



Minutes

Carmichael Water District/Sacramento Suburban Water District 2x2 Committee Meeting June 8, 2023

Location:

3701 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821, and Audio Conference at 1-669-900-6833, and Video Conference using Zoom at Meeting Id #813 3672 9624

Call to Order – Videoconference/Audioconference Meeting

CWD Director Mark Emmerson (Chair Emmerson) called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Director Nelson was not present at the time to chair the meeting.

SSWD Directors

Present: Dave Jones and Craig Locke.

SSWD Directors

Absent: None.

CWD Directors

Present: Jeff Nelson (joined the meeting at 3:34 p.m.) and Mark Emmerson.

CWD Directors

Absent: None.

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

CWD Staff Present: Carmichael Water District (CWD) General Manager Cathy Lee (CWD GM Lee), and Debbie Martin.

Public Present: Legal Counsel Josh Horowitz, William Eubanks, Ellen Cross, Jennifer Persike, Christine Kohn, Kevin Thomas, Greg Zlotnick, Jose Henriquez, Ron Davis, Kyler Raydel, Jay Boatwright, Ron Greenwood, and Cody Brown.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Items

1. **Minutes of the May 4, 2023, Carmichael Water District/Sacramento Suburban Water District 2x2 Committee Meeting**

SSWD Director Jones moved to approve the Consent Item; SSWD Director Locke seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

AYES:	Emmerson, Jones, and Locke.	ABSTAINED:	
NOES:		RECUSED:	
ABSENT:	Nelson.		

Items for Discussion and/or Action

2. **Combination Discussions – Draft Outline Report**

SSWD GM York presented the staff report and PowerPoint presentation, reviewed the steps and process going forward, and answered clarifying questions.

Chair Emmerson inquired if there was to be an election, if it would be a vote of the registered voters, or landowners.

Jose Henriquez (Mr. Henriquez), Executive Officer of LAFCo, answered that it would be a vote of the registered voters.

William Eubanks (Mr. Eubanks) asked clarifying questions about procedures during the public information workshops, as well as the LAFCo process and timeline for combination.

Mr. Henriquez explained the LAFCo process for a combination of two agencies.

3. **Combination Discussions – Communications Plan Update**

SSWD GM York presented the staff report.

CWD Director Nelson joined the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

Christine Kohn provided a verbal update of the public outreach status.

CWD Director Nelson inquired if Directors were able to attend each of the Public Information Workshops.

Josh Horowitz (Mr. Horowitz) legal counsel, expressed that the Directors were allowed to attend the Public Information Workshops, noting the Directors of the opposite agency should be mindful not to commit Brown Act violations.

4. **Carmichael Water District and Sacramento Suburban Water District Board of Directors Interviews**

SSWD GM York presented the staff report and introduced Ellen Cross with Strategy Driver, and Jennifer Persike with Jennifer Persike and Company, who presented the PowerPoint presentation of an overview of the interviews with the Directors.

Chair Emmerson pointed out that there were collaborative projects, combining staff resources, and cooperative efforts that the two districts could engage with currently, while the LAFCo process was in process. He further suggested the two districts consider a resolution to engage in cooperative efforts now.

Mr. Horowitz agreed that the two districts could work together on a joint resolution to set direction and currently work on collaborative projects.

SSWD GM York supported the suggestion, further suggesting it could be beneficial to begin with combining the staff of both agencies at a more informal gathering to meet and network together.

Mr. Eubanks asked clarifying questions.

5. **Rate Comparison Analysis Update**

SSWD GM York introduced Jeff Ott who presented the staff report and answered clarifying questions.

Mr. Eubanks asked clarifying questions.

6. **Setting Future Meetings of the 2x2 Committee**

SSWD GM York presented the staff report.

Due to Committee member scheduling conflicts, the Committee agreed to reschedule the August 14, 2023, meeting to August 9, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

7. **Public Comment**

None.

Adjournment

Chair Emmerson adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

Dan York
General Manager/Secretary
Sacramento Suburban Water District