

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
SAN GABRIEL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel County Water District was held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 8366 Grand Avenue, Rosemead, California at the hour of 4:00 p.m., available to the public via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

The Board of Directors of the San Gabriel County Water District convened a regular meeting on December 8, 2020. Present at the District office were General Manager Jim Prior and Directors Taylor and Cammarano, Casey Feilen and Carmen Corona. On the phone were Directors Chan, De La Torre, and Cici. Also, present, District Counsel O'Neill, and member of the public Cookie Cici.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Board president opened up nominations for Board president: Director DeLaTorre nominated Director Taylor. Director Cici nominated Director DeLaTorre, who declined the nomination. Director Cici withdrew his nomination. The Board president closed the nominations. On motion of DeLaTorre, and seconded by Director Cici, the board voted 5-0 to elect Director Taylor as president.

Director Chan nominated himself as vice president. Director Cammarano nominated DeLaTorre as vice-president. The Board president closed nominations. Director Chan made a motion to appointment himself as vice president. The motion failed for lack of a second. Director Cammarano made a motion to elect Director DeLaTorre as vice president, which was seconded by Director Cici.

Director Chan commented as follows:

“This item we have before us stems from a single Constituent complaint about some of the content of my PERSONAL Social Media account. It bears no relevancy to my performance as a Board Member or as Vice President. Some members have decided to inject politics into an apolitical position. Quite frankly, I was surprised and saddened by their decision to take such action.

First and foremost, I wish to make it clear that it NEVER IS my intention to offend anyone. Most of you who know me know that I sometimes use my quirky sense of humor to express certain opinions and make certain points. It does NOT mean that I take serious Social issues lightly. Unfortunately, some people may sometimes MISUNDERSTAND my sarcasm and humor. No matter WHAT accusations are made against me, the People know that I am NOT a Racist.

This Board does not get to twist my words and claim racism for their political expediency. I am aware that some here have a political legacy in this town and want to carry the water for others in power. This is neither the place nor the way to accomplish your goals.

Also, be assured that the irony of this Agenda Item is NOT lost on me. . . It seems that we now have several WHITE Board Members ganging up on the ONLY Asian Board member and accusing ME of "Racism". So I question their true motivation. . . And, are THEY the REAL Racists here? I also find that it is USUALLY those CLAIMING to be the MOST "tolerant and open-minded" who are the FIRST to be INTOLERANT and BULLYING of ANY opinions THEY don't agree with.

This action is CLEARLY nothing more than a Political Prosecution! Let me remind you that we were NOT elected to play Politics on this Board. We are elected to oversee and ensure the proper and efficient production, delivery, and service of Water to our Customers. Public meetings of public business are NOT the proper time or place to play these Political games.

That time would be during the next Election Cycle.

HERE, on this Board, I am committed, (and, so should YOU all be!), to helping guide the Management of our Water District for the benefit of ALL our Ratepaying Constituents, FAIRLY and JUDICIOUSLY, to the best of my ability. That is the Oath I took, and the task I am fully-committed to fulfilling EVERY DAY!

One more point. . . Even IF someone MAY have been offended, or objected to any of my personal remarks, it seems to me that the extreme action of my REMOVAL as this Board's Vice President is disproportionately harsh and unfair, in light of any perceived "offense" that I may have committed.

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully request that you vote NO on the issue of my removal as Vice President of this Board. Thank you."

Director Cammarano responded that the District received several emails in response to Director Chan's comments. The emails took offense with Director Chan's comments, and stated that they found Director's Chan's comments to be racist and suggested a recall of Director Chan. Director Cammarano commented that she takes offense at the injection of politics and racism into the board's process, and that all directors have to live up to the code of ethics they agreed to abide by. She further responded that she was disappointed by Director's Chan's comments and looks forward to moving the board forward in the coming year.

The board voted 5-0 to approve Director DeLaTorre as vice-president.

Director Cammarano moved, and seconded by Director DeLaTorre, to appoint Jim Prior as Board secretary. The motion was approved 5-0.

Director Cammarano motioned and seconded by Director Chan to appoint Carmen Corona as treasurer. Motion passed unanimously.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Director DeLaTorre and seconded by Director Cici, the Board adopted the agenda on a vote of 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cookie Cici congratulated Directors Taylor and Cammarano on their reelections and urged all the Board members to stay safe.

MINUTES

Upon motion by Director Chan, and seconded by Director Cici, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and special meeting of the Board of Directors held on November 24, 2020.

DEMANDS

Director DeLaTorre moved to authorize payments on the general account with check numbers 21074-21121 in the aggregate amounts of \$369,610.94 and to authorize an electronic funds transfer to the revolving account in the amount of \$100,739.88 with check numbers 12268-12291. This included voided check number 12287. Motion seconded by Director Cammarano. The motion passed unanimously.

DISTRICT COUNSEL

District counsel reported that the District Counsel reported on activities of the Water Replenishment District of the appointment of its General Manager.

ACTION

On motion of Director Cammarano, and second by Director DeLaTorre, the Board unanimously approved resolution 12-20-511 implementing the 2020-2021 budget.

On motion of Director Chan seconded by Director Cammarano, the board voted 5-0 to approve resolution 12-20-512 authorizing certain District positions and compensation levels.

INFORMATION

The General Manager presented the Water Well report and noted that all wells are at low levels. Director Chan commented on the pump depth of well 15.

GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

The General Manager reported on attending the virtual ACWA conference, the end of year luncheon for district employees, and extended happy holidays to all the Board members.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Directors Chan, Cammarano, Cici, Taylor and DeLaTorre all extended happy holiday wishes to the staff and thanked the staff members for their efforts in a very challenging year.


The Board members also urged all staff to stay safe.

CLOSED SESSION

Board conducted a closed session pursuant to Govt code section 54957, to review the performance of the General Manager. District counsel reported that the board reviewed the performance of the General Manager, and no formal action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Director Taylor and seconded by Director Cici the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.



President



Secretary

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