

Minutes Special Board Meeting June 29, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Vierra called the meeting to order at 3:39 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Vierra, Vice Chair Bublak, Director Durossette, Director Esquer (arrived at

4:08pm)

ABSENT: None

RECOGNITION, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS: None

A. SPECIAL BRIEFINGS: None

B. STAFF UPDATES:

- 1. General Manager Robert Granberg provided an update on Major TAC and PM Team Work Focus Areas, including a celebration of accomplishments such as the securing of a water supply, the completion of the wetwell construction, obtaining grants for the Project, the negotiation of the Stanislaus County encroachment permit and the acquiring of right-of ways. Upcoming tasks and milestones include executing the State Revolving Loan Fund agreement, beginning construction on the regional facilities, beginning negotiations on regional wholesale water sales agreements, completing a water treatment plant staffing plan and hiring a T-5 water treatment plant operator.
- C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None
- 4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS: None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Action:

Motion by Vice Chair Bublak, seconded by Director Durossette, approving the minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 21, 2020, and accepting the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, and related reports. Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Director Esquer	Director Durossette	Vice Chair Bublak	Chair Vierra
Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

7. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

A. General Manager Robert Granberg requested adopting the annual budget for the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year and adopting a minimum cash reserve target for 2020-21.

Discussion:

General Manager Granberg introduced the annual budget for the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority and explained the updated revenues and expenditures sheet presented to the Board.

The Board and staff discussed the presented budget as amended in regards to the adopted water rate increases.

Chair Vierra opened public participation. No members of the public spoke. Chair Vierra closed public participation.

Action:

Resolution 2020-005 Motion by Director Durossette, seconded by Vice Chair Bublak, adopting the annual budget as amended for the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year and adopting a minimum cash reserve target for 2020-21. Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Director Esquer	Director Durossette	Vice Chair Bublak	Chair Vierra
Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

B. General Manager Robert Granberg requested approving a Design-Build Contract with CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. for the Design and Construction of the Regional Surface Water Supply Project in the amount of \$195,400,357, and Related Guaranty Agreement, and authorizing the General Manager to approve certain change orders and other actions under the Design-Build Contract.

Discussion:

Lindsay Smith from West Yost Associates presented an update on the procurement process and milestones, the attributes and legal authority to utilize Lump Sum Design-Build, the schedule of the design-build project, a review of the updated price proposal, the potential cost impacts not included in the design-build contract, and a review of the design-build proposal price and recommended actions.

General Manager Robert Granberg introduced representatives from CH2M Hill who expressed their gratitude for the partnership in recognition of the importance of the Project.

Chair Vierra opened public participation. No members of the public spoke. Chair Vierra closed public participation.

Action:

Resolution 2020-006 Motion by Director Durossette, seconded by Director Esquer, approving a Design-Build Contract with CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. for the Design and Construction of the Regional Surface Water Supply Project in the amount of \$195,400,357 and Related Guaranty Agreement. Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Director Esquer	Director Durossette	Vice Chair Bublak	Chair Vierra
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Action:

Resolution 2020-007 Motion by Director Durossette, seconded by Director Esquer, authorizing the General Manager to approve certain change orders and other actions under the Design-Build Contract. Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Director Esquer	Director Durossette	Vice Chair Bublak	Chair Vierra
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Chair Vierra stated that, as required by the design-build statute, he would like to announce that the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority has awarded a design-build contract to CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. to design and construct the Regional Surface Water Supply Project. The Authority Board based the award on its determination that the CH2M Hill proposal, as incorporated in the contract, offers the best value to the public, Cities of Ceres and Turlock, and their ratepayers in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Authority RFP and design-build statute. He also thanked previous SRWA Board Members and various partners for their participation in the success of the Project.

C. General Manager Robert Granberg requested approving Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Bartkiewicz, Kronick & Shanahan for Ongoing Legal Services in Phase 3 of the Regional Surface Water Supply Project in the amount of \$204,600, and authorizing the General Manager to execute the Amendment.

Discussion:

General Manager Granberg expressed the need to retain legal services for the General Manager and the RSWSP.

Chair Vierra opened public participation. No members of the public spoke. Chair Vierra closed public participation.

Action:

Motion by Vice Chair Bublak, seconded by Director Durossette, approving Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Bartkiewicz, Kronick & Shanahan for Ongoing Legal Services in Phase 3 of the Regional Surface Water Supply Project in the amount of \$204,600, and authorizing the General Manager to execute the Amendment. Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Director Esquer	Director Durossette	Vice Chair Bublak	Chair Vierra
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

D. General Manager Robert Granberg requested approving an Agreement with Horizon Water and Environment for Phase 3 CEQA/NEPA/Permitting Support Services for the Regional Surface Water Supply Project in an amount not to exceed \$460,024.

Discussion:

General Manager Granberg expressed the need to continue permit compliance for monitoring various mitigation measures in the RSWSP and reporting to the State and other agencies.

Chair Vierra opened public participation. No members of the public spoke. Chair Vierra closed public participation.

Action: Motion by Director Durossette, seconded by Director Esquer, approving an Agreement with Horizon Water and Environment for Phase 3 CEQA/NEPA/Permitting Support Services for the Regional Surface Water Supply

Project in an amount not to exceed \$460,024. Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Director Esquer	Director Durossette	Vice Chair Bublak	Chair Vierra
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

E. General Manager Robert Granberg requested approving Amendment No. 8 to the Agreement for Special Services with West Yost Associates for Phase 3 Program Management Services for the Regional Surface Water Supply Project in an amount not to exceed \$7,431,642.

Discussion:

General Manager Granberg described the continued support provided by West Yost and future items for the RSWSP.

Chair Vierra opened public participation. No members of the public spoke. Chair Vierra closed public participation.

Action:

Motion by Vice Chair Bublak, seconded by Director Esquer, approving Amendment No. 8 to the Agreement for Special Services with West Yost Associates for Phase 3 Program Management Services for the Regional Surface Water Supply Project in an amount not to exceed \$7,431,642. Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Director Esquer	Director Durossette	Vice Chair Bublak	Chair Vierra
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- 8. MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA: None
- 9. BOARD ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION: None
- 10. BOARD COMMENTS:

Chair Vierra thanked the staff for their hard work and stated that he is looking forward to breaking ground on the RSWSP.

- 11. NEXT MEETING DATE: July 16, 2020
- 12. CLOSED SESSION: None
- **13. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Martin, Board Secretary