

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

A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:15 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), Director Dee Brown (DB), Director Jerry Buzzetta (JB).

Present via teleconference: Vice President James Parker (JP).

Absent: Director Michael Alcorn (MA).

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: General Manager Lander provided the Fairview Corner's Development Agreement for item F3 that didn't make it into the packet in time for distribution. President Mauro requested a motion to approve the agenda. Director Brown motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Director Buzzetta, for which President Mauro then took a roll call vote as follows: (DB), yes; (JB), yes; (JP), yes; and (EM), yes; the motion carried 4-0 with 1 absence.

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, Finance and HR Manager Barry Kelly.

Staff Present for Open Session: Via Teleconference: Water/ Wastewater Superintendent Jose Rodriguez.

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 19th, 2024.
2. Allowance of Claims – The Board reviewed the Disbursement Summary (below) for the period of March 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024, totaling \$884,368.21 which includes \$618,098.81 for payments to vendors, \$260,244.26 for Payroll, and \$1,898.88 for customer refunds.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
03/01/2024	ACH2808	Sterling Administration Health	\$5.00
03/05/2024	ACH2809	Principal	\$3,274.92
03/06/2024	52266	ACC Business	\$1,343.14
03/06/2024	52267	Ace Hardware (Johnson Lumber Co.)	\$190.19
03/06/2024	52268	AT&T	\$857.38
03/06/2024	52269	Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	\$7,619.39
03/06/2024	52270	Bryan Mailey Electric, Inc	\$7,991.54
03/06/2024	52271	CA Dept. of Tax & Fee Administration	\$3,109.00
03/06/2024	52272	Clean Brothers	\$150.00
03/06/2024	52273	Hach Company	\$1,467.41
03/06/2024	52274	J M Electric	\$3,723.51
03/06/2024	52275	JNM Automation	\$1,400.00
03/06/2024	52276	Mission Uniform Service	\$444.47
03/06/2024	52277	Postal Graphics	\$33.28
03/06/2024	52278	RJR Recycling	\$1,700.00

03/06/2024	52279	San Benito County Water District	\$350,543.23
03/06/2024	52281	Toro Petroleum Corp.	\$1,500.10
03/06/2024	52282	USA Blue Book	\$491.03
03/06/2024	52283	Wallace Group	\$10,715.00
03/06/2024	ACH2810	P G & E	\$27,182.50
03/07/2024	52191	ANDERSON HOMES,	\$241.00
03/07/2024	52284	DSW FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	\$34.99
03/07/2024	52285	JUANA LUNA & CHRISTIAN BARAJAS	\$28.34
03/07/2024	ACH2811	iCloud	\$12,761.30
03/08/2024	JN00560	Net Pay	\$75,236.13
03/08/2024	JN00560	Total Tax	\$19,282.29
03/11/2024	ACH2812	Sterling Administration Health	\$168.28
03/12/2024	ACH2813	CalPERS - Retirement	\$23.08
03/12/2024	ACH2814	CalPERS - Retirement	\$7,944.55
03/12/2024	ACH2815	CalPERS - Retirement	\$7,989.40
03/12/2024	ACH2816	Nationwide Retirements Solutions	\$8,840.53
03/13/2024	52287	Abel Alvarez	\$221.00
03/13/2024	52288	Ace Hardware (Johnson Lumber Co.)	\$16.38
03/13/2024	52289	Backflow Apparatus & Valve Co. (BAVCO)	\$123.10
03/13/2024	52290	Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	\$14,999.85
03/13/2024	52291	Brigantino Irrigation	\$7.04
03/13/2024	52292	CM Analytical, Inc.	\$12,338.75
03/13/2024	52293	Hach Company	\$1,643.35
03/13/2024	52294	ICON Cloud Solutions, LLC	\$4,125.42
03/13/2024	52295	Iconix Waterworks (US) Inc.	\$688.98
03/13/2024	52296	Interstate Battery System of San Jose Inc	\$55.86
03/13/2024	52297	Luis M. Vasquez-Herrera	\$36.97
03/13/2024	5229851481	Mark Nicholson, Inc.	\$13,636.00
03/13/2024	52299	Metropolitan Compounds Inc	\$5,872.86
03/13/2024	52300	Recology San Benito County	\$342.91
03/13/2024	52301	Rexel	\$5,405.14
03/13/2024	52302	San Benito County Water District	\$521.50
03/13/2024	52303	San Benito Engineering & Surveying Inc.	\$2,400.00
03/13/2024	52304	Simplot Grower Solutions	\$1,193.50
03/13/2024	52305	State Water Resources Control Brd-WWOPCP	\$110.00
03/13/2024	52306	TPO	\$281.25
03/13/2024	52307	U.S. Bank Corporate Payment Systems	\$5,164.24
03/13/2024	52308	USA Blue Book	\$119.72
03/13/2024	52309	Water District Jobs	\$145.00
03/15/2024	52284	DSW FAMILY PARTNERSHIP	\$161.12
03/15/2024	ACH2817	Sterling Administration Health	\$10.00
03/15/2024	ACH2818	Colonial Life	\$1,922.76
03/15/2024	ACH2819	ADP	\$2,221.35
03/18/2024	52312	A-1 Services	\$1,467.00
03/18/2024	52313	Ace Hardware (Johnson Lumber Co.)	\$394.31
03/18/2024	52314	Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	\$13,987.35
03/18/2024	52315	Brigantino Irrigation	\$193.71
03/18/2024	52316	De Lay & Laredo	\$5,480.00
03/18/2024	52317	EBCO Pest Control	\$75.00
03/18/2024	52318	Hollister True Value	\$76.46
03/18/2024	52319	ICON Cloud Solutions, LLC	\$252.27
03/18/2024	52320	InfoSend	\$3,481.48
03/18/2024	52321	John Smith Road Landfill	\$2,116.70

03/18/2024	52322	MBS Business Systems	\$709.92
03/18/2024	52323	Michael Vargas Garcia	\$110.00
03/18/2024	52324	Mission Uniform Service	\$492.25
03/18/2024	52325	San Benito County Water District-Pumping	\$4,504.99
03/18/2024	52326	San Benito Tire Pros & Automotive	\$25.00
03/18/2024	52327	Shape, Inc.	\$585.92
03/18/2024	52328	Star Concrete	\$262.20
03/18/2024	52329	State Water Resources Control Brd-WWOPCP	\$110.00
03/18/2024	52330	Sterling Administration Health	\$252.00
03/18/2024	52331	Trans Union LLC	\$281.15
03/18/2024	52332	USA Blue Book	\$301.36
03/18/2024	52333	UWUA Local 820	\$738.56
03/18/2024	52334	Wienhoff Drug Testing	\$70.00
03/20/2024	ACH2820	Sterling Administration Health	\$200.00
03/21/2024	JN00561	Net Pay	\$64,726.35
03/21/2024	JN00561	Total Tax	\$17,066.49
03/22/2024	51161	HERBERT EDWARD BOWEN IV	\$194.49
03/22/2024	52335	MYUNG CHIPLEY	\$22.00
03/22/2024	52337	DANIEL GUERRERO	\$247.09
03/25/2024	ACH2821	CalPERS - Retirement	\$23.08
03/25/2024	ACH2822	Sterling Administration Health	\$600.00
03/25/2024	ACH2823	CalPERS - Retirement	\$7,390.92
03/25/2024	ACH2824	CalPERS - Retirement	\$7,684.02
03/25/2024	ACH2825	Nationwide Retirements Solutions	\$8,740.55
03/25/2024	ACH2826	CalPERS - Health Insurance	\$29,115.91
03/26/2024	52338	Ace Hardware (Johnson Lumber Co.)	\$65.47
03/26/2024	52339	Atlas Copco Compressors LLC	\$4,196.69
03/26/2024	52340	Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	\$20,189.75
03/26/2024	52341	Brigantino Irrigation	\$84.84
03/26/2024	52342	C & N Tractors	\$943.89
03/26/2024	52343	Corbin Willits Systems, Inc. (MOM's)	\$150.00
03/26/2024	52344	exceedio	\$1,819.12
03/26/2024	52345	First Trust Alarm Company	\$753.00
03/26/2024	5234651481	Mark Nicholson, Inc.	\$45,409.64
03/26/2024	52347	Mission Uniform Service	\$501.37
03/26/2024	52348	Quinn Company	\$1,679.30
03/26/2024	52349	San Benito County-Assessor	\$250.00
03/26/2024	52350	San Benito County-Mosq Abate. Prgm	\$126.23
03/26/2024	52351	Star Concrete	\$1,398.40
03/26/2024	52352	Toro Petroleum Corp.	\$1,902.10
03/26/2024	52353	USA Blue Book	\$243.40
03/26/2024	52354	Wallace Group	\$2,235.00
03/27/2024	52355	RHODA & MARTIN BRESS	\$164.70
03/27/2024	52359	MERITAGE HOMES OF CALIFORNIA	\$45.70
03/27/2024	52359	MERITAGE HOMES OF CALIFORNIA,	\$77.52
03/27/2024	52360	STEPHEN TOSTE	\$24.53
03/31/2024	JN00564	Bank Fees	\$74.00
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3. Receive Associate Engineer Monthly Status Report. (March Report Not Available)

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.

Director Buzzetta requested to pull items E1, E4, E5 and E6 to new business for discussion. President Mauro asked for public comment and upon receiving none, President Mauro requested a motion to approve the consent agenda with Director Buzzetta's requests. Upon a motion made by Director Parker to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Director Brown, for which President Mauro then took a roll call vote as follows: (JB), yes; (DB), yes; (JP), yes; and (EM) yes; the motion carried 4-0 with 1 absence.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Consider Adopting Resolution No. 599 Proclaiming May 2024, As "Water Awareness Month" (Not A Project Under CEQA Per Article 20, Section 15378.)**

General Manager Lander brings this item to the board yearly at the request of the WRA program manager, Shawn Novack. This year Mr. Novack has provided the wording of the resolution.

President Mauro then asked for any public comment. Upon receiving no public comment, President Mauro requested a motion to approve the item. Director Brown made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 599 Proclaiming May 2024 as "Water Awareness Month". This motion was seconded by Director Buzzetta for which President Mauro then took a roll call vote as follows: (JB), yes; (DB), yes; (JP) yes; and (EM), yes; the motion carried 4-0 with 1 absence.

2. **Consider Adoption Of Resolution No. 600 Ordering A District Election, Requesting The County Of San Benito To Conduct The Election, And Authorizing Payment For The Cost Of The Election To Be Budgeted At \$50,000. (Not A Project Under CEQA Per Article 20, Section 15378).**

General Manager Lander must bring this item to the board prior to an election, and this year there are two directors whose terms will expire. Mr. Lander discusses the fiscal impact the election will have on the district, stating the price fluctuation is dependent on the numbers of members running.

Director Brown noted that the resolution needed a correction, item 3 under "Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that:" should say "there are two elective offices to be filled at the District election," rather than three.

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 adopt Resolution No. 600 ordering a district election, requesting The County of San Benito to conduct the election, and authorizing payment for the cost of the election to be budgeted at \$50,000. This motion was seconded by Director Brown for which President Mauro then took a roll call vote as follows: (JB), yes; (DB), yes; (JP) yes; and (EM), yes; the motion carried 4-0 with 1 absence.

3. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 601 and Authorize the President to Sign an Agreement for Water and Sewer Facilities and Service for the Fairview Corners Development (CEQA Certified MND)

General Manager Lander spoke on this item, taking the time to go through the agreement and address the terms that were specifically negotiated for the development to fit into the district's overall water and sewer systems.

President Mauro then asked for any public comment. Upon receiving no public comment, President Mauro requested a motion to approve the item. Director Brown made a motion to approve Resolution No. 601 and authorize the President to sign an agreement for water and sewer facilities and service for the Fairview Corners Development. This motion was seconded by President Mauro for which President Mauro then took a roll call vote as follows: (JB), yes; (DB), yes; (JP) yes; and (EM), yes; the motion carried 4-0 with 1 absence. Director Buzzetta wanted it to be noted that he was voting yes to avoid a 2-2 vote with the possibility of the item not passing, but he believes the agreement should contain more than a one-year warranty.

4. Consider Approval Of Resolution No. 602 Adopting Guidelines For The Submission And Tabulation Of Protests In Connection With Fee And Charge Hearings Pertaining To The Cielo Vista Sewer Service Area.

General Manager Lander brings this item to the board ahead of a public hearing at the end of May 2024 in which the Board shall consider proposed wastewater rates specific to the customers of Cielo Vista, the Gavilan College and the proposed Fairview corners subdivision. In voting for this item, the board is specifying the District's procedures to be used in receiving and tabulation protests related to imposing or increasing wastewater fees.

Director Buzzetta requested more information on what small repairs were needed in the sewer systems, to which General Manager Lander informed him they were manhole repairs requiring additional grouting that the county was going to take care of. Mr. Lander also confirmed that Sunnyslope would do an additional inspection ensuring completion on the manhole work, as a number of inspections have already been completed on the sewer system itself.

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 approve Resolution No. 602 adopting guidelines for the submission and tabulation of protests in connection with fee and charge hearings pertaining to the Cielo Vista sewer service area. This motion was seconded by Director Brown for which President Mauro then took a roll call vote as follows: (JB), yes; (DB), yes; (JP) yes; and (EM), yes; the motion carried 4-0 with 1 absence.

5. Consider Approval Of New Principal Engineer Job Description, Salary Structure, Modified Organization Chart, And The Retirement Of The Plant Electrician/Instrumentation Technician Position.

General Manager Lander spoke on this item, informing the board of the struggle the District has been through trying to obtain a new associate engineer. Although an applicant was finally selected there is significant training that will have to be provided along with a need for supervision. Recently there was an experienced engineering candidate who expressed interest in joining the District if there were a more senior position available. Mr.

Lander continued by expressing the benefits of bringing in a Principal Engineering position that can not only assist in training this incoming associate engineer, but also provide valuable engineering functions that diminish the need for hiring outside engineering services.

In addition, General Manager Lander comments on the Electrician/Instrumentation Technician position that the District has been unable to fill due to where the salary scale is at. In removing this position, it keeps staffing levels the same, making the only difference an increase in the salary structure.

President Mauro and Director Brown made comments favoring creating a position that not only offers valuable assistance to the General Manager, but also creates a succession plan that ensures we have depth and experience in moving forward.

Director Buzzetta requests the verbiage of the item be changed from retirement to elimination to avoid confusion, therefore it would be, "Consider Approval Of New Principal Engineer Job Description, Salary Structure, Modified Organization Chart, And The Elimination Of The Plant Electrician/Instrumentation Technician Position,".

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 approve a new Principal Engineer job description, salary structure, modified organization chart, and the elimination of the Plant Electrician/Instrumentation Technician Position. This motion was seconded by Director Brown for which President Mauro then took a roll call vote as follows: (JB), yes; (DB), yes; (JP) yes; and (EM), yes; the motion carried 4-0 with 1 absence.

6. Authorize The General Manager To Contract with Wallace Group For Professional Services To Provide Project Management For The San Benito County Water Agency Consolidation (Phase 2), not to exceed \$3,050,000. (Not A Project Under Ceqa Per Article 20, Section 15378)

The San Benito County Water Agency Consolidation refers to the consolidation of Best Road Mutual Water Company, Harburn Way Water Company, Stonegate Water System CSA, and the Tres Pinos Water Company into Sunnyslope County Water District. General Manager Lander spoke on why contracting with the Wallace Group to have them in charge of managing the project would be most favorable to the District. Stating that they would have the responsibility of completing the project in the time laid out in the grant and provide a lot of support that would otherwise tie up District employees. Mr. Lander continues by informing the board this is the most favorable way to contract with the Wallace Group, so they are not waiting on direct payment from the grant that would otherwise be a 60-day lag time.

Director Buzzetta questions if the funds would be coming out of the District's capital reserves and if so how would that affect the current investments. General Manager Lander replies by informing Director Buzzetta that this will all be occurring over a two-and-a-half-year period, therefore not all the money will be coming out at once. The way the grant works we should be utilizing funds and then being reimbursed within 60 days, ensuring we don't have large amounts missing from capital reserves for this project.

Director Parker questioned if the hiring of a Principal Engineer would change these assumed costs, to which General Manager Lander replied that if there was engineering

services the District could provide then it would be reimbursed directly from the grant to Sunnyslope.

President Mauro then asked for any public comment. Upon receiving no public comment, President Mauro requested a motion to approve the item. Director Brown made a motion to authorize the General Manager to contract with Wallace Group for professional services to provide project management for the San Benito County Water Agency consolidation (phase 2), not to exceed \$3,050,000. This motion was seconded by Director Buzzetta for which President Mauro then took a roll call vote as follows: (JB), yes; (DB), yes; (JP) yes; and (EM), yes; the motion carried 4-0 with 1 absence.

7. Approve Meeting Minutes of the Special Board Meeting- March 19th, 2024

Director Buzzetta pulled this item from the consent agenda to bring to new business for a correction. In the meeting minutes under H1 there is a comment from Director Alcorn clarifying his attendance at the special board meeting of March 12th, 2024, but Director Buzzetta also had made comments clarifying his absence. Those comments were inserted in the minutes after item H3 and Director Buzzetta would like them moved to H1 with Director Alcorn's comments. Therefore, under H1 the minutes should state the following.

"Special Board Meeting of March 12th, 2024- Director Alcorn asked that the minutes reflect that he arrived late to the meeting but that he was in attendance at the March 12th meeting. Director Buzzetta also commented that he wanted his absence clarified, he did not attend the meeting due to him not being notified about it. This issue has since been resolved with the General Manager and should not cause further problems."

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 approve the meeting minutes of the special board meeting on March 19th, 2024, with the correction noted. This motion was seconded by Director Brown for which President Mauro then took a roll call vote as follows: (JB), yes; (DB), yes; (JP) yes; and (EM), yes; the motion carried 4-0 with 1 absence.

8. Receive and Accept Finance Manager Monthly Status Reports:

- a) **Narrative Report**
- b) **Operation Summary**
- c) **Statement of Income**
- d) **Investment Summary**
- e) **Board Designated Reserves**

Director Buzzetta pulled this item from the consent agenda to bring to new business due to his concerns about how costly running the water treatment plants at full capacity has shown to be. Director Buzzetta questions why there has been a 6% increase in water consumption in the last year, to which General Manager Lander clarified it was due to drought requirements being lifted and an increase in connections and population growth.

Director Buzzetta continues by questioning the O&M receivables and why the District is carrying six figure overdue balances at times. General Manager Lander speaks on this, informing the board of the decision of the entities to be billed actuals as opposed to doing 1/12th approved budget payments with a yearly true-up. This change in how the billing is done has lead to San Benito County having to get their billings approved at their monthly board meetings, therefore delaying payment to the District. Mr. Lander continues by commenting on the possibility of imposing a 2% net 30-day fee on overdue balances, but this is something that he has to work out contractually with the entities.

Director Buzzetta commented on the calculated net operating loss which has been attributed to running both plants at full capacity, referring to the investment summary to state how that money could have been earning interest instead. When Director Buzzetta began discussing what three years of running the plants at full capacity would look like financially, General Manager Lander stepped in and reminded him that the District only had intentions of running the plants at full capacity for a year. Mr. Lander continues by informing him that there are conversations with San Benito County Water District about what is recommended for the future, but overall it is the decision of the District how much water they are willing to take on yearly.

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 receive and accept the Finance Manager's monthly status reports. This motion was seconded by Director Brown for which President Mauro then took a roll call vote as follows: (JB), yes; (DB), yes; (JP) yes; and (EM), yes; the motion carried 4-0 with 1 absence.

9. Receive and Accept Superintendent Monthly Status Reports:

- a) Maintenance
- b) City Meter Reading
- c) Groundwater Level Measurement

Director Buzzetta pulled this item from the consent agenda due to some questions he had about the water allocation for water year 2024-2025, including who approved the allocation for the year. In which General Manager Lander informed him it has never been a board driven item, but an item that has to be discussed with the City of Hollister and the District's water planners to assess consumer needs.

President Mauro questioned whether the agreement that was contracted in February of 2023, where the District agrees to run both plants at full capacity, has ended. General Manager Lander confirmed the agreement has ended, but the plants are still being run heavily due to usage. Director Buzzetta questions the blend and how it is decided what the best quality of water is we can provide at the most favorable price to customers, to which President Mauro suggests bringing that item back in a future board meeting.

President Mauro then asked for any public comment. Upon receiving no public comment, President Mauro requested a motion to approve the item. Director Brown made a motion to receive and accept the Superintendent's monthly status reports. This motion was seconded by Director Buzzetta for which President Mauro then took a roll call vote as follows: (JB), yes; (DB), yes; (JP) yes; and (EM), yes; the motion carried 4-0 with 1 absence.

10. Receive and Accept General Manager Monthly Status Report.

Director Buzzetta pulled this item from the consent agenda and brought it to new business to ask General Manager Lander about the timeline on a Governance Committee meeting with San Benito County Water District to address a few ongoing concerns. Mr. Lander informed him that a meeting was in the works, but due to the sudden dismissal of their general manager there was a delay in scheduling that.

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 receive and accept the General Manager's monthly status report. This motion was seconded by Director Brown for which President Mauro then took a roll call vote as follows: (JB), yes; (DB), yes; (JP) yes; and (EM), yes; the motion carried 4-0 with 1 absence.

G. BOARD COMMITTEE and STATUS REPORTS

1. **Governance Committee:** (Meeting held March 26th.)
2. **Water/Wastewater Committee:** (No Meeting.)
3. **Finance Committee:** (No Meeting.)
4. **Policy and Procedure Committee:** (No meeting)
5. **Personnel Committee:** (Meeting held April 9th, Recommendations presented for Board Consideration)
6. **Water Resources Association of San Benito County (WRA):** (Meeting held April 4th.)

H. BOARD and STAFF REPORTS

1. **Directors:** Director Buzzetta reported that there was a Governance Committee meeting at San Benito County Water District on March 26th, 2024. The topics of discussion were the A-Drop Project, water treatment plant operations and raw water costs. Director Buzzetta also voiced concerns about how his comments were being incorporated into the meeting minutes. He reported that he has been concerned monitoring the finances in regard to running the plants at full capacity, as this is something costing the District large sums of money.

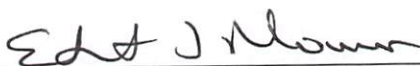
2. **District Counsel:** Attorney Michael Laredo reported that union negotiations are moving forward and there has already been preliminary discussion, but the first meeting date will be April 29th, 2024.

3. **General Manager:** General Manager Lander reported on his meeting with interim General Manager Jeff Cattaneo of San Benito County Water District, stating that there will be an upcoming Governance Committee meeting to address some of the concerns that the District has had with San Benito, including financial transparency. Mr. Lander continued by reporting on the rate study that has been in the works, stating that there will be a special meeting to discuss the study to hopefully have it completed and rates adopted by July 1st, 2024. General Manager Lander also reported on San Benito Foods, stating that the odors that were emitted from the plant were from sludge hauling. The District is not contracted for sludge hauling; therefore they contracted another company separately. When the smell arose San Benito Foods did reach out for assistance, to which Sunnyslope sent a few of their employees to help in covering up the sludge with plastic, for incoming rains. General Manager Lander continued by stating that 2 years ago the District did assist in hauling 4,000 dry pounds of sludge from the ponds and at that time there were no odor complaints or issues.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Rate Model Review & Acceptance Special Meeting Required

J. ADJOURNMENT: President Mauro adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:


Edward J. Mauro, President

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


Drew A. Lander, Secretary