SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES*

(*In order discussed)

Board of Directors Meeting
July 7, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:	Tim Lipinski Sukey Robb-Wilder Richard Holmer Gaylord Schaap
Board Members Absent:	Pip Marquez de la Plata
Staff in Attendance:	Steve Mack, General Manager Julie Kenny, Secretary to the Board
Others in Attendance:	Robin Donoghue, District Legal Counsel

I. CALL TO ORDER

The properly agendized meeting was called to Order by President Tim Lipinski at 6:35 p.m.

II. CHANGES TO AGENDA and DECLARATION OF CONFLICT (6:35 p.m.)

Director Robb-Wilder requested that Item III-E (CSDA Board Election) be moved from the Consent Calendar for discussion prior to Item IV. There were no objections.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR (6:35 p.m.)

Director Lipinski reviewed the items on the Consent Calendar. Director Robb-Wilder moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Schaap seconded. Motion carried 4-0, except that Director Schaap abstained from voting on Item III-A (Minutes of the June meeting) because he was absent at that meeting. The following items were approved:

A. Approval of the Minutes of the June 2, 2016 Regular Meeting.

B. Approval of Operations Warrants/Online payments/EFT payment.

C. Receipt of Item(s) of Correspondence: (None.)

D. Discussion/Action re Voting for Richard Holmer for LAFCO

III-E. **(6:39 p.m.) Discussion/Action re CSDA Bay Area Network Board Election.** This item was removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion. Director Robb-Wilder provided an overview of her position that the District should cast its vote for candidate Ryan Clausnitzer. Discussion ensued. Director Robb-Wilder moved to vote for Ryan Clausnitzer. Director Holmer seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Director Lipinski abstained from voting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (6:43 p.m.)

None.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE (6:43 p.m.)*

**in the order discussed*

V-A. **(6:43 p.m.) Discussion/Action re Resolution 16-07, Discontinuing Implementation of Stage 1 of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan (implemented August 7, 2014, and revised May 7, 2015).** The GM provided an overview of this item. Legal Counsel Robin Donoghue made additional comments. Board discussion ensued. Director Robb-Wilder moved to approve Resolution 16-07, Rescinding Resolution 15-10 Implementing Stage 1 of its Water Shortage Contingency Plan. Director Holmer seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

V-B. **(6:56 p.m.) Discussion/Action re El Bonita Wellfield.** The GM provided an overview of this item. Board discussion ensued. No action was taken.

V-C. **(7:07 p.m.) Discussion/Action re Progress on USDA Loan/Bond; Approval of Resolution 16-08, Finding the 2017 CIP Exempt from CEQA.** The GM provided an overview of this item. Legal Counsel Robin Donoghue made additional comments. Director Holmer moved to approve Resolution 16-08, Finding the 2017 CIP Is Exempt from CEQA, with the "Now, Therefore" clause amended to read,

> "that the District Board of Directors hereby finds that the 2017 CIP is exempt from environmental review . . . <u>and authorizes the General Manager to file a Notice of Exemption</u>." (underlined portion added.)

Director Robb Wilder seconded as amended. Motion carried 4-0.

V-D. **(7:13 p.m.) Discussion/Action re Review of Fiscal Year 2015-16.** The GM provided an overview of this item. Discussion ensued. No action was taken.

VI. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (7:45 p.m.)

The General Manager reported on the following items:

1. Water Production and Sales
2. Leaks
3. Russian River Flow
4. 2017 CIP
5. Toilet Rebate/Direct Install Program
6. In-House Construction Projects
7. Urban Water Management Plan
8. Guernewood Park Fire Planning Meeting
9. Gantt Chart
10. Safeway put on notice to fix leak

Brief discussion ensued.

VII. BOARD MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS (8:07 p.m.)

(None.)

VIII. CLOSED SESSION (8:07 p.m.)

At 8:07 p.m. President Lipinski announced the items for discussion in Closed Session. At 8:08 p.m. the Board went into Closed Session. At 8:33 p.m. the meeting reconvened and the following actions on Closed Session items were announced:

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(3) -- Receipt of written communication from a potential plaintiff threatening litigation. One potential case.
No action was taken.

VIII. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA (8:33 p.m.)

1. SDLF Transparency Program (SW)
2. El Bonita Wellfield
3. USDA Grant/Loan
4. Urban Water Management Plan
5. 2016-17 Flat Charges
6. LAFCO election results

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Kenny
Clerk to the Board of Directors

APPROVED:

Gaylord Schaap: _____
Sukey Robb-Wilder: _____
Tim Lipinski: _____
Richard Holmer _____
Pip Marquez de la Plata _____