

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
of the
SUNNYSLOPE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
July 23rd, 2024

A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Mauro, at the Sunnyslope County Water District office, 3570 Airline Highway, Hollister, California.

ROLL CALL: Present in Person: President Edward Mauro (EM), Vice President James Parker (JP), Director Dee Brown (DB), Director Michael Alcorn (MA), Director Jerry Buzzetta (JB).

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS: The Board welcomed members of the public and opened the meeting to public comments regarding matters identified on the Closed Session agenda. No comments were received.

C. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS:

1. Labor Negotiation Discussion (§ 54957.6)

Update Regarding Negotiations with Collective Bargaining Unit.

President Mauro retired to closed session at 4:35 p.m. and upon returning to the regular session, moved to take a brief recess at 5:10 p.m. The meeting was reconvened to open session at 5:19 p.m.

D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Director Parker led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. REPORT IN OPEN SESSION ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION:

1. July 12, 2024, Special Meeting- Labor Negotiation Discussion (§ 54957.6)

General discussion was had, and the item will be discussed during open session scheduled for 6:00 p.m. later on.

2. July 23, 2024, Regular Meeting- Labor Negotiation Discussion (§ 54957.6)

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F. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: President Mauro requested a motion to approve the agenda. Director Alcorn motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Director Parker, for which President Mauro then took a roll call vote as follows: (DB), yes; (JB), yes; (MA), yes; (JP), yes; and (EM), yes; the motion carried 5-0.

G. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS: The Board welcomed members of the public and opened the meeting to public comments regarding matters not itemized on the agenda. No comments were received.

Staff Present for Open Session: In Person: General Manager/Secretary Drew Lander, Executive Assistant/Stenographer Madison Koester, Water/ Wastewater Superintendent Jose Rodriguez, Finance and HR Manager Barry Kelly, Principal Engineer Robert Hillebrecht.

H. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Minutes for:

Regular Board Meeting of June 25th, 2024.

Special Board Meeting of July 2nd, 2024.

2. Allowance of Claims – The Board reviewed the Disbursement Summary (below) for the period of June 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024, totaling \$1,971,501.37 which includes \$681,965.66 for payments to vendors, \$276,452.04 for Payroll, \$448,800.15 paid to the City of Hollister for collection of City sewer billings (net of our fees), and \$260.90 for customer refunds.

Date	Number	Name	Amount
06/04/2024	52583	Ace Hardware (Johnson Lumber Co.)	\$212.10
06/04/2024	52584	Agile Occupational Medicine, PC	\$185.00
06/04/2024	52585	Auto Tech Service Center, Inc.	\$14,400.00
06/04/2024	52586	Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	\$36,105.61
06/04/2024	52587	Calgon Carbon Corporation	\$71,697.79
06/04/2024	52588	Clean Brothers	\$150.00
06/04/2024	52589	CM Analytical, Inc.	\$4,920.00
06/04/2024	52590	Dee J Burbank	\$227.32
06/04/2024	52591	Douglass Truck Bodies Inc.	\$63,257.94
06/04/2024	52592	exceedio	\$2,805.21
06/04/2024	52593	Hach Company	\$1,079.51
06/04/2024	52594	Hollister Auto Parts, Inc.	\$224.42
06/04/2024	52595	Jacob Machado	\$250.00
06/04/2024	52596	Jesse Mack Company Inc.	\$2,001.94
06/04/2024	52597	Mission Uniform Service	\$499.71
06/04/2024	52598	Petty Cash	\$114.72
06/04/2024	52599	RJR Recycling	\$3,250.00
06/04/2024	52600	San Benito County Water District	\$479,698.12
06/04/2024	52602	State Water Resources Control Board-DWOCP	\$130.00
06/04/2024	52603	State Water Resources Control Board-DWOCP	\$100.00
06/04/2024	52604	State Water Resources Control Board-DWOCP	\$130.00
06/04/2024	52605	Triplepoint Environmental LLC	\$15,003.24
06/04/2024	52606	Unified Truck Services	\$2,283.17
06/05/2024	ACH2877	Sterling Administration Health	\$5.84
06/05/2024	ACH2878	Principal	\$3,429.66
06/06/2024	ACH2879	Sterling Administration Health	\$240.00
06/06/2024	ACH2880	iCloud	\$13,504.35
06/07/2024	ACH2881	Sterling Administration Health	\$478.40
06/10/2024	ACH2882	Sterling Administration Health	\$505.00
06/12/2024	52607	Ace Hardware (Johnson Lumber Co.)	\$364.79
06/12/2024	52608	Agile Occupational Medicine, PC	\$70.00
06/12/2024	52609	Amazon Capital Services	\$288.24
06/12/2024	52610	Atlas Copco Compressors LLC	\$1,484.24
06/12/2024	52611	Backflow Apparatus & Valve Co. (BAVCO)	\$711.27
06/12/2024	52612	Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	\$33,440.77
06/12/2024	52613	Calcon System, Inc.	\$7,758.38
06/12/2024	52614	Central Ag Supply LLC	\$492.02
06/12/2024	52615	City of Hollister-Finance Dept	\$448,800.15
06/12/2024	52616	CM Analytical, Inc.	\$6,931.25
06/12/2024	52617	EBCO Pest Control	\$75.00
06/12/2024	52618	Extreme Air, Inc.	\$1,053.00
06/12/2024	52619	Grainger, Inc.	\$2,343.02
06/12/2024	52620	Hach Company	\$549.91
06/12/2024	52621	Hollister Auto Parts, Inc.	\$231.95
06/12/2024	52622	Iconix Waterworks (US) Inc.	\$5,130.05
06/12/2024	52623	Manuel Chavez	\$29.55

06/12/2024	52624	MBS Business Systems	\$709.92
06/12/2024	52625	Meter, Valve & Control	\$46,036.50
06/12/2024	52626	Mission Uniform Service	\$451.93
06/12/2024	52627	MuniQuip, LLC	\$2,806.06
06/12/2024	52628	Norcal Molecular, LLC.	\$2,548.75
06/12/2024	52629	O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$15.27
06/12/2024	52630	Palace Business Solutions	\$376.87
06/12/2024	52631	Recology San Benito County	\$342.91
06/12/2024	52632	Reliable Translations	\$326.06
06/12/2024	52633	San Benito County Water District	\$84,064.00
06/12/2024	52634	San Benito Engineering & Surveying Inc.	\$6,640.00
06/12/2024	52635	SBC Business Council, Inc.	\$1,250.00
06/12/2024	52636	Shape, Inc.	\$2,408.89
06/12/2024	52637	Star Concrete	\$816.10
06/12/2024	52638	State Water Resources Control Board-DWOCP	\$60.00
06/12/2024	52639	State Water Resources Control Board-DWOCP	\$130.00
06/12/2024	52640	Toro Petroleum Corp.	\$2,419.45
06/12/2024	52641	Trans Union LLC	\$206.69
06/12/2024	52642	U.S. Bank Corporate Payment Systems	\$5,772.22
06/12/2024	52644	USA Blue Book	\$1,184.12
06/12/2024	52645	WQI	\$800.00
06/12/2024	52646	WQI	\$800.00
06/12/2024	52647	Zoro Tools, Inc.	\$172.52
06/12/2024	ACH2883	Colonial Life	\$2,720.64
06/13/2024	JN00597	Net Pay	\$73,349.73
06/13/2024	JN00597	Total Tax	\$18,460.77
06/14/2024	ACH2884	ADP	\$2,221.35
06/17/2024	ACH2885	Sterling Administration Health	\$273.58
06/17/2024	ACH2886	CalPERS - Retirement	\$7,776.94
06/17/2024	ACH2887	CalPERS - Retirement	\$8,625.54
06/17/2024	ACH2888	CalPERS - Retirement	\$23.08
06/17/2024	ACH2889	Nationwide Retirements Solutions	\$9,504.77
06/19/2024	52651	A-1 Services	\$403.00
06/19/2024	52652	Ace Hardware (Johnson Lumber Co.)	\$313.88
06/19/2024	52653	Alvin Do	\$90.07
06/19/2024	52654	American Water Works Assoc. CA-NV Section	\$320.00
06/19/2024	52655	Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	\$24,779.79
06/19/2024	52656	Brigantino Irrigation	\$469.75
06/19/2024	52657	Calcon System, Inc.	\$2,070.00
06/19/2024	52658	Central Ag Supply LLC	\$397.74
06/19/2024	52659	First Trust Alarm Company	\$753.00
06/19/2024	52660	Hach Company	\$954.56
06/19/2024	52661	InfoSend	\$3,484.63
06/19/2024	52662	John Smith Road Landfill	\$3,792.00
06/19/2024	52663	Meter, Valve & Control	\$44,477.25
06/19/2024	52664	Mission Uniform Service	\$499.71
06/19/2024	52665	Monterey Bay Air Resources District	\$5,459.00
06/19/2024	52666	Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc.	\$9,665.00
06/19/2024	52667	Rain for Rent	\$3,399.72
06/19/2024	52668	San Benito County Water District	\$260.50
06/19/2024	52669	San Benito Tire Pros & Automotive	\$171.22
06/19/2024	52670	Scott Watson	\$164.76
06/19/2024	52671	Star Concrete	\$991.99

06/19/2024	52672	Wallace Group	\$25,978.16
06/19/2024	52673	Wright Bros. Welding & Sheet Metal, Inc.	\$566.09
06/19/2024	52675	YARIM CORCHADO	\$34.48
06/19/2024	52677	ROWENA R. & RACHELLE ANN MADRID	\$44.36
06/19/2024	52679	KIMBERLY & BRAD ROYSTON	\$16.91
06/19/2024	52680	DURAN AND VENABLES	\$156.60
06/21/2024	52681	DAVID & SHERRY JUREK	\$8.55
06/24/2024	ACH2890	Sterling Administration Health	\$300.00
06/26/2024	52682	Ace Hardware (Johnson Lumber Co.)	\$94.51
06/26/2024	52683	Agile Occupational Medicine, PC	\$115.00
06/26/2024	52684	All American Mailing, Inc.	\$3,265.17
06/26/2024	52685	Anne Muraski	\$12,485.00
06/26/2024	52686	Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	\$33,418.99
06/26/2024	52687	Brigantino Irrigation	\$348.23
06/26/2024	52688	Bryan Mailey Electric, Inc	\$13,215.02
06/26/2024	52689	Community Printers, Inc.	\$3,293.81
06/26/2024	52690	Corbin Willits Systems, Inc. (MOM's)	\$162.00
06/26/2024	52691	David Padilla	\$92.82
06/26/2024	52692	De Lay & Laredo	\$11,760.50
06/26/2024	52693	exceedio	\$3,863.90
06/26/2024	52694	Extreme Air, Inc.	\$515.00
06/26/2024	52695	Frisch Engineering Inc.	\$21,395.00
06/26/2024	52696	Hollister Landscape Supply	\$272.79
06/26/2024	52697	Madison Koester	\$100.00
06/26/2024	5269851481	Mark Nicholson, Inc.	\$39,607.17
06/26/2024	52699	Mission Uniform Service	\$451.93
06/26/2024	52700	Norcal Molecular, LLC.	\$3,185.26
06/26/2024	52701	Petty Cash	\$60.23
06/26/2024	52702	Robert Hillebrecht	\$349.80
06/26/2024	52703	Star Concrete	\$784.94
06/26/2024	52704	State Water Resources Control Board-DWOCP	\$90.00
06/26/2024	52705	Tecnetics Industries Inc. DBA Tecweigh	\$514.91
06/26/2024	52706	Toro Petroleum Corp.	\$1,827.92
06/26/2024	52707	Verizon Wireless	\$581.55
06/27/2024	ACH2891	Sterling Administration Health	\$35.00
06/27/2024	JN00598	Net Pay	\$72,173.41
06/27/2024	JN00598	Total Tax	\$18,609.14
06/28/2024	ACH2892	CalPERS - Retirement	\$7,753.50
06/28/2024	ACH2893	CalPERS - Retirement	\$8,956.17
06/28/2024	ACH2894	Nationwide Retirements Solutions	\$9,504.78
06/28/2024	ACH2895	CalPERS - Retirement	\$23.08
06/28/2024	ACH2896	CalPERS - Health Insurance	\$33,703.01
06/28/2024	ACH2897	P G & E	\$28,931.81

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3. Receive Associate Engineer Monthly Status Report.

4. Receive Finance Manager Monthly Status Reports: a. Narrative Report, b. Operation Summary, c. Statement of Income, d. Investment Summary, and e. Board Designated Reserves.
5. Receive Superintendent Monthly Status Reports: a. Maintenance, b. City Meter Reading, and c. Groundwater Level Measurement.
6. Receive General Manager Monthly Status Report.

President Mauro then asked for public comment and upon receiving none, President Mauro requested a motion to approve the consent agenda. Upon a motion made by Director Brown to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Director Alcorn, for which President Mauro then took a roll call vote as follows: (DB), yes; (JB), yes; (MA), yes; (JP), yes; and (EM) yes; the motion carried 5-0.

I. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Staff recommends the Board review the attached material provided by the LAFCo Executive Officer, Jennifer Stephenson, and designate two Directors to attend the August 8th workshop. (Not A Project Under CEQA Per Article 20, Section 15378)**

General Manager Lander speaks on this item, informing the board of the discussion LAFCo has been having about potentially inviting special districts to join. To discuss this possibility LAFCo is hosting a meeting on August 8th, 2024 at 2:00 P.M and the purpose of this item is to designate two board members to attend.

Directors had back and forth discussion and President Mauro questioned what would happen if the largest special district didn't join. To which General Manager Lander replied that these questions are ones to be asked at the August 8th meeting, as there are still a number of inquiries the board should have pertaining to joining LAFCo. It was decided that Directors Dee Brown and Ed Mauro would attend the August 8th LAFCo meeting, with Director Mike Alcorn as an alternate.

2. **Authorize the General Manager to pre-order the purchase of a quantity of 300 – 1" E-Series water meters for a cost not to exceed \$84,000. (Not A Project Under CEQA Per Article 20, Section 15378)**

General Manager Drew Lander informed the board that the District needs to restock their supply of 1" E-Series water meters. Director Alcorn questioned how much is currently in stock to which General Manager Lander replied the current supply is at about 150 meters. Due to long wait times and replacing approximately 300 meters yearly it is recommended to place the meter purchase with enough time to wait for them to arrive.

President Mauro then asked for any public comment. Upon receiving no public comment, President Mauro requested a motion to approve the item. Director Alcorn made a motion to authorize the General Manager to pre-order the purchase of a quantity of 300 – 1" E-Series water meters for a cost not to exceed \$84,000. This motion was seconded by Director Buzzetta for which President Mauro then took a roll call vote as follows: (DB), yes; (JB), yes; (MA) yes; (JP), yes; and (EM), yes; the motion carried 5-0.

J. BOARD COMMITTEE and STATUS REPORTS

1. **Governance Committee:** (Meeting held July 12th and July 22nd.) Director Buzzetta reported on the July 22nd meeting that was held at San Benito County Water District regarding a number of discrepancies the two Districts have been discussing. Director Buzzetta began his report discussing the resiliency charge that Sunnyslope has been questioning, during the meeting it was made known that the resiliency charge is intended to help in securing grants for San Benito County Water District. Although they have almost gotten the amount of grants they were seeking, the resiliency charge is accounted for within their rate study and cannot be taken out of the calculations. Regarding the

additional discrepancies, Sunnyslope has been requesting financial documentation from San Benito since November of 2022 to no avail. Director Buzzetta finished his meeting report by informing the board of San Benito County Water District's multiple position turnovers within the office the last couple of years, and their recent promise to readily supply any of the documents from here on out.

2. **Water/Wastewater Committee:** (No Meeting.)
3. **Finance Committee:** (No Meeting.)
4. **Policy and Procedure Committee:** (No meeting.)
5. **Personnel Committee:** (No Meeting.)
6. **Water Resources Association of San Benito County (WRA):** (No Meeting.)

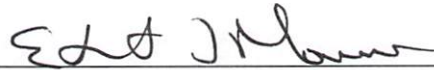
K. BOARD and STAFF REPORTS

1. **Directors:** No Report.
2. **District Counsel:** No Report.
3. **General Manager:** General Manager Lander reported on the upcoming August 6th water rate adoption special meeting, informing the board of the intention to split sewer and water rate adoptions since there are no changes to sewer rates. In addition, Mr. Lander reported on a meeting hosted by San Benito Foods to discuss the ongoing odor complaints from the ponds. In total, 7 Hollister residents were able to make it to the meeting and the complaints were addressed.

L. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: ACWA Fall Conference Registration.

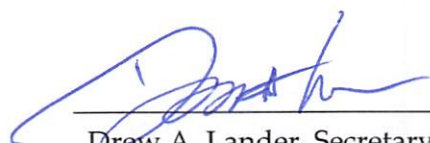
M. ADJOURNMENT: President Mauro adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:



Edward J. Mauro, President

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Drew A. Lander, Secretary