

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
SAN GABRIEL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
HELD ON MAY 23, 2023**

- CALL TO ORDER** A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Gabriel County Water District was called to order on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 8366 Grand Avenue, Rosemead, California at the hour of 4:00 p.m.
- ROLL CALL** Present at the District office were General Manager Jim Prior, Carmen Corona, Casey Feilen, Directors Cammarano, Taylor, DeLaTorre, Saucedo, Mamdapurkar and District Counsel Koczanowicz.
- AGENDA** Upon motion by Director DeLaTorre and seconded by Director Taylor, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda as presented.
- PUBLIC COMMENT** None
- MINUTES** Upon motion by Director Taylor and seconded by Director Saucedo, the Board voted to approve the minutes for the special meeting of the Board of Directors held on May 9, 2023. Motion passed 5-0.
- DEMANDS** Director DeLaTorre motioned to authorize an electronic funds transfer from the general account to the revolving account in the amount of \$82,968.45. The motion was seconded by Director Taylor. No questions were asked by the Board. Motion passed on a 5-0 vote.
- DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT** District Counsel briefed the Board on a case from LA County where a tenant sued a Landlord for a dangerous condition on the property, after the tenant attempted to get back into his apartment by climbing down from the roof onto the balcony below, as he got locked out of his apartment. He fell to the street and injured himself. Court of appeals reverse the lower court's grant of summary judgement for the Landlord, finding that whether or not the access to the roof should have been more protected or warnings should have been posted, was a question of fact for the Jury to decide.
- ACTION ITEMS**
1. Board's Consideration of Approval of a proposed purchase of two Trucks.
General Manager presented the item seeking Board's approval of a purchase of two new F-150 pick-up trucks from funds in the Capitol account at an estimated cost of \$95,000. Board was informed of the successful negotiations with the dealer by staff and thanked Anthony for work well done. This purchase will address District's need for vehicles for next several years, postponing the concerns about immediate compliance with the new CARB regulations, which go into effect in 2024 and mandate phased in

purchase of Zero Emission Vehicles and purchase of necessary infrastructure. On a motion by Director Taylor, seconded by Director Mamdapurkar, Board after receiving satisfactory answers to a few questions concerning resale of the old vehicles and mileage, approved the purchase unanimously.

**MISC
INFORMATION**

Receive and File: April 2023 Banking and Investment Report was provided to the Board. Director Cammarano commented on the increased interest rate and on cash receipts being up. Director Taylor mentioned a needed increase in water sales and Director Saucedo inquired about developer's fees related to the Nursery project. All questions were answered by staff to Board's satisfaction.

**GENERAL
MANAGER
COMMENTS**

The General Manager commented on the ACWA conference and informed the Board about some session topics including AI, Cyber-attacks and First Amendment "Auditors" caution. He also informed the Board that MWD is meeting with Upper District to conduct another study which would evaluate feasibility of connecting to one of the feeder lines. General Manager also advised the Board that the Bid for redrilling of the well came in over \$650K and will be rejected. Staff will test the water in the existing well and evaluate the possibility of reuse. He also told the Board that landscaping project continues on the east side of the District Office frontage. 75 sprinklers were eliminated saving approximately 200 gpm. Director Mamdapurkar inquired if the "d.g." path in the landscaping can be used as a walkway and received an affirmative response.

**FUTURE
AGENDA
ITEMS**


Board will receive AB1234 and Sexual Harassment Prevention training in two special meetings in July. Consideration of the next year's budget will be before the Board during the second meeting in August.

**DIRECTOR
COMMENTS**


Director Cammarano initiated a brief discussion about the City of San Gabriel proposed artificial turf regulations and also asked if the District was issuing permits for ADUs as separate hook ups, which it is. Director Saucedo echoed the General Manager's comments about ACWA conference and stated he enjoyed sessions on media contacts and PIO functions. Director DeLaTorre noted the new conservation motto: "saving today's water for tomorrow's drought" and also inquired about electric trucks. Director Mamdapurkar asked about a news story he heard related to some underserved communities and water assessment reports and Director Taylor advised the Board that he will be absent at the June 13th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Director Taylor, seconded by Director Saucedo the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 p.m.



President



Secretary

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