

# STANISLAUS REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

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March 24, 2016 10:00 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – El Capitan Room 156 S. Broadway, Turlock CA Minutes Regular Meeting SRWA Board

1. A. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Vierra called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

PRESENT: Chair Vierra, Vice Chair Soiseth, Director Lane, and Director Bublak (arrived at

10:24 a.m.)

ABSENT: None

2. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & APPOINTMENTS: None

A. SPECIAL BRIEFINGS: None

#### **B. STAFF UPDATES:**

1. Interim General Manager Mike Brinton provided an update on the Interest in Participation letters, indicated which cities/agencies have requested additional information about the project and potential participation, and requested information from the Board on how to proceed with this process. Mr. Brinton also asked the Board about their thoughts/preference for touring other water treatment plants.

Board and staff discussion included coordination with the Program Manager to develop a presentation for cities/agencies that have requested additional information about the project and potential participation and the possibility of scheduling this presentation at the second Board meeting in May. Additional discussion included the benefits of the previous tours, but that additional touring is not needed at this time.

It was also noted that Director Lane will be unavailable for both Board meetings in April and Vice Chair Soiseth will be unavailable for the second meeting in April.

- Finance Director Kellie Jacobs-Hunter provided an update on the ongoing conversations and coordination with the City of Modesto in efforts of obtaining historical financial data, the financial audit to be performed by Modesto, application of a federal tax ID number, and payment of invoices for outstanding items and special legal services.
- C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

## 4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS:

Chair Vierra declared a potential conflict of interest for agenda item 7A due to his partial ownership in an engineering firm and noted that this item will be turned over to Vice Chair Soiseth.

#### 5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Action:

Motion by Vice Chair Soiseth, seconded by Director Lane, to adopt the consent calendar. Motion carried 3/1 by the following vote:

Director	Director	Vice Chair	Chair
Lane	Bublak	Soiseth	Vierra
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

- A. *Motion:* Accepting minutes of Regular Meeting of February 11, 2016, Special Meeting of February 26, 2016 (SSJID), and Special Meeting of February 26, 2016 (MID)
- 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

### 7. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

A. Interim General Manager Mike Brinton presented the staff report on the request to select a consultant to provide Program Management Services for the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority (SRWA) to facilitate the development of the Regional Surface Water Supply Project and authorize negotiations to formalize award of the agreement.

Board and staff discussion included a re-cap of the presentations provided by the firms for the RFP Selection Committee and the recommendation of awarding the agreement to West Yost Associates. Director Lane noted that West Yost put together a great presentation. Vice Chair Soiseth agreed that West Yost showed a lot of experience, energy, and out-of-the-box thinking.

Action:

Motion by Director Bublak, seconded by Director Lane, Selecting West Yost Associates to provide Program Management Services for the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority (SRWA) to facilitate the development of the Regional Surface Water Supply Project and authorizing negotiations to formalize award of the agreement. Motion carried 3/1 by the following vote:

Director	Director	Vice Chair	Chair
Lane	Bublak	Soiseth	Vierra
Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstained

- 8. MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA: None
- 9. BOARD ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION: None
- BOARD COMMENTS: None
- 11. **NEXT MEETING DATE**: April 14, 2016 Regular Meeting (pending availability of Board members)

12. CLOSED SESSION: None

## 13. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Vierra adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Allison Martin