

## **Minutes**

### **Sacramento Suburban Water District Special Board Meeting Wednesday, October 16, 2019**

#### **Call to Order**

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

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

President Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Roll Call**

Directors Present: Dave Jones, Craig Locke, Kathleen McPherson, Kevin Thomas and Robert Wichert.

Directors Absent: None.

Staff Present: General Manager Dan York, Assistant General Manager Mike Huot, Director of Finance and Administration Dan Bills, Heather Hernandez-Fort and Julie Nemitz.

Public Present: William Eubanks, Avery Wiseman, Paul Olmstead, Jane Kwong, Debbie Burnett, Sandi Scheiber, Jan Yarnet, Juan Martinez, Ray Fishbach, Pat Fishbach, Elaine Cannon, Lok Law, Lance Salisbury, Sam Zarek, Habib Isaac, Jennifer Harris, Christine Kohn, and District Legal Counsel Josh Horowitz.

#### **Announcements**

None.

#### **Public Comment**

None.

#### **Public Hearing on Proposed Increase in Water Service Charges**

##### **1. Public Hearing on Proposed Increase in Water Service Charges**

President Jones opened the Public Hearing and asked General Manager Dan York (GM York) to provide a summary of the circumstances that brought forth the need for the Public Hearing.

GM York provided a time line 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 as follows: before public comment would be taken, staff would present findings and recommendations relative to the action before the Board; staff would summarize comments and written protests; the Board President would then open the Public Hearing to take additional public comment; and after all public comment has

been received, the Public Hearing would be closed and the Board would then deliberate.

President Jones introduced Director of Finance and Administration Dan Bills (Mr. Bills).

Mr. Bills presented a PowerPoint Presentation highlighting the findings of the Rate Study which included:

- Basis and Reasons for the District's Proposed Rate Adjustment
- Proposed Financial Plan
- Summary of Cost of Service
- Proposed Rate Schedule

GM York then provided a summary of the written and verbal comments received from the public up to the opening of the Public Hearing and stated that there were a total of 27 written comments submitted.

President Jones then called for public comment at 6:09 p.m.

There were a total of 9 customers who provided oral comment. In addition to statements in opposition to the rate increase, additional comments were made relating to:

- Suggestions to capture rainfall
- Suggestions on decreasing expenses
- Concerns over details on a specific well drilled adjacent to a customer's property
- Inquiries over the cost of employee benefits and retirement packages
- Inquiries over the Director stipend amounts
- Requests for additional information regarding the CA WaterFix tunnels
- The desire for low income programs

President Jones closed the public comment portion of the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m. and requested the total number of written comments received from the public.

GM York stated that there were a total of 28 written comments submitted.

President Jones determined that 50% plus 1 protests which were required to be filed to constitute a valid protest was not met, therefore, the protest failed.

President Jones closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

## **Items for Discussion and Action**

2. **Comprehensive Water Cost of Service Study Report**  
Mr. Bills presented the staff report.

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

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

3. **Resolution No. 19-14 Amending Regulation No. 3 of the Regulations Governing Water Service**

Mr. Bills presented the item.

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

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

**Adjournment**

President Jones adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

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Dan York  
General Manager/Secretary  
Sacramento Suburban Water District