells, and answered clarifying questions.

4. **Condition Assessment – Infrastructure Replacement Options**

Jeff Ott (Mr. Ott) presented the staff report and answered clarifying questions.

DPMWD Director Dolk expressed that he liked the hybrid approach, and stated his appreciation to Mr. Ott for the fair approach.

5. **Combination Discussion Communications Plan Status Update**

SSWD GM York presented the staff report, noting communication will be drafted and brought to the Committee for feedback and approval. He further noted that SSWD will not be involved with DPMWD’s Prop 218 Process communication and outreach.

SSWD Director Wichert requested for Phase 1 to include potential advantages and benefits.

Chair Saunders expressed he was pleased with the presentation, noting it was well thought out.

SSWD GM York noted that staff usually would do most of the direct outreach to stakeholders, but that if any Director was interested in specifically speaking with a person or group, to let staff know.

6. **Combination Discussion– Next Phase/Activity**

SSWD GM York presented the staff report.

SSWD Director Wichert requested to change the term “phase” to an actual name.

DPMWD Director Dolk asked to remove or reword the phrase in the presentation, “reduction in future additional staffing.”

The Committee asked to bring back and prioritize the task list, placing Governance first.

7. **Next Meeting Date and Time**

The Committee agreed to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

8. **Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

Chair Saunders adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

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Dan York  
General Manager/Secretary  
Sacramento Suburban Water District