

The minutes presented herewith are not a verbatim transcription of the Hybrid Board meeting that was held on February 14, 2023. The intent is to provide a synopsis of key points of discussion and to chronicle decisions and actions taken by a quorum of the Board of Directors (ref: Roberts Rules of Order, Section 48). For more information or background, please refer to the applicable board packet.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE RINCON DEL DIABLO MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
February 14, 2023**

A Hybrid Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District was held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at the District offices located at 1920 North Iris Lane, Escondido, California, 92026.

Directors Present: Drake, Naves, Quist, and Welch.

Directors Absent: Murtland.

District Staff Present: Clint Baze, General Manager; Jeff Umbrasas, Director of Administration and Finance; Steve Plyler, Operations Manager; Julia Escamilla, Public Information Officer; Shawnele Morelos, Engineering Manager; and Wanda Cassidy, Clerk of the Board.

Legal Counsel: Alfred E. Smith, Legal Counsel; Bill Pellman; Legal Counsel, Nossaman, LLC.

Guests: Rick Vogt, Fire Chief, Escondido Fire Department.

Vice President Quist called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., which was followed by Director Naves, who led the Board of Directors and attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA

One case from Agenda Item 9-B.b Closed Session: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4) to discuss potential litigation (One case) and the Agenda Item 9-C.a. Closed Session Report were moved to follow Item 2-B. Oral Report by Escondido Fire Department Regarding Current Events and Community Fire Readiness Relating to Improvement District E. (ID-E).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

There were no oral communications to the Board.

SECTION 1 - CONSENT ITEMS

In a motion by Director Welch and seconded by Director Drake, the following consent items were unanimously approved:

- 1-A. Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting of January 24, 2023.
- 1-B. Board of Directors' Per Diem Fees and/or Expense Reports, January 2023.
- 1-C. AB 361 – Allow for the Continued Use of Hybrid Meetings for Brown Act Meetings.

by the following roll call vote:

Drake	Aye
Murtland	Absent
Naves	Aye
Quist	Aye
Welch	Aye

SECTION 2 – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & FIRE SERVICES

- 2-A. Receive and File Emergency Preparedness and Fire Services Committee meeting Minutes of February 2, 2023.

Received and filed Emergency Preparedness and Fire Services Committee meeting minutes of February 2, 2023.

- 2-B. Oral Report by Escondido Fire Department Regarding Current Events and Community Fire Readiness Relating to Improvement District E (ID E).

Fire Chief Vogt reported on two upcoming events:

- On February 16th, firefighters and support volunteers from the Fire Department will be promoting heart health and conducting blood pressure screenings at the Escondido Senior Center located on Park Avenue.
- On March 9th, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. firefighters will be participating in the annual San Diego Burn Institute's "Fill the Boot" fund drive. Firefighters will be collecting donations to be used for fire and burn prevention education programs and burn survivor support services at locations throughout Escondido.

After the report, Chief Vogt answered Directors' questions.

SECTION 9 – LEGAL MATTERS

The Board of Directors adjourned to Closed Session at 5:08 p.m.

9-B. Closed Session.

- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4) to discuss potential litigation (One case).

The Board of Directors reconvened to Open Session at 5:50 p.m.

9-C. Open Session

- a. Closed Session Report.

During Closed Session there were no reportable actions taken.

SECTION 3 – PUBLIC INFORMATION & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

3-A. Focus on Conservation: Update on District Conservation Programs, Regional Water Supplies, and Statewide Water Resource Outlook.

Public Information Officer Julia Escamilla began her presentation with a review of local rainfall during February.

Ms. Escamilla then continued her report. The Northern California precipitation index was at 39.2 inches and at 124% of the average for this date. Lake Shasta was at 2,653,723 AF, which was 86% of historical average and 58% of capacity. Lake Oroville was at 2,433,574 AF as of February 13, 2023, which was 114% of historical average and 69% of total capacity. Lake Mead was at 29% full. Lake Mohave was at 1,673,000 AF and 92% full while Lake Havasu was at 621,000 AF and was at 92% full, a decrease from the previous month. Precipitation at the Upper Colorado Basin increased to 14.4 inches and was at 118% of average while the snowpack was at 13.8 inches and at 130% of average. Precipitation at Salt/Verde Basin was 15.2" inches at 133% of average with snowpack at 7.6 inches at 174% of average. The storage at Flaming Gorge as of February 6, 2023 was at 2,576,316 AF, had an unregulated inflow 38,000 AF, and a current average daily release of 3,490.9 AF.

The Monthly Precipitation Outlook indicated a very small likelihood of being below normal precipitation levels in Southern California. The Monthly Temperature

Outlook showed Southern California as likely to be at normal temperatures, with a small portion indicating a slight likelihood of being above normal temperatures.

The Drought Monitor indicates a large portion of California is now showing Moderate Drought instead of the Severe Drought shown in January. There was no Extreme Drought or Exceptional Drought anywhere in the State. The Wildland Fire Potential Outlook had improved with only a small portion of the southeast and southwestern portions of Texas showing above normal significant wildland fire potential.

After the presentation, Ms. Escamilla answered the Directors' questions.

3-B. Funded Grants and Grant Opportunities.

PIO Escamilla and General Manager Baze provided the Grants Report. Staff reported the WaterSmart Grant: Water and Energy Efficiency Grant for 2023 will likely be awarded to selected recipients in early winter (or later if necessary). Staff received an inquiry in October from a Bureau representative about technical specifications, however, has yet to receive any notification about awards.

After the report, staff answered the Directors' questions.

SECTION 4 – FINANCE, INSURANCE & PERSONNEL

Nothing to report.

SECTION 5 – OPERATIONS; ENGINEERING & LONG-RANGE PLANNING

5-A. Renew Extension of Professional Services Agreement with Olivenhain MWD to Reimburse Expenses and Participate with Federal Lobby Efforts, as a Member of the North San Diego Water Reuse Coalition.

Staff recommended the approval of the renewal of the agreement with the North San Diego Water Reuse Coalition (OMWD as contracting agency) and lobbyist BlueWater Strategies LLC, for federal grant funding for Regional Recycled Water Projects, including Rincon projects and concepts. This is the twelfth amendment.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made:

In a motion made by Director Welch and seconded by Director Drake, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the renewal of the agreement with the North San Diego Water Reuse

Coalition (OMWD as contracting agency), to engage a lobbyist, BlueWater Strategies LLC., for federal grant funding for Regional Recycled Water projects, including Rincon projects and concepts by the following roll call vote:

Drake	Aye
Murtland	Absent
Naves	Aye
Quist	Aye
Welch	Aye

5-B. Adopt Resolution No. 23-04: Adopting District Standards and Specifications.

Staff was requesting Resolution No. 23-04: "Adopting District Standards and Specifications" be approved by the Board of Directors.

At the January Board of Directors' meeting, the District Standards and Specifications were introduced to the Board of Directors, and it was reported that the item would be brought back to this meeting for adoption.

After a brief discussion and after Ms. Morelos and General Manager Baze answered the Directors' questions, a motion was made:

In a motion made by Director Drake and seconded by Director Welch, the Board of Directors unanimously approved Resolution No. 04: "Adopting District Standards and Specifications" by the following roll call vote:

Drake	Aye
Murtland	Absent
Naves	Aye
Quist	Aye
Welch	Aye

SECTION 6 – SEWER

6-A. Update on Harmony Grove Village Sewer Treatment Plant.

General Manager Baze provided an update on the wet weather storage at the Harmony Grove Village Sewer Treatment Plant. During the recent rains, the City of Escondido diverted overflow to the storage facility. The wet weather storage

currently has approximately three million gallons of water that will need to be drained in order for storage to be dry.

The plant is currently operating at 85,000 gallons per day and the water quality meets all standards.

After the report, General Manager Baze answered the Directors' questions.

SECTION 7 – SDCWA DIRECTOR'S REPORT & DIRECTORS/STAFF ACTIVITIES REPORT

7-A. This portion of the agenda may be used by the SDCWA representative to make informal reports on activities.

General Manager Baze reported on the January 26, 2022 meeting:

- The Board adopted six resolutions honoring SDCWA Directors' retirements. It was also reported Director Neil Meyers is expected to replace General Manager Kim Thorner as Olivenhain's representative.
- The Board authorized the General Manager to award a professional services contract for the Lake Hodges Hydroelectric Facility piping isolation planning study at the Lake Hodges Hydroelectric Facility.
- The Board of Directors adopted Resolution 23-01 authorizing the General Manager to apply to the California Department of Water Resources and to commit the SDCWA to the financial and legal obligations associated with the receipt of grant funds.

General Manager Baze then announced he will be on the Administration and Finance Committee and the Water Planning & Environmental Committee.

After the report, General Manager Baze answered the Directors' questions.

7-B. This portion of the agenda may be used by the Board of Directors or management to make informal oral reports on their activities.

- Director Naves had nothing to report.
- Director Welch had nothing to report.
- Director Quist provided an update on sessions being held at the upcoming Urban Water Management Conference.
- Director Drake reported on a new ACWA task force looking at alternative sources of water.
- Director Murtland was absent.

- 7-C. This portion of the agenda may be used by the Board of Directors to request items for future agendas.

There were no requests.

- 7-D. Request Approval for a Board Member(s) to Attend Upcoming Meetings; Conferences; or Seminars for Those Not Authorized in the District's Administrative Code, Section 502 "Authorized District Memberships."

There were no requests.

- 7-E. District Activities Report (DAR), January 2023.

General Manager Baze provided the following updates on the DAR:

- The Information Technology Analyst position.
- The Via Rancho Parkway leak on January 26th.

After the report, General Manager Baze answered the Directors' questions.

- 7-F. CSDA Board of Directors Call for Nominations Seat C.

California Special Districts Association was soliciting nominations for the Board of Directors – Seat C in the Southern Network for the 2024-2026 term. After discussion, it was determined there were no Directors interested, hence no nomination was made.

SECTION 8 – GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- 8-A. District Status as a Result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

General Manager Baze reported there were no reported cases of COVID-19.

- 8-B. General Manager's Oral Report.

General Manager Baze recognized Director of Administration and Finance Jeff Umbrasas who recently submitted a revised Investment Policy to The California Municipal Treasurers Association for certification. The policy was certified with a score of 96 out of 100 points and will be posted on the association website as a sample for other agencies to follow.

Following the report, General Manager Baze answered Directors' question.

SECTION 9 – LEGAL MATTERS

9-A. Legal Counsel Report.

There was nothing to report.

The Board of Directors adjourned to Closed Session at 6:35 p.m.

9-B. Closed Session.

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – LITIGATION, Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): San Diego County Office of Education, et al. v. The County of San Diego, et al. (This is a long-term item related to dissolution of redevelopment agencies and successor agencies and will remain on the agenda as long as Rincon Water is involved. No action is required on the District's part at this time.)
- b. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4) to discuss potential litigation (Three cases).
- c. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1). Title: General Manager.

The Board of Directors reconvened to Open Session at 8:00 p.m.

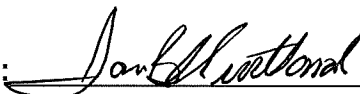
9-C. Open Session

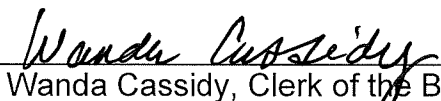
- b. Closed Session Report.

During Closed Session there were no reportable actions taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned by Vice President Quist at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED: 
James B. Murtland, President

ATTEST: 
Wanda Cassidy, Clerk of the Board