

## Minutes

### Sacramento Suburban Water District Regular Board Meeting February 26, 2024

#### Location:

3701 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95821, Audio Conference at 1-669-900-6833, and Video Conference using Zoom at Meeting ID #834 0830 4273

#### Call to Order

President Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

President Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Roll Call

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

Directors Absent: None.

Staff Present: General Manager Dan York, Assistant General Manager Matt Underwood, Heather Hernandez-Fort, Mitchell McCarthy, Hector Segoviano, Julie Nemitz, Howard Moreland, Dana Dean, Jeff Ott, and Todd Artrip.

Public Present: Legal Counsel Josh Horowitz, Brett Ewart, Jennifer Harris, Tony Firenzi, Charles Duncan, Lindsay Smith, Paul Helliker, and Brent Ives.

#### Announcements

General Manager Dan York (GM York) announced:

- The Regional Water Authority Executive Committee Chair appointed Director Wichert to the Executive Committee Board.

#### Public Comment

Jennifer Harris requested assistance getting ahold of Tokay Park Water Company, as her friend has some water quality concerns with them and has been unable to get ahold of them.

GM York stated he would look into this further and reach out to Ms. Harris.

#### Closed Session (Closed Session Items are not opened to the public)

The Board convened in Closed Session at 6:03 p.m. to discuss the following:

1. Conference to provide the District's labor negotiator, Director Robert Wichert, with direction concerning changes to the General Manager's compensation and benefits; Government Code sections 54954.5(f) and 54957.6.

2. Conference with legal counsel--existing litigation; Government Code sections 54954.5(c) and 54956.9(a) and (d)(1); *Sacramento Suburban Water District v. The 3M Company, et al.*, United States District Court for the District Of South Carolina, Charleston Division, MDL No. 2873 (PFAS contamination claims).

**Return to Open Session**

The Board convened in Open Session at 6:36 p.m., there was no reportable action.

**Consent Items**

3. **Draft Minutes of the January 22, 2024, Regular Board Meeting**
4. **Draft Minutes of the January 31, 2024, Special Board Meeting – Public Information Workshop**
5. **Treasurer’s Report**
6. **Policy Review - Employee Recruitment, Hiring and Promotion Policy (PL – HR 009)**
7. **2024 Legislation Support Request**

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

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

**Items for Discussion and/or Action**

8. **General Manager Employment Agreement**

GM York introduced the staff report.

Director Wichert said he felt the negotiations went very well and that the General Manager is doing an excellent job.

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

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

9. **RiverArc Project**

GM York presented the staff report and introduced Lindsey Smith, (Ms. Smith) with West Yost, Brett Ewart, (Mr. Ewart) with the City of Sacramento, and Toni Firenzi, (Mr. Firenzi) with the Placer County Water Agency.

Mr. Ewart and Mr. Firenzi provided a brief history and overview of the project.

Ms. Smith presented the PowerPoint presentation and answered clarifying questions.

GM York inquired if the Board was interested in continuing efforts in this project.

The Board agreed for staff to continue moving forward and to present additional information to the Board as it becomes available.

Director Locke requested staff provide information at the next presentation on how much capacity would increase with the project.

10. **Agreement Between the City of Sacramento and Sacramento Suburban Water District for American River Terms for Ecosystem Support and Infrastructure Assistance Needs**

GM York presented the staff report.

Mr. Ewart provided additional information on the topic.

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

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

11. **Early Redemption of Debt Analysis**

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

12. **Progressive Design-Build Projects – 2024 Milestones**

Mitchell McCarthy presented the staff report and answered clarifying questions.

The Board accepted the milestones presented by staff.

13. **Carmichael Water District/Sacramento Suburban Water District Combination Discussion Update**

GM York presented the staff report, provided an update, and answered clarifying questions.

Director Wichert expressed he did not support the cancelation of the Joint Board meeting, and expressed he felt it was a setback, noting he was more interested in holding Joint Board meetings as opposed to SSWD/CWD 2x2 Committee meetings.

14. **Groundwater Well Asset Management Plan Implementation Status**

Howard Moreland presented the staff report and answered clarifying questions.

Director Wichert recommended staff include what preliminary projects were in process now, as opposed to leaving the section blank.

15. **Water Meter Asset Management Plan Implementation Status**

Hector Segoviano presented the staff report and answered clarifying questions.

**General Manager's Report**

16. **General Manager's Report**

GM York presented the staff report.

a. *Grant of Easement and Right of Way*

GM York presented the staff report.

b. *SMUD Coordination Update*

GM York presented the staff report.

c. *Storm Response*

Todd Artrip (Mr. Artrip) presented the staff report.

**Department/Staff Reports**

17. **Groundwater Well Status Report**

Dana Dean (Mr. Dean) presented the staff report and answered clarifying questions.

Director Wichert requested staff provide him with some of the informal SMUD reports so he can see what they say.

18. **Engineering Report**

Mr. Dean presented the staff report and answered clarifying questions.

Director Wichert recommended staff remove the original completion dates from the staff report, and just show the date it changes.

a. *Major Capital Improvement Program Projects*

A written report was provided.

b. *Planning Documents*

A written report was provided.

- c. *Other Projects*  
A written report was provided.

19. **Financial Report**

Mr. Ott presented the staff report.

- a. *Financial Highlights*  
A written report was provided.
- b. *Financial Statements*  
A written report was provided.
- c. *Budgets*  
A written report was provided.

20. **District Activity Report**

Mr. Artrip presented the staff report.

Julie Nemitz provided the status on the District's wide billing, noting everything went very well.

**Information Items**

21. **Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission Special District Election and Association of California Water Agencies Committee Appointment Results**

GM York presented the staff report.

22. **Upcoming Water Industry Meetings/Conferences**

A written report was provided.

23. **Upcoming Policy Review**

A written report was provided.

- a. *Employee Compensation Policy (PL – HR 002)*
- b. *Workplace Dishonesty Policy (PL – Adm 006)*

**Director's Reports (Per AB 1234, Directors will report on their meeting activities)**

- 24. a. Regional Water Authority (Director Wichert)  
None.
- b. Sacramento Groundwater Authority (Director Boatwright)  
None.

c. Director Reports – AB 1234

President Thomas provided an oral report of the “Chrom in Drinking Water” webinar he attended on January 9, 2024; the CWD Board meeting he attended on January 16, 2024; the AeroJet CAG meeting he attended on January 17, 2024; the meeting with the General Manager that he had on January 18, 2024; and the “Getting the Lead Out,” webinar he attended on January 30, 2024.

Director Boatwright provided an oral report of the SGA meeting he attended on February 8, 2024.

**Director’s Comments/Staff Statements and Requests**

None.

**Adjournment**

President Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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Dan York  
General Manager/Secretary  
Sacramento Suburban Water District