

Minutes Regular Board Meeting April 15, 2021

1. A. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Bublak called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Bublak, Vice Chair Lopez, Director Franco, Director Condit

ABSENT: None

B. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

2. RECOGNITION, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS: None

3. A. SPECIAL BRIEFINGS: None

B. STAFF UPDATES:

1. General Manager Robert Granberg provided a presentation on project update, other activities including property acquisition and regional outreach, funding/financing update, public outreach, and project photos.

The Board and staff discussed this item, including inquiries regarding the cost and process for regional partner participation in the project and time sensitivity of the SRF loan.

Public participation was taken out of order.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Chair Bublak opened public participation.

The following members of the public spoke:

Milt Trieweiler

Chair Bublak closed public participation.

The Board and staff provided brief comment in response to public comment.

2. Finance Director Marie Lorenzi provided an update on financial activity for year-to-date Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021, and the summary of financial activity as of April 9, 2021. Revenue and expenses were reviewed.

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS:

Director Franco	Director Condit	Vice Chair Lopez	Chair Bublak
No	No	No	No

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Action: Motion by Director Condit, seconded by Director Franco, approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 18, 2021, and accepting the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority's audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 and related reports. Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Director Franco	Director Condit	Vice Chair Lopez	Chair Bublak
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

7. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

A. General Manager Robert Granberg recommended that the Board adopt a resolution terminating two Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART grant agreements.

The Board and staff discussed this item, including inquiries regarding potential challenges and mitigation measures concerning the fisheries, continued discussions with the Bureau of Reclamation, project penalties for termination, contacting Congressman Harder for assistance with the grants, and timeline for grant acceptance.

Chair Bublak opened public participation.

The following members of the public spoke:

Milt Trieweiler

Chair Bublak closed public participation.

Staff provided brief comment in response to public comment.

The Board and staff further discussed this item, including taking additional time to research and explore potential resolution, seeking assistance from Congressman Harder, more money received from grants would be less money needed from rate payers, and developing findings.

No formal action was taken on this item. The Board directed staff to further evaluate this matter and bring back the item when more information is available.

- 8. MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA: None
- 9. BOARD ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION: None
- 10. BOARD COMMENTS: None
- 11. NEXT MEETING DATE: May 20, 2021, Regular meeting
- 12. CLOSED SESSION: None
- 13. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Bublak adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Martin, Board Secretary