

May 15, 2019
Fremont, California

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of ALAMEDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT was held on May 15, 2019, at the hour of 3:02 P.M. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the District Office Building, 43885 South Grimmer Boulevard, Fremont, California.

Present: Directors Huang, Akbari, and Sethy

Absent: Directors Gunther and Weed

Staff members present: General Manager Robert Shaver, Manager of Engineering & Technical Services Ed Stevenson, Acting Manager of Water Resources Thomas Niesar, Manager of Finance Jonathan Wunderlich, Acting Manager of Operations & Maintenance Mike Wickham, Human Resources/Risk Manager Jennifer Solito, Development Services Manager Juniet Rotter, Project Engineering Manager Rekha Ippagunta, Information Technology Manager Ariz Naqvi, Distribution Maintenance Manager Robert Ells, Facilities Maintenance Manager Dan Stevenson, Supervising Financial Analyst Sydney Oam, Senior Financial Analyst Martin Koran, Public Affairs Supervisor Sharene Gonzales, Emergency Response/Security Officer Jacob Reed, Emergency & Security Services Planner Caroline Abellar, General Counsel Patrick Miyaki, and District Secretary Gina Markou.

Vice President Judy Huang presided.

Director Sethy led in the Salute to the Flag.

3 – PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

4 – CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Authorization of Change Order and Resolution Accepting Completion of the Rubber Dam No. 3 Fishway Construction and Fabric Replacement Project

A motion was made by Director Sethy, seconded by Director Akbari to approve Item 4.1 on the Consent Calendar.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Akbari, Sethy, and Huang

NOES: None

ABSENT: Directors Gunther and Weed

5 – REVIEW OF FISCAL YEAR 2019/20 AND 2020/21 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Mr. Shaver explained that District staff will be making presentations on the District's 2-year budget which is designed to balance short and long term financial goals, support improved customer service objectives, finance key infrastructure needs, advance water conservation, meet new legislative and regulatory mandates, accomplish fishery restoration projects, protect and

optimize use of water supplies and improve the District's preparation for emergencies, such as seismic events.

The purpose of the meeting is to allow the Board to review forecast revenue, operating expenses, capital expenditures, as well as staff levels and labor-related costs.

Mr. Wunderlich recognized all the staff who worked collaboratively to develop the budget which aligns very well with the District's five-year Strategic Plan, is financially prudent, and maintains the same overall future rate assumptions.

Mr. Oam presented on the budget process and assumptions and Mr. Koran provided an overview of the proposed budget.

Discussion ensued and staff responded to questions from the Board.

Mr. Stevenson and Ms. Ippagunta reviewed the proposed Capital Improvement Program, including FY 2019/20 and FY 2020/21.

Further discussion ensued and staff answered questions from the Board.

Mr. Oam and Mr. Wunderlich completed the presentation by reviewing standard financial planning matrices and discussed the next steps in the budget process.

Director Sethy inquired if there are any new creative ideas being planned for public outreach/community affairs efforts within the budget period. Mr. Shaver stated that this matter could be brought to the Board in June.

The Board provided direction to staff and it is anticipated that the Budget will be adopted at the Regular Board Meeting on June 13, 2019.

5 – GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS


- Mr. Shaver informed the Board that pursuant to California Water Code Section 10608.34 the State Water Board is required to develop water loss performance standards, for the period of January 2019 and July 2020, for urban retail water suppliers. The State Water Board is working collaboratively with the Department of Water Resources to reduce water waste as a result of system leaks. It is anticipated that the State Water Board will require agencies like ACWD to provide extensive reporting and ultimately meet performance standards for unaccounted water. The Association of California Water Agencies has been following this legislation and has prepared a coalition letter and Mr. Shaver authorized ACWD to be a signatory on the letter.
- Mr. Shaver informed the Board that he received notification today from the District's Sacramento representative, Jonathan Clay of JGC Consulting, that the Senate Budget Subcommittee 2 would be reviewing portions of the Governor's proposed budget. Senator Wieckowski is on that committee and the committee will consider a proposal to reject the Governor's proposed water tax and other related fees and taxes and instead appropriate

\$150 million from the General Fund to be allocated each fiscal year to address the water accessibility and affordability issues raised in the Governor’s proposed budget.

6 – DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS AND/OR AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

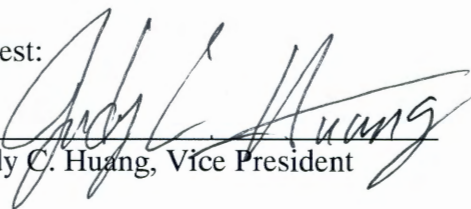
- Director Sethy stated that as a member of the Fremont Chamber Government Affairs Committee he, along with other committee members, will be meeting with Senator Wieckowski on May 17, 2019, and Director Sethy will take the opportunity to discuss SB 330 (Skinner) which proposes a 10-year freeze on water capacity and connection charges for developers in an effort to make housing more affordable in California.
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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:21 P.M.



Gina Markou, District Secretary

Attest:



Judy C. Huang, Vice President