



Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
October 25, 2018

1. A. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Vierra called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
PRESENT: Director Esquer, Director Lane (arrived at 10:02 a.m.), Vice Chair DeHart, Chair Vierra
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 an update on major Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Program Management Team activities for the months of August, September and October, including revisions to the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), proposal for a SRWA/MID Joint Watershed Sanitary Survey, and the wet well groundbreaking ceremony. The wet well construction project is progressing and the construction trailer has been delivered. The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was released and interviews were conducted for the five design-build teams who submitted qualification packets. The TAC will recommend the invitation of three of the five teams to submit proposals for the design-build project. Additional projects include: ongoing environmental monitoring and surveys, obtaining environmental permits for the Water Treatment Plant, Transmission Mains, and the Raw Water Pump Station, and obtaining approval from the Stanislaus County Planning Commission for a land use change. Discussions continue with Stanislaus County regarding pipeline alignments and road restoration. Property acquisitions are in progress. The ground freeze layout plan to freeze the soil at the wet well site was discussed.

Citizen Milt Trieweiler inquired about the process for ensuring the bottom of the wet well is dry while the sides of the well are frozen.

General Manager Granberg responded with clarification regarding the clay layer at the bottom of the wet well that will ensure water does not enter the well from the bottom.

Chair Vierra asked if additional charges will be incurred for the ground freeze layout plan.

General Manager Granberg stated that no additional charges will be incurred due to the ground freeze layout plan for the wet well project.
 2. Finance Director Marie Lorenzi provided an update on financial activity through June 30, 2018, and from October 12, 2018 through June 30, 2019, including invoices submitted but unpaid as of October 12, 2018. Revenue, construction expenses and invoices for August and September are not included. Finance Director Lorenzi will delay sending out invoices for October through December as invoices for the wet well construction project have yet to be submitted.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS: None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Action: Motion by Director Lane, second by Director Esquer, adopting the amended consent calendar and approving the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 6, 2018. Motion carried by the following vote:

Director Esquer	Director Lane	Vice Chair DeHart	Chair Vierra
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

7. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

A. General Manager Granberg requested to approve the amended Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority. On December 15, 2015, the SRWA Board approved amendments to the SRWA JPA and Bylaws. A recent review of the JPA was completed and changes were made in order to back future SRF loans and have the ability to allow alternate SRWA Board Directors.

Discussion:

General Manager Granberg highlighted the JPA changes for the Board.

Legal Counsel Richard Shanahan commented that the dissolution verbiage change in the JPA was requested by the State Water Resources Control Board due to the SRF loan and issuance of debt.

Vice Chair DeHart stated that the JPA changes were a good idea and much needed.

Chair Vierra opened public participation. There being no public response, Chair Vierra closed public participation.

Action: Motion by Vice Chair DeHart, second by Director Lane, approving the amended Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority. Motion carried by the following vote:

Director Esquer	Director Lane	Vice Chair DeHart	Chair Vierra
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

B. General Manager Granberg requested to state the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority Board's opposition to the State Water Resources Control Board's Bay-Delta Plan, Supplemental Environmental Document (SED), Phase I Amendment. The Bay-Delta Plan calls for the release of up to 40% of unimpaired river flow, potentially having an impact on the water that TID is supplying to SRWA for the Surface Water Supply Project. The Bay-Delta Plan is scheduled for approval by the State Water Resources Control Board in November.

General Manager Granberg recommends the SRWA strongly oppose the plan unless the plan impacts are fully mitigated,

Discussion:

Director Esquer stated that the SRWA is openly opposed to the Bay-Delta Plan.

Chair Vierra opened public participation.

Citizen Milt Trieweler asked how the Bay-Delta Plan would affect the amount of water the SRWA would receive from the Tuolumne River for the Surface Water Supply Project.

General Manager Granberg answered that it is uncertain how the Bay-Delta Plan would affect the Surface Water Supply Project in any given year based on hydrology and reservoir storage, but the main concern is the State Water Resources Control Board imposing requirements without regard to current uses and water rights.

Chair Vierra closed public participation.

Action: Resolution 2018-011 Motion by Director Lane, second by Director Esquer, stating the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority Board's opposition to the State Water Resources Control Board's Bay-Delta Plan, Supplemental Environmental Document (SED), Phase I Amendment. Motion carried by the following vote:

Director Esquer	Director Lane	Vice Chair DeHart	Chair Vierra
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

8. **MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA:** None

9. **BOARD ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:** None

10. **BOARD COMMENTS:**

Vice Chair DeHart stated that inaccuracies regarding the SRWA project have been publicly brought to light recently, and recommended the development of a fact sheet with frequently asked questions and a project summary to disburse for public review.

Chair Vierra agreed with the suggestion and asked General Manager Granberg to implement a fact sheet for the SRWA project.

Director Esquer likes the fact sheet idea and is in favor of its creation.

General Manager Granberg stated he would create the fact sheet and post it on the SRWA website.

Chair Vierra assured attendees that the SRWA Surface Water Supply project is moving forward, as evidenced by the expenses approved for the project. The City of Ceres is committed to the project and will continue to move forward in order to provide a drinking water solution that will supply water for decades.

11. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** Tentatively set for November 15, 2018, as a Special meeting, canceling November 22, 2018 Regular meeting due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.
12. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Director Esquer, second by Director Lane, to adjourn at 10:37 a.m. Motion carried 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,



Allison Martin, Board Secretary