

Keith Hadick, President (Division 3)
Randy Sharer, Vice President (Division 7)
Casey Conrad, Treasurer (Division 6)
Andrew Adam, Secretary (Division 2)
Gerald Mahoney, Director (Division 4)
Vacant, Director (Division 1)
Vacant, Director (Division 5)



SANTA MARIA VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – April 18, 2024

District Office
2255 S. Broadway, Ste. 8E
Santa Maria, California

1. CALL TO ORDER: With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

a. Roll Call: Present were Directors Hadick, Conrad, Mahoney, Adam, and Sharer. Also present were Carrie Troup, CPA; Sam Holloway; Sam Hurst; District Counsel Keith Lemieux; and Interim General Manager Carol Thomas-Keefer (attending remotely).

b. Pledge of Allegiance: President Hadick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: Sam Holloway of Barnett-Southern, urged the District to follow up with Cal OES regarding the appeal of the District's request for disaster recovery assistance.

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: On motion by Director Mahoney and seconded by Director Sharer, the agenda was approved as presented. Motion carried: 5-0-0-2.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR: On motion by Director Sharer and seconded by Director Adam, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 21, 2024 were approved. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

6. FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS AND REPORTS

a. Financial Reports: Ms. Carrie Troup, CPA, reviewed financial statements and accounts payable for March. On motion by Director Mahoney and seconded by Director Adam, the Financial Reports for March were received and filed. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

b. Finance Committee/Treasurer Report: Directors Conrad and Sharer reported on presentations to the committee from California CLASS investment pool and from Santa Maria Community Bank. The community bank is offering a 6-month

certificate of deposit at 5.25 percent interest, and Cal CLASS investments are currently earning 5.45 percent without term limitations. The Board requested that the committee return next month with a recommendation for investment amounts for both opportunities.

7. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR TEMPORARY DAM MONITORING SERVICES:

Ms. Thomas-Keefer presented an extended contract with Gaedeke Hydrologic Services LLC for temporary dam monitoring services. The contract extends the short-term agreement previously approved by the Interim General Manager. Following discussion, on motion by Director Adam, seconded by Director Mahoney, with Director Conrad abstaining, the Board approved the contract with Gaedeke Hydrologic Services LLC in an amount not to exceed \$21,700. Motion carried 4-0-1-2.

8. APPROVAL OF POLICY FOR STORAGE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY: Following review and discussion of the proposed policy, Director Adam moved to approve the policy as presented, and Director Sharer seconded. The motion failed on a vote of 3-0-2-2. Following additional discussion, on motion by Director Sharer and seconded by Director Mahoney, the Board approved the proposed policy with direction to staff to work out a reasonable timeframe with property owners for removal of items currently on property, and the understanding that the policy procedures would be applied going forward. The motion carried on a 4-0-1-2 vote with Director Conrad abstaining.

9. DISCUSSION OF FACILITY ACCESS POLICY: Following review and discussion of the proposed policy, it was agreed that staff should add access provisions for the dam as well as staff access guidelines for all district facilities, and bring the policy back for consideration at a future meeting.

10. APPROVAL AND TIMING OF LIDAR AMERICA AERIAL SURVEY PROPOSAL:

Following discussion, the Board requested that the Twitchell Operations Committee review this item to determine if the data set from the previous survey was available to provide to the consultant.

11. APPROVAL OF RECORDS RELOCATION: President Hadick and Director Adam will review, identify and determine the amount of files and records to be relocated from the dam facility and provide a report back to the Board.

12. APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR CLEAN-UP AND DISPOSAL SERVICES: This item was deferred to a future meeting.

13. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

Report on Operations at Twitchell Dam- President Hadick reported that, as of today, the elevation was 576.8 feet; storage was 29,346 acre-feet.

Twitchell Operations Committee (TOC): Director Conrad reported that Mr. Brooks had contacted him regarding installation of new fencing starting at the gate. Director

Conrad said installation should start once the area dries out and should not be a problem.

Report from Horne: The Board received a report from Horne's representative, Sam Hurst, regarding discussions with Cal OES, noting that a meeting to discuss the appeal would be scheduled soon. He also stated that FEMA had requested a site inspection of dam facilities, and he would coordinate with District personnel. The Board also discussed the District's Authorized Agent for purposes of working with Cal OES, and it was determined that Director Conrad should remain the primary Authorized Agent, while the Interim General Manager should be included in communications and meetings as feasible.

14. DIRECTOR AND STAFF REPORTS

Director Reports: None.

General Manager's Report: None.

District Counsel Report: None.

15. NEXT MEETING: May 16, 2024

16. ADJOURNMENT: It was moved and seconded by Director Sharer and Director Adam to adjourn at 9:38 p.m.

Minutes approved on _____

Keith Hadick, President

Submitted by Carol Thomas-Keefer