

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**of the**  
**SUNNYSLOPE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
**September 24<sup>th</sup>, 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. Management Compensation/Benefits (§ 54957.8)**

*Unrepresented Management Staff Classifications*

**2. Public Employee Performance Review (§ 54957)**

*General Manager*

President Mauro retired to closed session at 4:30 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 5:20 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. September 24, 2024, Regular Meeting- Management Compensation/Benefits (§ 54957.8)**

Directors had discussion and were provided direction in which to move forward, which will be brought back in a following board meeting.

**2. September 24, 2024, Regular Meeting- Public Employee Performance Review (§ 54957)**

Directors began the process of the General Manager's yearly performance review; an additional closed session will need to be held prior to bringing it to the board for approval.

**F. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** General Manager Lander requests to add an additional item to new business, making it I5, as an urgent item that came to his attention the morning of the regularly scheduled board meeting. President Mauro requested a motion recognizing the urgency of the item and to approve adding the additional item to the agenda. Director Alcorn motioned to approve Mr. Lander's request, seconded by Director Parker, for which President Mauro then took a roll call vote as follows: (JP), yes; (JB), yes; (MA), yes; (DB), yes; and (EM), yes; the motion carried 5-0. Then President Mauro requested a motion to approve the agenda with the additional new business item. Director Brown motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Director Parker, for which President Mauro took a roll call vote as follows: (JP), yes; (DB), yes; (MA), yes; (JB), 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 August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

2. Allowance of Claims – The Board reviewed the Disbursement Summary (below) for the period of August 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024, totaling \$2,528,158.29 which includes \$831,631.55 for payments to vendors, \$291,911.10 for Payroll, \$463,709.73 paid to the City of Hollister for collection of City sewer billings (net of our fees), and \$1,259.05 for customer refunds.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
08/01/2024	ACH2916	Sterling Administration Health	\$100.00
08/01/2024	ACH2917	P G & E	\$57,165.77
08/02/2024	52808	Ace Hardware (Johnson Lumber Co.)	\$116.87
08/02/2024	52809	Auto Tech Service Center, Inc.	\$175.00
08/02/2024	52810	Baker Supplies and Repairs	\$9.83
08/02/2024	52811	Borges & Mahoney, Inc.	\$1,512.90
08/02/2024	52812	Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	\$41,742.08
08/02/2024	52813	Carlson's Fire Extinguisher Sales & Serv	\$2,005.57
08/02/2024	52814	Clean Brothers	\$150.00
08/02/2024	52815	Community Printers, Inc.	\$1,979.96
08/02/2024	52816	CWEA Membership- TCP	\$486.00
08/02/2024	52817	Diego Perez Bribiesca	\$250.00
08/02/2024	52818	Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.	\$1,653.49
08/02/2024	52819	Hach Company	\$516.55
08/02/2024	52820	Hollister True Value	\$126.69
08/02/2024	52821	Iconix Waterworks (US) Inc.	\$3,577.82
08/02/2024	52822	J M Electric	\$2,024.00
08/02/2024	52823	John Smith Road Landfill	\$384.87
08/02/2024	52824	Mc Master-Carr	\$70.16
08/02/2024	52825	Mission Uniform Service	\$544.50
08/02/2024	52826	O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$76.45
08/02/2024	52827	Postal Graphics	\$36.16
08/02/2024	52828	San Benito County Water District	\$488,788.83
08/02/2024	52830	San Benito County Water District	\$466.50
08/02/2024	52831	State Water Resources Control Board-WWOPCP	\$110.00
08/02/2024	ACH2918	Sterling Administration Health	\$16.23
08/03/2024	JN00633	Net Pay	\$76,043.05
08/03/2024	JN00633	Total Tax	\$19,257.33
08/05/2024	ACH2919	Sterling Administration Health	\$10.00
08/05/2024	ACH2920	Principal	\$3,440.25
08/06/2024	ACH2921	iCloud	\$13,883.05
08/07/2024	ACH2922	Sterling Administration Health	\$62.58

08/09/2024	52832	ACC Business	\$1,323.29
08/09/2024	52833	Atlas Copco Compressors LLC	\$1,038.00
08/09/2024	52834	Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	\$9,369.08
08/09/2024	52835	City of Hollister-Finance Dept	\$463,709.73
08/09/2024	52836	CM Analytical, Inc.	\$14,520.00
08/09/2024	52837	EBCO Pest Control	\$75.00
08/09/2024	52838	exceedio	\$58.46
08/09/2024	52839	Frisch Engineering Inc.	\$13,670.00
08/09/2024	52840	Green Valley Farm Supply, Inc	\$118.94
08/09/2024	52841	InfoSend	\$3,715.92
08/09/2024	52842	Mission Uniform Service	\$629.72
08/09/2024	52843	Recology San Benito County	\$357.64
08/09/2024	52844	Ridgemark Homeowners Association	\$35.00
08/09/2024	52844	Ridgemark Homeowners Association Reversal	-\$35.00
08/09/2024	52845	San Benito County-Assessor	\$32.48
08/09/2024	52846	San Benito County-Assessor	\$19,643.00
08/09/2024	52847	Star Concrete	\$784.42
08/09/2024	52848	Toro Petroleum Corp.	\$2,278.36
08/09/2024	52849	Trans Union LLC	\$132.23
08/09/2024	5285052157	Trinchero Construction Co., Inc.	\$13,087.00
08/09/2024	52851	Underground Service Alert North 811	\$1,702.48
08/09/2024	52854	FARZANEH AKBARI	\$71.37
08/09/2024	ACH2923	Sterling Administration Health	\$1,314.38
08/13/2024	ACH2924	Colonial Life	\$1,935.98
08/15/2024	ACH2925	Sterling Administration Health	\$339.45
08/15/2024	ACH2926	CalPERS - Retirement	\$23.08
08/15/2024	ACH2927	CalPERS - Retirement	\$8,156.23
08/15/2024	ACH2928	CalPERS - Retirement	\$9,294.65
08/15/2024	ACH2929	CalPERS - Retirement	\$291.50
08/15/2024	ACH2930	CalPERS - Retirement	\$4,953.25
08/15/2024	ACH2931	Nationwide Retirements Solutions	\$9,115.96
08/16/2024	ACH2932	ADP	\$2,335.02
08/19/2024	52857	A-1 Services	\$504.00
08/19/2024	52858	Ace Hardware (Johnson Lumber Co.)	\$360.88
08/19/2024	52859	Amazon Capital Services	\$619.65
08/19/2024	52860	Auto Tech Service Center, Inc.	\$280.00
08/19/2024	52861	Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	\$62,871.86
08/19/2024	52862	Brigantino Irrigation	\$27.97
08/19/2024	52863	Calcon System, Inc.	\$1,500.00
08/19/2024	52864	Central Ag Supply LLC	\$1,996.00
08/19/2024	52865	CWEA Membership- TCP	\$121.00
08/19/2024	52866	De Lay & Laredo	\$6,964.00
08/19/2024	52867	Grainger, Inc.	\$553.38
08/19/2024	52868	Hollister True Value	\$122.71
08/19/2024	52869	ICON Cloud Solutions, LLC	\$1,227.57
08/19/2024	52870	Iconix Waterworks (US) Inc.	\$3,978.18
08/19/2024	52871	John Smith Road Landfill	\$2,611.27
08/19/2024	52872	Meter, Valve & Control	\$146,946.00
08/19/2024	52873	Mission Uniform Service	\$466.50
08/19/2024	52874	O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$55.68
08/19/2024	52875	Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc.	\$195.00
08/19/2024	52876	Scott Watson	\$54.63
08/19/2024	52877	Security Shoring & Steel Plates, Inc.	\$6,964.50

08/19/2024	52878	Silke Communications, Inc.	\$16,704.37
08/19/2024	52879	Simplot Grower Solutions	\$1,287.00
08/19/2024	52880	Star Concrete	\$1,953.40
08/19/2024	52881	U.S. Bank Corporate Payment Systems	\$9,343.20
08/19/2024	52883	USA Blue Book	\$635.15
08/19/2024	52884	UWUA Local 820	\$738.56
08/19/2024	52885	Waste Resource Recovery, Inc.	\$2,500.00
08/21/2024	ACH2933	Sterling Administration Health	\$264.60
08/22/2024	ACH2934	Sterling Administration Health	\$30.89
08/22/2024	JN00634	Net Pay	\$76,469.60
08/22/2024	JN00634	Total Tax	\$20,632.22
08/23/2024	52157	TRINCHERO CONSTRUCTION CO INC,	\$634.96
08/23/2024	52886	Able Septic Tank Service	\$7,402.50
08/23/2024	52887	Ace Hardware (Johnson Lumber Co.)	\$104.38
08/23/2024	52888	Amazon Capital Services	\$138.20
08/23/2024	52889	AT&T	\$335.92
08/23/2024	52890	Badger Meter, Inc.	\$2,458.11
08/23/2024	52891	Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	\$28,775.27
08/23/2024	52892	Brigantino Irrigation	\$108.22
08/23/2024	52893	Calcon System, Inc.	\$1,933.56
08/23/2024	52894	Central Ag Supply LLC	\$327.63
08/23/2024	52895	Corbin Willits Systems, Inc. (MOM's)	\$162.00
08/23/2024	52896	exceedio	\$3,951.87
08/23/2024	52897	Frisch Engineering Inc.	\$2,362.50
08/23/2024	52898	Grundfos CBS Inc.	\$9,212.80
08/23/2024	52899	Hach Company	\$350.79
08/23/2024	52900	Hollister True Value	\$97.21
08/23/2024	52901	Mc Master-Carr	\$70.13
08/23/2024	52902	Mission Uniform Service	\$432.67
08/23/2024	52903	Municipal Maintenance Equipment	\$163.51
08/23/2024	52904	Postal Graphics	\$2,171.15
08/23/2024	52905	Star Concrete	\$2,165.34
08/23/2024	52906	Toro Petroleum Corp.	\$2,477.93
08/23/2024	52907	USA Blue Book	\$2,992.84
08/23/2024	52908	UWUA Local 820	\$738.56
08/23/2024	52909	Veolia Water Technologies, Inc.	\$70,927.78
08/23/2024	52910	Waste Resource Recovery, Inc.	\$1,250.00
08/23/2024	52911	Wright Bros. Indust. Supply	\$17.71
08/23/2024	52912	Wright Bros. Welding & Sheet Metal, Inc.	\$537.34
08/23/2024	52913	NICHOLAS DELTON DUNN	\$31.39
08/23/2024	ACH2935	Sterling Administration Health	\$1,205.81
08/26/2024	51278	PEARSON PROPERTIES	\$236.33
08/26/2024	52916	PTC Inc.	\$285.00
08/26/2024	52917	State Water Resources Control Board-WWOPCP	\$95.00
08/26/2024	ACH2936	CalPERS - Retirement	\$23.08
08/26/2024	ACH2937	CalPERS - Retirement	\$8,117.74
08/26/2024	ACH2938	CalPERS - Retirement	\$700.00
08/26/2024	ACH2939	CalPERS - Retirement	\$9,162.55
08/26/2024	ACH2940	CalPERS - Health Insurance	\$31,834.74
08/26/2024	ACH2941	Nationwide Retirements Solutions	\$9,115.95
08/28/2024	52918	Ridgemark Homeowners Association	\$35.00
08/30/2024	52919	ACC Business	\$1,323.29
08/30/2024	52920	Alvin Do	\$374.00

08/30/2024	52921	Amazon Capital Services	\$413.40
08/30/2024	52922	Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	\$23,302.36
08/30/2024	52923	Brigantino Irrigation	\$60.55
08/30/2024	52924	Calgon Carbon Corporation	\$71,697.79
08/30/2024	52925	Central Ag Supply LLC	\$576.66
08/30/2024	52926	Extreme Air, Inc.	\$1,852.00
08/30/2024	52927	Government Finance Officers Association	\$160.00
08/30/2024	52928	Hach Company	\$1,242.20
08/30/2024	52929	Inductive Automation	\$5,948.40
08/30/2024	52930	Mark Nicholson, Inc.	\$24,213.49
08/30/2024	52931	Mission Uniform Service	\$473.44
08/30/2024	52932	Petty Cash	\$135.00
08/30/2024	52933	San Benito County Water District	\$450,391.53
08/30/2024	52935	USA Blue Book	\$482.59
08/30/2024	52936	Verizon Wireless	\$569.00
08/30/2024	52937	Wallace Group	\$71,960.24

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

#### I. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Consider The Award Of The Randy Circle Asphalt Repaving Project To The Qualified Contractor "QA Constructors Inc." For A Cost Of \$52,000 And Allow A Contingency Fund Not To Exceed \$5,200. (Categorically Exempt Project, California Environmental Quality Act Per Cal. Code Of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301 (c).)**

Principal Engineer Robert Hillebrecht spoke on this item, informing the board of a significant water main break on Fourth of July that required our maintenance staff working through the 5<sup>th</sup> of July. The district's Engineering team determined the break required a more technical repair than the standard trench restoration repair typically provided. QA Constructors out of San Francisco submitted the lowest bid it was determined they were responsive and responsible. Mr. Hillebrecht concluded his report by informing the board of the items intentions; to approve the plans for the project, to receive all the responsible and responsive bids, to award the bid to QA Constructors for an amount of \$52,000, to authorize the General Manager to execute the contract upon receiving and accepting all elements identified in the plans and specifications as required

prior to the contract, and to authorize the General Manager to expend up to an additional 10% of the \$52,000 for unseen construction contingencies.

Director Alcorn questioned whether any local contractors were part of the bidding process and questioned whether the local companies would be given preference, to which Attorney Micheal Laredo provided clarification on the District's bidding process. The public contract code states that the contract must go to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

President Mauro then asked for any public comment. Upon receiving no public comment, President Mauro requested a motion to approve the item. Director Parker made a motion to authorize the General Manager to amend Section 11: Stipend Pay of the recently adopted union benefits contract to increase the stipend amount to \$100. 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.

**2. Consider Awarding A Contract For The On-Call Trench Pavement Restoration & Repair Project To Mark Nicholson Inc. At A Cost Of \$33.50 Per Square Foot (Class 1 Categorical Exemption Under California Environmental Quality Act, Article 19, §15301.)**

Principal Engineer Robert Hillebrecht spoke on this item. This contract was most recently awarded to Mark Nicholson in 2017, and it was decided to reopen the item for bidding to ensure the District was receiving the best available pricing. Mr. Hillebrecht concluded his report by providing the board with a summary of the items proposed intentions; approving the plan and specifications for the On-Call Trench Pavement Restoration & Repair project, accept all responsive and responsible bids, award the contract to Mark Nicholson Inc. in the amount of \$33.50 per square foot of restoration, authorize the General Manager to execute the contract upon receiving and accepting all elements identified in the plans and specifications as required prior to the contract, and to authorize the General Manager to adjust the square foot price each year of the contract at a value that does not exceed the ENR Construction Cost Index for the San Francisco Bay Area.

Director Alcorn questioned what the last contractual rate was, to which General Manager Lander informed the board that Mark Nicholson had held \$27.00 per square feet for the last three years. Director Buzzetta questioned how the repairs are monitored, to which Mr. Lander replied that District staff are the ones who measure and inform Mark Nicholson Inc. how much restoration is needed.

President Mauro then asked for any public comment. Upon receiving no public comment, President Mauro requested a motion to approve the item. Director Buzzetta made a motion to consider awarding a contract for the On-Call Trench Pavement Restoration & Repair Project to Mark Nicholson Inc. at a cost of \$33.50 per square foot. This motion was 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.

**3. Board Discussison And Motion To Accept Or Reject The LAFCO Commision's Invitation To Participate As An Active Member Of LAFCO as a seat for Special Districts.**

General Manager Lander presents on this item, bringing it to the Board after conversation on the July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, meeting and after President Mauro attended the August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, LAFCO workshop. LAFCO has invited special districts to join and in doing so special districts will be responsible for 1/3 of the budget but also get to participate in conversations and decision-making regarding annexations, boundaries, and other items of the same nature.

President Mauro confirmed with LAFCO Executive Officer Jennifer Stephenson, who was present via Zoom, that as soon as five of the special districts agreed to join, all special districts would automatically become part of LAFCO. To which Miss Stephenson agreed and informed the board that three of the special districts have already approved.

LAFCO Executive Officer Jennifer Stephenson informed the board that every district will have the same number of votes on decisions, to which Director Alcorn disagreed on that process with districts paying drastically different portions of the budget. Although Miss Stephenson did inform the board that the special districts can work together to come up with a fair way of representing themselves and there is flexibility in the process, directors had back and forth conversations about how it may be too soon to vote on this item without having a meeting with the other special districts.

President Mauro then asked for any public comment. Mr. Hillebrecht commented that he would recommend not making a decision without meeting with all special districts to come to a unanimous decision.

General Manager Lander inquired with the District attorney whether or not the language of the motion could include not approving joining LAFCO unless certain special districts are in agreement with joining. District attorney Michael Laredo informed Mr. Lander he could proceed with a conditional motion, but he would instead recommend postponing the agenda item and seeing how the other districts vote before bringing it back to the board.

Director Brown made a motion to accept the LAFCO Commission's invitation to participate as an active member of LAFCO as a seat for special districts. President Mauro sought a second, but Director Buzzetta instead questioned why all the special districts were voting instead of just the main three that are the most financially impacted. LAFCO Executive Officer Jennifer Stephenson informed him that was how the process was outlined in government code, but then offered an extension as an option if directors did not feel ready to vote on the item. Directors had back and forth discussion and determined that they would like to postpone this item to come back after a scheduled governance meeting with San Benito County Water District. President Mauro then requested a motion to approve the item. Director Parker motioned to direct the General Manager to seek an extension from LAFCO to October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This motion was seconded by Director Buzzetta for which President Mauro then took a roll call vote as follows: (JP), yes; (DB), no; (MA) yes; (JB), yes; and (EM), yes; the motion carried 4-1.

**4. Consider And Provide Direction To The General Manager Regarding The Personnel Committee Recommendation To Modify Board Member Compensation To Include A Fixed Stipend Of \$500 Per Month, In Addition To Existing Compensations For Meeting Attendance And Check Signing**

President Mauro spoke on this agenda item, informing the board that there is a major concern with trying to fill board positions. The last two elections there were no challengers and with the most recent election there were no applications to fill an upcoming open seat. President Mauro confirmed he isn't seeking significant compensation adjustments, but wants to create a reasonable remuneration to incentivize people to join the board.

District attorney Michael Laredo informs President Mauro that although he understands his concerns, the suggestion brought forward is not legally obtainable at this point in time. Due to the District's enabling legislative found in Water Code Section 30000, the district is capped on what can be provided as a water district to board members. 2019 was the last increase provided to Sunnyslope's board members and you can only increase that contribution amount at a maximum of 5% per year. Director Alcorn questioned how the county was being provided with medical, to which Mr. Laredo informed him that the district may provide benefits to the directors, not following the same regulations as increasing their monetary compensation. Directors had additional questions for the attorney regarding different benefit pay out options, with President Mauro questioning whether the board could vote on those 5% increases today. District Attorney Michael Laredo did recommend agreeing on the direction the board would like to go and then bringing the item back to the board at a later date with the increases listed out.

Board had back and forth conversation on what they believed to be reasonable compensation that would bring in new members, agreeing that they'd like to see those 5% increases on the board and committee meetings. 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 direct the General Manager to work on an ordinance that increases director pay by 5% for each year since 2019 for both board and committee meetings. 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.

**5. Consider And Adopt Resolution #603 Authorizing The Grant Application, Acceptance And Execution For The "Sunnyslope Consolidated Minimum Health and Safety Water System Improvements".**

General Manager Lander spoke on this item, reminding the board of the District's current two grants allocated for adding special districts. This item is requesting approval to apply for a third grant that Mr. Lander has been working with the Department of Water Resources on. Wallace Group has completed most the application, but it needed to come before the board for approval; which was only brought to Mr. Lander's attention the morning of the board meeting. In approving this item it doesn't commit the District to anything other than to apply for the grant money, it is not an acceptance of any grant money at this point in time. The purpose of the additional grant is for the tres pinos, stonegate and some of the best roads consolidation to replace fire hydrants and make existing water line improvements. Without those improvements, a special water collection district for those affected areas would have to be created to collect additional capital money; therefore this grant would allow us to do the work that we'd otherwise have to ask the neighborhoods to pay for.

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 adopt Resolution #603 authorizing the grant application, acceptance and execution for the "Sunnyslope Consolidated Minimum Health and Safety Water System Improvements". This motion was seconded by Director Brown 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:** (No Meeting)
2. **Water/Wastewater Committee:** (No Meeting)
3. **Finance Committee:** (No Meeting.)
4. **Policy and Procedure Committee:** (No Meeting.)
5. **Personnel Committee:** (Meeting September 12<sup>th</sup> and September 24<sup>th</sup>.)
6. **Water Resources Association of San Benito County (WRA):** (No Meeting.)

**K. BOARD and STAFF REPORTS**

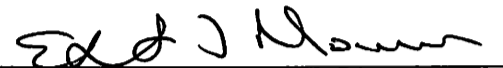
1. **Directors:** No Report.
2. **District Counsel:** Attorney Michael Laredo reported that his firm, De Lay & Laredo, will be hosting an upcoming AB1234 Training, and he will report on the date and time when it becomes available.
3. **General Manager:** General Manager Lander reported that there had been a Covid surge that affected the office, even taking him out for an entire week, but it hasn't been concluded that it was a staff spread surge. Mr. Lander also reported that in addition to the new water rates that went live this month, the District will begin implementing credit card

usage fees on their customers in 2025. Additionally, Mr. Lander reported that Director Parker will be dropping from the board in December, therefore he will begin advertising that position in December. Lastly, Mr. Lander reported to the board that he has been working with Jeff Cattaneo to get him to attend a board meeting and present on a number of items with Sunnyslope's Board.

**L. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Holiday Schedule for December 2024 and an update on where the District is at with the greivance process with the San Benito County Water District.

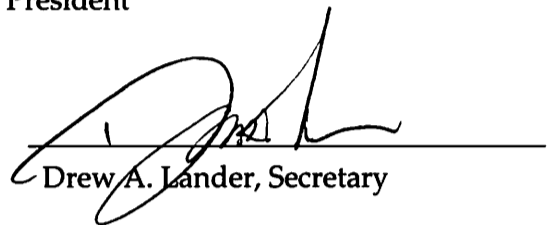
**M. ADJOURNMENT:** President Mauro adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD:**



Edward J. Mauro, President

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**



Drew A. Lander, Secretary