

MINUTES
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
of the
SUNNYSLOPE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
October 5, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by President Buzzetta, as authorized by the State of California Executive Order N-25-20 via teleconference, at the Sunnyslope County Water District office, 3570 Airline Highway, Hollister, California.

ROLL CALL: Present in Person: Vice President James Parker (JP), Director Alcorn (MA), and Director Dee Brown (DB).
Present via Teleconference: President Jerry Buzzetta (JB).

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice President Parker led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Upon a motion made to approve the agenda by Director Brown, seconded by Director Parker, for which President Buzzetta then took a roll call vote as follows: (MA), yes; (JP), yes; (DB), yes, and (JB), yes; the motion carried 4-0.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS: Director Parker lead the meeting in the District Board room at the request of President Buzzetta. The Board welcomed members of the public and opened the meeting to public comments regarding matters not itemized on the agenda. No comments.

Staff Present for Open Session: In Person: General Manager/Secretary Drew Lander

Via Teleconference: Attorney Michael Laredo.

E. CONSENT AGENDA:
No items were presented.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Consider Approval of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Sunnyslope County Water District – Hollister California Proclaiming a Local Emergency, Ratifying the State of Emergency Proclaimed on March 4, 2020, and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of all District Legislative Bodies for the Following 30 Days In Accord with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Not a project under CEQA per Article 20, Section 15378).** General Manger Lander explained that this resolution will be presented every 30 days to authorize the use of teleconference attendance to Board meetings.

Vice President Parker solicited public comment. No public comment was provided and upon a motion made by Director Alcorn to authorize the President to sign Resolution #662, the motion was seconded by Director Brown for which Vice President Parker then took a roll call vote as follows: (MA), yes; (JP), yes; (DB); yes; and (JB) yes ; the motion carried 4-0.

- 2. Consider Approval and Authorize the General Manager to Pay in Full the City National Bank Loan in the Amount of \$2,540,827.74 (Not a project under CEQA per Article 20, Section 15378).** General Manager reported that this item was continued from the prior board meeting so that the resolution could be prepared. The Board discussed how paying this loan off was a sure investment strategy as the unpaid interest as a known savings to the District. The Finance Committee confirmed this item had been reviewed in committee and this item is recommended for approval.

Vice President Parker solicited public comment. No public comment was provided and upon a motion made by Director Alcorn to authorize the President to sign Resolution #559, the motion was seconded by Director Brown for which Vice President Parker then took a roll call vote as follows: (MA), yes; (JP), yes; (DB); yes; and (JB) yes ; the motion carried 4-0.

- 3. Ratify Maintenance Expenditure Exceeding General Manager spending Authorization in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for Storage Building Roof Replacement (CEQA Categorically Exempt 15301 (d)).** General Manager Lander presented a roof repair anticipated to cost under \$20,000 expanded significantly when the old roofing was taken off and full inspecting reviled the entire roof structure had been damaged by active termites. The contractor was authorized to continue working so that the roof could be replaced prior to a rain event but the cost exceeded the GM authority this action must be ratified by the Board.

Vice President Parker solicited public comment. No public comment was provided and upon a motion made by Director Alcorn to ratify the expenditure not to exceed \$50,000 and that this is a onetime exception to the General Manager's authority, the motion was seconded by Director Brown for which Vice President Parker then took a roll call vote as follows: (MA), yes; (JP), yes; (DB); yes; and (JB) yes ; the motion carried 4-0.

- 4. Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Contract Change Order with Able Septic to Hydro Clean and Video the Industrial Wastewater Transmission Pipeline for a Cost Not to Exceed \$25,000 (Not a project under CEQA per Article 20, Section 15378).** General Manager Lander reported that this change order is needed to perform work required under the IWTP contract and that the change order will be paid for by San Benito Foods. Performing this

work under the existing contract between the District and Able Septic ensures the low bid pricing and expedites the work that needs to be accomplished prior to the onset of future rain events.

Vice President Parker solicited public comment. No public comment was provided and upon a motion made by Director Brown to authorize the Change order not to exceed \$25,000, the motion was seconded by Director Alcorn for which Vice President Parker then took a roll call vote as follows: (MA), yes; (JP), yes; (DB); yes; and (JB) yes ; the motion carried 4-0.

5. **Consider and Approve a Resolution Authorizing Funding the District’s California Employers’ Pension Prefunding Trust (CEPPT) Section 115 Plan with a transfer from General Reserves of \$1000K (Not a project under CEQA per Article 20, Section 15378).** General Manger Lander reported that this item had been discussed extensively at the Finance Committee level and at prior board meetings where there has been substantial support to fund the CEPPT at a \$1000K level. Director Alcorn commented that the Finance Committee was in strong support of this, and the committee recommends approval.

President Buzzetta solicited public comment. No public comment was provided and upon a motion made by Director Alcorn to authorize the President to sign the resolution #561, the motion was seconded by Director Parker for which President Buzzetta then took a roll call vote as follows: (MA), yes; (JP), yes; (DB), yes; and (JB), yes; the motion carried 4-0.

G. BOARD COMMITTEE and STATUS REPORTS – No items from Committees presented.

H. BOARD and STAFF REPORTS – No oral Reports from Board or Staff presented.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Interviews of potential candidates to appointment of vacant Board Director position to fulfill the remaining term of office. *Scheduled October 19, 2021.*
2. Signature Card Update – Authorized staff and new Board members will be added to the signature card for signing checks after the full Board has been appointed. *Scheduled October 19, 2021.*
3. Intertie report discussion and explanation of use. *Scheduled October 19, 2021.*

J. ADJOURNMENT: President Buzzetta adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

Jerry T. Buzzetta, President

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Drew A. Lander, Secretary