#  SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES BOARD MEETING

 February 23rd, 2022

 1:30 p. m.

 MINUTES

Board of Trustees present Ed Hulbert, Larry Borrelli, Hans Herkert, Leanne Mord, Gary Bailey, District Manager Terry Bressler, Secretary to the Board of Trustees Barbara Sachs, Assistant Office Manager Lynda Reische, Deryl and Sue Phy, Kurt Richter and Travis Laviolette, Attending by teleconference Jack Baber, Walt Sikes and Nicole Garafalo.

Meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m.

Approval of Agenda (M/S/C Borrelli/Herkert) approve agenda of February 23rd, 2022

Vote: Unanimous

Chairman Hulbert explained the meeting was called due to the current water conditions, the District’s potential water allocation and the 2022 budget.

He said the water conditions are not going in the direction everyone had hoped for. He said the Board is currently monitoring the situation very closely. With the information he has today, the District may receive zero (0) water allocation. He presented a flyer from the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors (SRSC) that show the current water conditions and a template letter for the Board to review and suggested we send the letter with the flyer to all water users in the District.

After in depth discussion which included the information supplied by Sacramento River Settlement Contractors the Board gave Barbara direction to send the template to all water users in the District after modification.

Chairman Hulbert said if the District is even given a very small allocation, running District wells, Butte Creek supplying a small amount of water we’d only be able to allocate potentially 1 acre foot of water to the water users. He said we probably won’t know the allocation until April 15th.

Chairman Hulbert said San Luis Delta Mendota Water Authority is offering between $700 and $800 per acre foot of water for the 2022 potential Water Transfer. At this time the negotiations with SRSC and SLDM are on hold until it is known if there’ll be any water to transfer.  SLDM will continue with water board notices and environmental work to be ready if there’s a sale.

Deryl Phy said the District should never leave any allocated water from the Bureau of Reclamation on the table. He said the District could of used the water allocation that was left on the books and not run the wells for so long and pay high PG&E costs. Terry said he ran the wells to make sure the District had enough water.

Chairman Hulbert said Barbara was presenting a zero water allocation budget to the Board for review. After discussion, the Board requested Barbara to make revisions and present the budget at the next Board meeting.

Terry Bressler said PG&E approved the District’s request to install a Hydro Plant. He said the cost for the Hydro Plant will be approximately $35,000. This will be an item for discussion at the March Board meeting.

Terry said AquaAlliance has filed a lawsuit against the Butte Subbasin regarding the groundwater substitution plan and we may be part of the lawsuit.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

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 Ed Hulbert Barbara J. Sachs

 Chairman of the Board Secretary to the Board of Trustees