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Gerald Mahoney, Director (Division 4)
Vacant, Director (Division 5)
Randy Sharer, Director (Division 7)



SANTA MARIA VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – June 8, 2023

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

CALL TO ORDER: With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM.

ROLL CALL: Present were Directors Hadick, Conrad, Mahoney, Adam, and Sharer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Hadick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEARING IN OF APPOINTED DIVISION 7 DIRECTOR: Randy Sharer; seated

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Revise title to Special Meeting non rescheduled regular meeting

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was motioned and seconded by Director Sharer and Hadick to approve the agenda as amended: motion carried 5-0-0-2

PUBLIC COMMENT: Greg Gilbert [will make comment on agenda item]

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

Twitchell Operations Committee (TOC) TOC – Director Conrad: nothing more beyond agenda items as listed; Director Adam: scoring on RFP took some time but got resolved; Director Hadick: no comments.

ACTION ITEMS

Retention of Frank W. Mullen for Additional RFP Scoring Services

Director Conrad: “insurance policy” to get scoring in because MNS hadn’t produced it yet; Director Sharer: rational action, but now that we have MNS, should just use MNS; Director Adam: we contracted for MNS, so just use them; Director Mahoney: agree. No action was taken.

Land Use Agreement: Director Conrad had some discussion that agreement should be with contractor, not District; contractor should, so representative for one of the possible contractors met with Suey Ranch principals for possible follow up; District became involved due to past dealings with ranch principals. Director Hadick: The original arrangement was for contractor to secure, not us. No action was taken.

CalOES/FEMA Project Information: Director Adam: No update at this point; would like to move to the next item for possible retention of contractor for upkeep, etc.

Further discussion by Directors on records to be kept, access, and role of third-party oversight services in keeping documents current; Director Conrad: select manager/party first and then direct; Director Adam wants to create the policy/practice now; Director Sharer: can place requirements in contract; general consensus on continuing to next meeting.

Table to next regular meeting by unanimous consent; No action was taken.

Project Supervisor/Manager: Director Adam wants this person to keep up binders, sit in on meetings with CalOES, FEMA, etc.; Robert Newman has shown some work and seems qualified for the position.

Director Adam: Motion to appoint Robert Newman

Director Sharer: direct hire or through a contractor?

Director Adam: he has options.

Director Sharer: not in favor right now; wait until after RFP.

Director Conrad: agree, table, and wait until next meeting.
Director Hadick: agree, wait.

[Point of Order: no second yet]

Amended Motion: Director Adam: would like to hire on Robert Neuman for project supervisor/manager position through MNS, subject to Board direction; Second: Director Mahoney

Additional discussion, Director Mahoney: could be trial basis; Director Sharer: 1099 basis; Director Conrad: opposed at this point, need more information on the individual, table to next meeting to digest; Director Hadick: not digested, not enough information, in favor of tabling; Director Sharer: very positive in hiring a project supervisor/manager, because of need for expertise; Director Adam: like bringing a person in early, to get them started as soon as possible, may duplicate some work, so we may need to trim in other places, but a person present a few days a week to check with contractors, talk, etc., and report back; Director Mahoney: want about bringing him in and asking questions, etc., not met him before, could help provide information; Director Adam: vote now is to just bring him on, can discuss terms and responsibilities later; Director Conrad: this is one person/company, maybe put out RFP?

No public comment

Vote: 2-2-1-0

MOTION FAILS

ITEM STAYS ON THE AGENDA

Award of Restoration and Procurement Contract for Twitchell Dam & Reservoir Under RFP 23-0001: It was motioned and seconded by Director Hadick and Director Adam to approve highest scorer BSC at 91, no additional discussion. Motion carried 5-0-0-2

Public comment: Greg Gilbert (ROC): ready, willing, and able to do the job; some questions on the use of newer technology, but this tech has been used and works for this kind of project; smaller environmental footprint;

ROC system is strong enough to pull up coke in oil wells; faster; won't damage inlet structure; no damage to roadway, because huge transports not needed; ROC does not need land use agreement; endorsements that other contractor does not have; have prior dam work experience; worked in several FEMA areas across the country; if you have questions, get an engineer to look at the technology; table the issue until an assessment of methods can be completed and provided.

Award of Compliance Services Contract for Twitchell Dam & Reservoir Under RFP 23-0002 RFP 23-0002

Questions answered re must accept or go back out to bid; contract terms decided now or later? It was moved and seconded by Director Adam, Director Hadick to approve to award Horne: motion carried 5-0-0-2.

Synergy Billing: Director Adam; USB just came in, maybe table until after copying, etc.; Tabled by unanimous consent.

Status of MSL Contract: Update from District Counsel on termination of contract, no response from MSL as of today's date, etc.

Public comment from ROC, MSL/Synergy are gone, we are in the dark; where can we submit invoices; need District's help, if possible.

DIRECTOR & STAFF REPORTS

Director Reports: Director Sharer: requests access to bylaws and documents for governance of District, want to become more familiar with; does the District have updated 2020 census map, would like Division 7 (MNS); budget next meeting?

Director Adam: Next agenda, consider contract for MNS re District Engineering Services

Director Hadick: dissemination of letters from County

District Counsel Report: Gave report on SB 557, Form 700 and trainings for Director Sharer.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved and seconded by Director Mahoney and sharer to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM: motion carried 5-0-0-2

Minutes approved on_____

Keith Hadick, President

Submitted by Jaamon Frazier