



- 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**
- C. **ROLL CALL**

This item was heard out of order

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

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

2. **RECOGNITION, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS:** None

3. A. **SPECIAL BRIEFINGS:** None

B. **STAFF UPDATES:**

- 1. General Manager Robert Granberg provided a presentation on design-build project activities, design-build contract status, environmental clearance/permitting, other activities, funding/financing update, public outreach, and shared project photos.

The Board and staff discussed this item, including taking a tour of the plant for the next meeting date.

- 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 August 13, 2021. Revenue and expenses were reviewed.

C. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Chair Bublak opened public participation.

The following members of the public spoke: None

Chair Bublak closed public participation.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Action: Motion by Director Condit, seconded by Director Franco, approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2021. Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

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

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

7. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

A. General Manager Granberg recommended that the Board adopt the construction installment sale agreement (No. SWRCB000000000D2002047) with State Water Resource Control Board for Funding Regional Surface Water Supply Project Under Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund and authorizing related actions. Granberg presented the SRF schedule of activities from December 2016-January 1, 2053. Funding term highlighted 1.2% interest over 30-year loan term with annual payments due January each year. Interest only payments due annually until one year after construction. Granberg gave complete date of December 31, 2023 and presented on the financing cost savings of over \$100 million over the life of the loan when compared to municipal bond financing.

Director Condit spoke on the grant money available the Budget Act granted. Granberg indicated that it is something that is being pursued and it would take to apply.

Chair Bublak asked if the SRF is a compilation of necessities. Granberg responded that it is a total borrowing of the project and payments will come through an annual reconciliation and at the end of the project.

Board and staff discussed this item, including proposed budget for the cities' allocation, General Manager contract budget.

Chair Bublak opened public participation. No one spoke. Chair Bublak closed public participation.

Action: **Resolution 2021-003** Motion by Director Franco, seconded by Director Condit, Adopting the construction installment sale agreement (No. SWRCB000000000D2002047) with State Water Resource Control Board for Funding Regional Surface Water Supply Project Under Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund and authorizing related actions

Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

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

B. General Manager Robert Granberg recommended that the Board direct the General Manager to Prepare a Staffing plan and Wage and Benefit Package for Assuming Water Treatment Plant Operations and return to board with a staffing plan for adoption.

Granberg presented on operations and maintenance, plant operation support functions, and options to run the plant. Option 1 SRWA as an employer was presented with organizational flexibility as a pro and administrative burden as a con. Option 2 as JPA member agency providing SRWA with O&M staffing and support. Contract with City of Turlock to provide staff support, some operations and maintenance, finance, HR and procurement, or for discussion. A checklist with SRWA operations was listed as follows: Employee-related tasks, Job Descriptions, Salaries and Benefits, Payroll, Workers Compensation, Occupational health, Hire staff, First day paperwork, posters, and training. SRWA operations options cost comparison

was shown with a full time GM, Plant manager, City of Turlock staffing and contract operations.

Board and staff discussed this item, including contract with local government agencies like City of Modesto instead of Turlock and wage scales compared with Modesto Irrigation district.

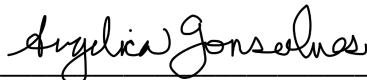
Chair Bublak directed General Manager to show on how resource sharing would look like with hybrid work and what the options are available.

Vice Chair Lopez directed General manager to look into employment arrangements.

Chair Bublak opened public participation. No one spoke. Chair Bublak closed public participation.

8. **MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA:** None
9. **BOARD ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:** None
10. **BOARD COMMENTS:** None
11. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** September 16, 2021, Regular meeting
12. **CLOSED SESSION:** None
13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Bublak adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Angelica Gonsalves, Board Secretary