

**MINUTES**  
**Special Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**of the**  
**SUNNYSLOPE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
**April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Alcorn, at the Sunnyslope County Water District office, 3570 Airline Highway, Hollister, California.

**ROLL CALL: Present in Person:** President Michael Alcorn (MA), Vice President Jerry Buzzetta (JB), Director Edward Mauro (EM), Director Dee Brown (DB), Director Orlando Martinez (OM).

**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. **Conference with Legal Counsel- Potential Litigation (§ 54956.9(b)):**

i. *SW Voter Registration Education Project vs. SSCWD CU-24-00329- Shenkman & Hughes, PC*

President Alcorn retired to closed session at 6:00 p.m. and upon returning to the regular session, moved to take a brief recess at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was reconvened to open session at 7:02 p.m.

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

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

1. **Conference with Legal Counsel- Potential Litigation (§ 54956.9(b)):**

i. *SW Voter Registration Education Project vs. SSCWD CU-24-00329- Shenkman & Hughes, PC* -District counsel Michael Laredo provided a status report, direction was provided by the board and no reportable action was taken.

**F. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** President Alcorn requested a motion to approve the agenda. Director Brown motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Director Mauro, for which President Alcorn took a roll call vote as follows: (EM), yes; (DB), yes; (OM), yes; (JB), yes; and (MA), 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. Douglas Johnson, President of the National Demographics Corporation, joined via Zoom to address any questions related to the new business item #1, but no public comments were received.

**Staff Present for Open Session: In Person:** General Manager/Secretary Drew Lander, Assistant Finance Manager Dana Sullivan, Executive Assistant/Stenographer Madison Koester.

**H. NEW BUSINESS:**

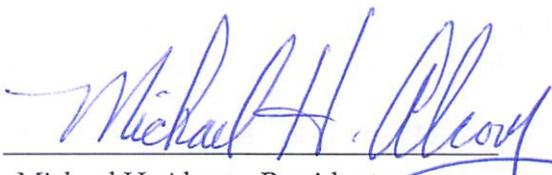
1. **The District Consultant National Demographics Corporation (NDC), Will Present Mapping Proposals Developed Per The Legal Criteria Of The California Voter Rights Act (CVRA) Requirements For The Creation Of 5 – District Zones. Board Members Will Provide NDC With Directions To Finalize The Mapping.**

General Manager Lander introduced Douglas Johnson, President of the National Demographics Corporation (NDC), to facilitate the Board’s review and discussion of four proposed districting maps. Mr. Johnson provided a PowerPoint presentation that summarized key elements previously presented to the Board, including an overview of the districting process and the current status—being in the final stages of map adoption. He then explained the methodology used to develop the four draft trustee-area maps, each prepared in accordance with the requirements of the California Voter Rights Act (CVRA) for the creation of five voting districts. Upon conclusion of the presentation, the Board engaged in a detailed discussion, raising questions concerning community impact, boundary rationale, and demographic representation, all of which were addressed by Mr. Johnson. Board members subsequently offered specific feedback and direction regarding preferred map features and requested that NDC incorporate this input into a revised draft for further consideration.

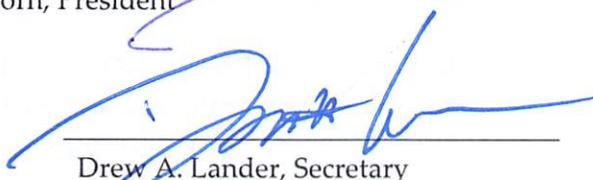
Following the discussion, and with no public comments received, Director Mauro moved to create a new draft map by combining Sections 1 and 2 from the proposed “Green” map with Sections 3, 4, and 5 from the proposed “Orange” map. The motion was seconded by Director Buzzetta for which President Alcorn then took a roll call vote as follows: (EM), yes; (DB), yes; (OM), yes; (JB), yes; and (MA), yes; the motion passes 5-0.

I. **ADJOURNMENT:** President Alcorn adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD:**

  
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Michael H. Alcorn, President

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

  
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Drew A. Lander, Secretary