



**LOS VAQUEROS RESERVOIR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 11, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER at 9:31 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – led by Chair, Angela Ramirez Holmes

Chair, Angela Ramirez Holmes, advised the Board that Director Kremen was sworn into office on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. Because he is still getting up to speed, he designated Alternate Director LeZotte to be the voting member for Santa Clara Valley Water District for this meeting.

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Angela Ramirez Holmes, Chair, Zone 7 Water Agency
Anthea Hansen, Vice Chair, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
Paul Sethy, Treasurer, Alameda County Water District
John Coleman, Director, East Bay Municipal Utility District
Gary Kremen, Director, Santa Clara Valley Water District

ALTERNATE DIRECTORS

Jonathan Wunderlich, Alternate Director, Alameda County Water District
*Ernesto Avila, Alternate Director, Contra Costa Water District
*Steve Ritchie, Alternate Director, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
*Linda J. LeZotte, Alternate Director, Santa Clara Valley Water District

*Alternate Directors who replaced absent Directors from their member agencies

ABSENT

Contra Costa Water District – Director position is vacant
Ellen Wehr, Secretary, Grassland Water District
Dennis Herrera, Director, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Lesa McIntosh, Alternate Director, East Bay Municipal Utility District
Ricardo Ortega, Alternate Director, Grassland Water District

Jose Gutierrez, Alternate Director, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
Sandy Figuers, Alternate Director, Zone 7 Water Agency

OTHERS PRESENT

Maureen Martin, Deputy Interim Administrator
James Ciampa, Lagerlof, LLP, Interim General Counsel
Rosemarie Perea, Interim Board Clerk
Diane Schmidt, Lagerlof, LLP
David Moore, Clean Energy Capital
Approximately 21 others

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 5-22-01 RE-RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOS VAQUEROS RESERVOIR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FOR THE PERIOD FROM MAY 8, 2022 TO JUNE 6, 2022 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS.

AB 361 requires that a subsequent resolution be adopted every 30 days to make findings that the emergency conditions justifying such remote meetings continue to exist. Attached Resolution No. 5-22-01 sets forth those required findings to allow for continued remote teleconferenced Board meetings, including that requiring in-person attendance at meetings of the Board would pose an imminent risk to the health and safety of those in attendance, while ensuring public access to those meetings. The attached resolution is substantially similar to the resolutions the Board previously adopted.

The resolution will take effect immediately and will be effective for 30 days, or until such time as the Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the Board may continue to meet by teleconference without compliance with Government Code section 54953(b)(3).

After discussion and upon motion by Director Coleman, seconded by Alternate Director LeZotte, Resolution No. 5-22-01 was approved by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Angela Ramirez Holmes, Chair, Zone 7 Water Agency
Anthea Hansen, Vice Chair, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
Paul Sethy, Treasurer, Alameda County Water District
John Coleman, Director, East Bay Municipal Utility District
Ernesto Avila, Alternate Director, Contra Costa Water District
Steve Ritchie, Alternate Director, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Linda J. LeZotte, Alternate Director, Santa Clara Valley Water District
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Ellen Wehr, Secretary, Grassland Water District
- ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a 7-0 vote

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.1

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 13, 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Upon motion by Alternate Director Avila, seconded by Treasurer Sethy, the April 13, 2022 Board meeting minutes, in the form presented, were approved by the following roll call vote:

- AYES: Angela Ramirez Holmes, Chair, Zone 7 Water Agency
Anthea Hansen, Vice Chair, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
Paul Sethy, Treasurer, Alameda County Water District
John Coleman, Director, East Bay Municipal Utility District
Ernesto Avila, Alternate Director, Contra Costa Water District
Steve Ritchie, Alternate Director, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Linda J. LeZotte, Alternate Director, Santa Clara Valley Water District
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Ellen Wehr, Secretary, Grassland Water District
- ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a 7-0 vote

ACTION ITEMS

2.1

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 5-22-02 – RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOS VAQUEROS RESERVOIR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY APPROVING SUBMITTAL OF LETTER OF INTEREST TO APPLY FOR A LOAN PROVIDED UNDER THE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND INNOVATION ACT

Resolution No. 5-22-02 would approve the submittal of a Letter of Interest (LOI) on the Authority's behalf to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to express the Authority's intent to apply for a loan under the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) in an amount not to exceed \$675,000,000, which reflects 49% of eligible project costs and is the maximum amount for such a loan. The requested loan amount is for LOI purposes only and can be revised upwards or downwards in the WIFIA loan application that will start the second phase of the WIFIA borrowing process.

Deputy Interim Administrator Maureen Martin advised that the submittal of the LOI is the first step in the process. She also reviewed the *Summary of Sources and Uses of Funds* included in the meeting materials and provided additional information regarding Resolution No. 5-22-02.

After discussion and upon motion by Director Coleman, seconded by Alternate Director Ritchie, and unanimously carried, Resolution 5-22-02 Approving Submittal of Letter of Interest to Apply for a Loan Provided Under the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act was adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Angela Ramirez Holmes, Chair, Zone 7 Water Agency
Anthea Hansen, Vice Chair, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
Paul Sethy, Treasurer, Alameda County Water District
John Coleman, Director, East Bay Municipal Utility District
Ernesto Avila, Alternate Director, Contra Costa Water District
Steve Ritchie, Alternate Director, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Linda J. LeZotte, Alternate Director, Santa Clara Valley Water District

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ellen Wehr, Secretary, Grassland Water District

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed with a 7-0 vote

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1

FY23 BUDGET OVERVIEW

Deputy Interim Administrator Martin presented the Board with a detailed overview of the Fiscal Year 2022-23 (“FY23”) Budget. She advised the presentation was similar to the one made at the April 28 Finance Committee meeting, with a few updates. Ms. Martin answered various questions posed by members of the Board, particularly regarding various cost and asset issues.

The final version of the FY23 Budget will be brought back to the Board at the June meeting for further discussion and action.

3.2

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY AND ACTION CALENDAR

Deputy Interim Administrator Martin reviewed the updated Board Policy and Action Calendar with respect to upcoming actions and items.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

REPORTS

4.1 – Directors

Chair Angela Ramirez Holmes asked members of the Board to review their summer vacation schedules to ensure there will be coverage for their agencies at upcoming Board meetings to ensure a quorum is present at every meeting. She also advised that a summary of the committee meetings will be prepared rather than formal meeting minutes, as that will expedite getting the committee meeting information and activities to the Board.

4.2 - Treasurer

Treasurer Paul Sethy provided an oral report on the monthly Treasurer’s Report included in the Board packet. He advised that it was the consensus of the Finance Committee to have the Treasurer’s Report be reviewed by the Finance Committee each month and then be submitted to the Board of Directors on the Consent Calendar at the next Board of Directors meeting.

4.3 - Interim General Counsel

No report.

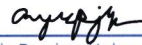
4.4 – Deputy Interim Administrator

Deputy Interim Administrator Maureen Martin stated she will be attending the California Water Commission meeting next week to seek an increase in the Early Funding Agreement by approximately \$1 million and to seek to extend that agreement. She also provided an update on the Executive Director recruitment process, with the recruitment brochure being completed and now available for distribution. She stated that as of now there are two applicants. The deadline for submission is June 17, 2022. The Authority will be signing onto a joint letter of support with other water storage projects to urge Governor Newsom to utilize a portion of the state’s budget surplus to offset the cost increases those projects will be experiencing.

4.5 – Finance Committee March 31, 2022 Meeting Minutes

A copy of the March 31, 2022 Finance Committee meeting minutes are provided for the Board members’ information.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.



Angela Ramirez Holmes (Jun 15, 2022 16:41 CDT)

Angela Ramirez Holmes, Chair

ATTEST:



Rosemarie Perea, Interim Board Clerk