

**MINUTES**  
**Special Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**of the**  
**SUNNYSLOPE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
**July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:30 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 Jerry Buzzetta (JB).

**Present via Teleconference:** Director Michael Alcorn (MA).

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Director Buzzetta led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**D. 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.

**E. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Consider Approval Of A Three-Year Contract For Liability And Property Insurance As Quoted By CalMutuals-JPRIMA For A Cost Of \$122,433 The First Year With Cancellation For Cause Only If Rates Escalate 16% Annually For The Following Two Years Of The Contract. (Not A Project Under CEQA Per Article 20, Section 15378)**

General Manager Lander spoke on this item, having brought this item to the board seeking approval for a three-year liability and property insurance contract. Mr. Lander and Finance Manager Barry Kelly began working on finding public program insurance, such as ACWA or SDRNA or JPRIMA, in January of 2024, but due to an ongoing lawsuit the three agencies did not want to provide a quote at that time. GM Lander worked to finalize the lawsuit, but paperwork was not finalized until the end of April/ early May. The preference at that time was to go through ACWA, but it was disclosed it would take the District 2-6 months to get into the program, with potential for even longer since there was just a significant loss with the lawsuit. In order to continue to be covered by insurance originally the intention of the District was to sign one more year with its current insurer while things were finalized with ACWA. It was then discovered that the District's current insurer was not planning on continuing with that particular program, therefore another year would not be an option. Mr. Lander worked with the District's Broker, Jayme Stewart, who was able to come up with a single insurer who would develop a contract for the District, JPRIMA. Unfortunately, it would have to be a three-year contract, which is not ideal but there were no other insurers available to choose from.

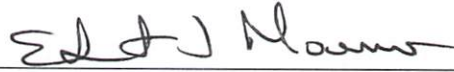
General Manager Lander then went over the terms in the contract and how they differed from the District's current insurance. Director Parker questioned what last year's premium was to which GM Lander informed him it was \$109,000. Director Buzzetta questioned whether we'd have to stay with JPRIMA if they increased 15%, to which

General Manager confirmed it does have to be 16% and above to constitute the District being able to get out of that three-year contract.

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 consider approval of a three-year contract for liability and property insurance as quoted by CalMutuals-JPRIMA for a cost of \$122,433 the first year with cancellation for cause only if rates escalate 16% annually for the following two years of the contract. This motion was seconded by Director Brown for which President Mauro then took a roll call vote as follows: (JP), yes; (DB), yes; (MA) yes; (JB) yes; and (EM), yes; the motion carried 5-0.

F. **ADJOURNMENT:** President Mauro adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:



Edward J. Mauro, President

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Drew A. Lander, Secretary