



**February 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**156 S. Broadway, Turlock, CA**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – Yosemite Community Room**

**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**SRWA Board**

1. **A. CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Soiseth called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.  
PRESENT: Director Bublak, Vice Chair Vierra, Chair Soiseth  
ABSENT: Director Lane  
  
**B. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
2. **RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS:** None
3. **A. SPECIAL BRIEFINGS:** SED Status Update. Michael Brinton, no report at this time.  
  
**B. STAFF UPDATES:**
  1. Interim General Manager Mike Brinton provided an update of items discussed at recent Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings, including:
    - Coordinated with Gualco regarding SRWA proposed legislation
    - Continued laboratory analysis and bench-scale testing of raw water samples, including samples collected during high river flows (due to TID releases and high rainfall runoff)
    - Continued preparation of 50% design drawings and technical specifications for the Wet Well
    - Refined wet well access road alignment to minimize impact to elderberry shrubs
    - Set up task orders for right of way and survey subconsultants
    - Completed refined cost estimate for the raw water facilities and treated water transmission mains, and discussed at TAC
    - Completed initial Ceres and Turlock preliminary analysis of the potential average impact to monthly water bills with and without the proposed Project
    - Solicited TID data on historical and 2017 Don Pedro releases
    - Provided Project status update to Mr. Gary Nazareno.
  2. Marie Lorenzi reported provided information on revenue and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016-17 through February 21, 2017.
- C. CONSULTANT UPDATES:**
  1. Gerry Nakano of West Yost Associates provided a project status update including the following:
    - AB 52 notifications regarding the proposed Project were sent out to Native American Groups
    - Environmental Team is publishing the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the EIR to start the 30-day public comment period.
    - Presented aerial site photos of the infiltration gallery and wet well location and compared it to recent photos showing the effects of a levee breach which flooded the Nazareno property. The location of the Water Treatment Plant was not flooded.

- Surveying and ROW acquisitions moving forward, but delayed due to the closure of Fox Grove Park due to flooding.
- SB 373 has been introduced by Senator Cannella which could assist the Project's use of SRF funding.

2. Michael Stevenson of Horizon Water and Environmental provided a verbal report on environmental issues associated with the Project. The Notice of Preparation is the first step of the public scoping period. Development of the Project Description and impact analysis will follow. Discussed recent changes in the permit requirements. Most permits have already been obtained through TID. The presence of elderberry shrubs in the vicinity of the construction area may affect construction start date. Mitigation requirements may kick in. Will meet with Fish and Wildlife Service to discuss the Project further with the goal to gain authorization to proceed with the infiltration gallery and proceed with mitigation.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

4. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS:** None

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**Action:** Motion by Director Bublak, seconded by Vice Chair Vierra, to adopt the consent calendar and approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 26, 2017. Motion carried 3/1 by the following vote:

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

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

7. **SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

A. West Yost Associates Andy Smith presented an update on the Water Quality Sampling Program. Source water sampling has provided a wide range of valuable water quality data. Sampling will continue through 2018. Bench-scale testing has yielded useful results regarding process feasibility and design criteria. Testing will continue through 2017. High flows in the Tuolumne River since January have coincided with degraded water quality that may impact process design. Treatment process alternatives will be submitted to the Technical Advisory Committee in March.

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

**Action:** None. Information only.

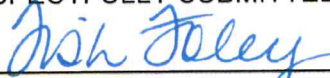
B. West Yost Associates Andy Smith presented an update on the Design of the Wet Well. An Open Wet Well configuration will allow for a modest footprint, good access for maintenance and inspection, and removal of settleable solids. A robust ground stabilization system will prevent lateral migration of groundwater through porous soils and facilitate a safe and successful evacuation. Infiltration gallery development and testing activities in conjunction with wet well construction will leverage equipment and expertise of the general contractor. Concerns regarding the need for peer review above that of TAC were discussed and it was agreed that a third party may be brought in, if necessary.

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

**Action:** None. Information only.

8. **MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA:** None
9. **BOARD ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:** None
10. **BOARD COMMENTS:** None
11. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** March 23, 2017 – Regular Meeting
12. **CLOSED SESSION:** None
13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Director Bublak, seconded by Vice Chair Vierra, to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. Motion carried 3/1.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



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Tish Foley, Board Secretary