

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
of the
SUNNYSLOPE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
August 18, 2020

A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Parker, 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.

B. ROLL CALL: Present In Person: Vice President Jerry Buzzetta, and Director Mike Alcorn, Director Judi Johnson, and President James Parker. **Present Via Teleconference:** Director Ann Ross.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS: Members of the public may address the Board on the item or items listed on the Closed Session agenda, with a time limit of 3 minutes per speaker. No public comment was made.

Staff Present for Closed Session: In Person: General Manager/Secretary Drew Lander, and **Via Teleconference:** Attorney Heidi Quinn.

D. CLOSED SESSION (PURSUANT TO Government Code Section 54956.9(b) and 54957.6: At 4:32 p.m., President Parker closed the meeting to the public to discuss the following:

1. **Conference with Legal Counsel** – Anticipated Litigation, Gov. Code § 54956.9(b): – One case.
2. **Public Employee Discussion** – Title: General Manager, Gov. Code § 54957.6

President Parker reconvened the meeting to open session at 5:15 p.m.

E. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Parker led Directors and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

F. REPORT IN OPEN SESSION ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION: Attorney Heidi Quinn reported on the first item, Anticipated Litigation, Gov. Code § 54956.9(b), stating this is a case with the County of San Benito vs. Sunnyslope County Water District, Lynn Hilden and Susan Hilden case # CU-20-00068, a status report was given to the Board and there was no specific action taken. Attorney Quinn addressed the second item, Public Employee Discussion – Title: General Manager, Gov. Code § 54957.6, by reporting that no reportable action was taken.

G. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Upon a motion made by Director Johnson, seconded by Director Ross, for which President Parker then took a roll call vote as follows: Director Alcorn (MA), yes; Director Buzzetta (JB), yes; Director Johnson (JJ), yes; Director Ross (AR), yes; and President Parker (JP), yes; the motion carried 5-0.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS: The Board welcomed members of the public and opened the meeting to public comments regarding matters not itemized on the agenda. No public comment was made.

Staff Present for Open Session: In Person: General Manager/Secretary Drew Lander, Executive Assistant/Stenographer Carol Porteur, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Jose

Rodriguez, Finance & Human Resource Manager Travis Foster, and Associate Engineer Rob Hillebrecht. **Via Teleconference:** Attorney Heidi Quinn.

I. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Minutes – The Board reviewed the minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 21, 2020.

2. Allowance of Claims – The Board reviewed the Disbursement Summary (below) for the period of July 14, 2020 through August 10, 2020, totaling \$1,483,604.29, which includes \$576,967.61 for payments to vendors, \$180,613.49 for Payroll – employee and director, \$721,394.06 paid to the City of Hollister for collection of City sewer billings (net of our fees), and \$4,629.13 for customer refunds and checks returned. The last “ACH” # (electronic payments) was ACH #1782 the last “DD” # (direct deposit-electronic employee payments) was DD #2980, and the last check written was check #28267.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
07/01/20	ACH 1748	CalPERS Health Insurance	-17,858.29
07/02/20	ACH 1752	Nationwide Life Insurance	-215.67
07/03/20	ACH 1753	Pathian Administrators (VSP)	-344.91
07/15/20	ACH 1755	RETURNED ACH (ACH Ret 07-01)	-182.22
07/15/20	ACH 1756	RETURNED ACH (ACH Ret 07-02)	-143.85
07/15/20	ACH 1757	RETURNED ACH (ACH Ret 07-03)	-165.82
07/15/20	ACH 1758	RETURNED ACH (ACH Ret 07-04)	-175.22
07/17/20	ACH 1759	RETURNED ACH (ACH Ret 07-05)	-179.92
07/17/20	ACH 1760	RETURNED ACH (ACH Ret 07-06)	-291.60
07/17/20	ACH 1761	RETURNED ACH (ACH Ret 07-07)	-466.02
07/17/20	ACH 1762	RETURNED ACH (ACH Ret 07-08)	-305.39
07/17/20	ACH 1763	RETURNED ACH (ACH Ret 07-09)	-156.42
07/17/20	ACH 1764	RETURNED ACH (ACH Ret 07-10)	-249.78
07/17/20	ACH 1765	RETURNED ACH (ACH Ret 07-11)	-115.86
07/17/20	ACH 1766	RETURNED ACH (ACH Ret 07-12)	-147.02
07/17/20	ACH 1767	RETURNED ACH (ACH Ret 07-13)	-221.90
07/17/20	ACH 1768	RETURNED ACH (ACH Ret 07-14)	-226.91
07/17/20	ACH 1769	RETURNED ACH (ACH Ret 07-15)	-190.49
07/17/20	ACH 1770	RETURNED ACH (ACH Ret 07-16)	-161.12
07/17/20	ACH 1771	RETURNED ACH (ACH Ret 07-17)	-238.95
07/21/20	ACH 1772	EFTPS	-10,693.58
07/21/20	ACH 1773	Employment Dev. Dept. (EDD) DE88 Pmts.	-4,543.98
07/22/20	ACH 1774	CalPERS - Retirement	-686.08
07/22/20	ACH 1775	CalPERS - Retirement	-194.58
07/31/20	ACH 1776	ADP	-18,426.41
07/31/20	ACH 1777	ADP	-67,253.66
08/03/20	ACH 1778	Pathian Administrators (VSP)	-344.91
08/03/20	ACH 1779	North American Bancard	-1,872.53
08/03/20	ACH 1780	North American Bancard	-1,026.04
08/04/20	ACH 1781	Nationwide Life Insurance	-215.67
08/05/20	ACH 1782	American Express	-37.63
07/17/20	DD 2953	Alcorn, Michael H.	-179.70
07/17/20	DD 2954	Alvarez, Abel	-3,402.71
07/17/20	DD 2955	Bernal, Melissa M	-1,127.43
07/17/20	DD 2956	Boltz, William K	-3,345.71
07/17/20	DD 2957	Burbank, Jr., Dee J.	-2,406.86
07/17/20	DD 2958	Buzzetta, Jerry T	-277.05
07/17/20	DD 2959	Castro, Kevin G.	-2,310.61
07/17/20	DD 2960	Cervantes, Jr., Adan S.	-2,095.06
07/17/20	DD 2961	Chavez, Jr., Manuel T.	-4,744.80
07/17/20	DD 2962	Eclarin, Ernesto P.	-3,554.26

<u>Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
07/17/20	DD 2963	Foster, Travis J	-2,599.85
07/17/20	DD 2964	Hernandez, Bazilio	-3,162.86
07/17/20	DD 2965	Hillebrecht, Robert B.	-2,156.95
07/17/20	DD 2966	Johnson, Judi H.	-179.70
07/17/20	DD 2967	Lander, Drew A	-4,108.80
07/17/20	DD 2968	Malko, Kim A.	-1,521.31
07/17/20	DD 2969	Padilla, David	-3,165.38
07/17/20	DD 2970	Parker, James F	-184.70
07/17/20	DD 2971	Perez Bribiesca, Diego	-1,822.18
07/17/20	DD 2972	Porteur, Carol A.	-1,397.25
07/17/20	DD 2973	Quick, Troy E.	-2,399.77
07/17/20	DD 2974	Roberts, Kelly L.	-1,908.13
07/17/20	DD 2975	Rodriguez, Jose J.	-2,979.19
07/17/20	DD 2976	Ross, Ann C.	-179.70
07/17/20	DD 2977	Vargas Garcia, Michael J	-2,055.05
07/17/20	DD 2978	Vasquez-Herrera, Luis M.	-1,833.70
07/17/20	DD 2979	Watson, Scott A.	-2,946.59
07/17/20	DD 2980	Zavala, Anabel G.	-1,790.45
07/20/20	28182	A-1 Services	-403.00
07/20/20	28183	B.S.K. Analytical Laboratories, Inc.	-600.00
07/20/20	28184	Bianchi Kasavan & Pope, LLP	-924.00
07/20/20	28185	Bracewell Engineering, Inc.	-353.50
07/20/20	28186	Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	-24,571.48
07/20/20	28187	Brigantino Irrigation	-4.68
07/20/20	28188	Calcon System, Inc.	-1,832.48
07/20/20	28189	Calgon Carbon Corporation	-48,402.00
07/20/20	28190	Carlson's Fire Extinguisher Sales & Service	-1,385.01
07/20/20	28191	City of Hollister-Finance Dept	-360,516.79
07/20/20	28192	Hach Company	-176.02
07/20/20	28193	Hollister Auto Parts, Inc.	-40.25
07/20/20	28194	Independent Business Forms, Inc.	-11,216.32
07/20/20	28195	Mc Master-Carr	-447.19
07/20/20	28196	O'Reilly Auto Parts	-25.66
07/20/20	28197	Quinn Company	-1,633.72
07/20/20	28198	San Benito County Water District	-444.25
07/20/20	28199	San Benito Tire Pros & Automotive	-22.50
07/20/20	28200	Silke Communications, Inc.	-5,182.02
07/20/20	28201	Toro Petroleum Corp.	-964.94
07/20/20	28202	USA Blue Book	-1,245.73
07/20/20	28203	ACWA/JPIA	-12,285.02
07/20/20	28204	Vargas Garcia, Michael J	-367.00
07/20/20	28205	San Benito County Water District	-324,796.70
07/20/20	28206	Perez Bribiesca, Diego	-150.00
07/27/20	28207	WILLIAM BELTRAMI	-227.82
07/27/20	28208	JUAN A MOLINA & SANDRA BRYANT	-71.48
07/27/20	28209	CITYLIGHTS PROPERTY GROUP INC.	-181.39
07/27/20	28210	KELLIE GUERRA	-30.54
07/27/20	28211	DEBORAH J MAGNASCO	-177.09
07/27/20	28212	BRISALVA AMADOR & JUNIO MARTINEZ	-43.25
07/27/20	28213	AT&T	-363.08
07/27/20	28214	Auto Tech Service Center, Inc.	-89.00
07/27/20	28215	Ben Caputo Printing	-4,876.65
07/27/20	28216	Central Ag Supply LLC	-798.92
07/27/20	28217	exceedio	-2,245.05
07/27/20	28218	Extreme Air, Inc.	-650.00
07/27/20	28219	Hollister Auto Parts, Inc.	-17.59

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07/27/20	28220	Hollister Landscape Supply	-155.88
07/27/20	28221	Konica Minolta Premier Finance	-416.76
07/27/20	28222	Maggiora Bros. Drilling, Inc.	-30,067.00
07/27/20	28223	Mid Valley Supply	-203.94
07/27/20	28224	Palace Business Solutions	-273.10
07/27/20	28225	Pinnacle Agriculture	-825.82
07/27/20	28226	SBC Business Council, Inc.	-1,000.00
07/27/20	28227	USA Blue Book	-251.93
07/27/20	28228	Verizon Wireless	-252.15
07/31/20	28229	Postmaster	-2,203.84
07/31/20	28230	Ace Hardware (Johnson Lumber Co.)	-262.18
07/31/20	28231	Badger Meter, Inc.	-1,100.64
07/31/20	28232	Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	-16,285.28
07/31/20	28233	Brigantino Irrigation	-289.64
07/31/20	28234	Carlson's Fire Extinguisher Sales & Service	-134.15
07/31/20	28235	De Lay & Laredo	-5,670.00
07/31/20	28236	Grainger, Inc.	-48.68
07/31/20	28237	Hach Company	-2.05
07/31/20	28238	Mc Master-Carr	-116.98
07/31/20	28239	Mission Uniform Service	-1,063.73
07/31/20	28240	MuniQuip, LLC	-1,073.31
07/31/20	28241	Petty Cash	-18.52
07/31/20	28242	Premier Access Insurance Co.	-3,450.23
07/31/20	28243	San Benito Tire Pros & Automotive	-22.50
07/31/20	28244	Shape, Inc.	-870.33
07/31/20	28245	Star Concrete	-34.96
07/31/20	28246	Toro Petroleum Corp.	-147.88
07/31/20	28247	Veolia Water Technologies	-6,370.51
07/31/20	28248	KEITH & VICTORIA WOESTE	-50.73
07/31/20	28249	Zavala, Anabel G. -Void	0.00
07/31/20	28250	Alvarez, Abel -Void	0.00
07/31/20	28251	Burbank, Jr., Dee J. - Void	0.00
07/31/20	28252	Roberts, Kelly L. - Void	0.00
07/31/20	28253	Rodriguez, Jose J. - Void	0.00
08/03/20	28254	Razzolink.com	-76.95
08/03/20	28255	Itron, Inc.	-7,813.16
08/10/20	28256	GERALDINE & MAGALY DY	-48.28
08/10/20	28257	LUIS ESCAMILLA	-65.43
08/10/20	28258	PHILLIP E & JULIA E THIBODEAU	-114.63
08/10/20	28259	AT&T	-419.50
08/10/20	28260	Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	-35,496.37
08/10/20	28261	City of Hollister-Finance Dept	-360,877.27
08/10/20	28262	Inland Water Works Supply Co	-8,313.60
08/10/20	28263	J M Electric	-435.00
08/10/20	28264	Transene Company Inc (Shape Products)	-139.49
08/10/20	28265	USA Blue Book	-247.85
08/10/20	28266	exceedio	-1,598.74
08/10/20	28267	State Water Resources Control Brd-WWOPCP	-365.00
			\$ <u><u>-1,483,604.29</u></u>

3. Associate Engineer Monthly Status Report.

4. Finance Manager Monthly Status Reports: a. Narrative Report, b. Operation Summary, c. Statement of Income, and d. Investment Summary.

5. W/WW Superintendent Monthly Status Reports: a. Maintenance, b. City Meter Reading, and c. Groundwater Level Measurement.
6. General Manager Monthly Status Report.

Director Johnson asked to have Item G.4 – Finance Manager Monthly Status Report along with pages 13-15, 17-19, 25-30; Item G.3 – Associate Engineer Monthly Status Report, and Item G.5 Superintendent Monthly Status Report pulled for discussion and moved to Agenda Items L.3, L.5, and L.6 respectively, under Board and Staff Reports.

Upon a motion made by Director Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda as changed, seconded by Director Alcorn, and for which President Parker then took a roll call vote as follows: Directors MA, yes; JB, yes; JJ, yes; AR, yes; and President JP, yes; the motion carried 5-0.

J. NEW BUSINESS:

1. AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO COMPLETE A CUSTOMER SERVICES AND TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE NOT TO EXCEED \$135,000 CAPITAL INVESTMENT AND \$31,118 IN CONTRACTUAL SERVICES:

General Manager/Secretary Lander stated that over the past several months staff has diligently researched and pursued technological solutions to improve employee efficiency and effectiveness, safety and electronic document security. The District has grown significantly in the past 10 years and it is evident that customer service needs have been increasing to a point where greater than 50% of the customer service staff work hours are consumed by repetitive tasks which could be better spent improving other aspects of customer service and document security.

Most recently the COVID-19 pandemic revealed that the internal technological capability of the office was lacking, and measures had to be implemented to ensure the health and safety of the staff who needed to remain in the office. Remote working options were not technologically feasible for the office staff.

The combination of hardware and software improvements proposed in the staff report will provide the District with the ability to continue to provide high quality customer service and remain scalable to a growing customer base without sacrificing needed customer services. Together these changes will improve both public opinion of the District and financial transparency throughout the District.

The Fiscal impact is as follows:

Capital Cost (Server, Software purchase and Set up) - \$135,000
(Expenditure to be tanken from Office and Misc. Replacement Fund balance = \$298,131)

Annual recurring maintenance service fees:

Tyler Technologies:	\$12,165
WaterSmart®:	\$13,553
Invoice Cloud:	<u>\$ 5,400</u>
Subtotal	\$31,118

Less replaced software services:

MOMs	\$ 8,500
Sage	<u>\$ 1,200</u>
Subtotal	\$ 9,700

Total budget adjustment requested - \$21,418

(Increase of General Administrative Contract Services \$50,000 + \$21,418 = \$71,418)

Director Johnson inquired about the plan to inform the District’s customers of this new option, and General Manager/Secretary Lander stated that WaterSmart®, and Invoice Cloud will do an outreach program. Staff will send out a newsletter regarding the software changes and the new website. Mr. Lander feels that the information that will be available on the website will entice customers to maintain their own accounts on-line.

Director Alcorn was concerned that when starting with new software that there will be hidden costs that are not disclosed in the original contract. Mr. Lander stated that he has addressed the software service and updates with the vendors and those costs will be included in the contract price. There would not be any additional costs unless the District were to add additional modules that are not covered in the original contract.

Director Johnson asked if there would be any type of “buy-out” with the current MOM’s software and General Manager/Secretary Lander stated that we are no longer in contract, it is just an annual fee charged, so there would be no “buy-out”.

Director Johnson asked where this new server would be stored and if there was enough space for it, and Mr. Lander stated that there is enough space and it will reside in the safe room where the safe is currently stored.

Upon a motion made by Director Johnson to authorize the General Manager to proceed with the implementation of Tyler Technologies, WaterSmart®, and Invoice Cloud and authorizes the General Manager to utilize funds from the Office and Misc. Replacement Fund not to exceed \$135,000 and also to contract for these services annually in an amount not to exceed \$31,118, seconded by Director Buzzetta, and for which President Parker then took a roll call vote as follows: Directors MA, yes; JB, yes; JJ, yes; AR, yes; and President JP, yes; the motion carried 5-0.

K. BOARD COMMITTEE and STATUS REPORTS

1. **Governance Committee:** No meeting held.
2. **Water/Wastewater Committee:** No meeting held.
3. **Finance Committee:** No meeting held.
4. **Policy and Procedure Committee:** No meeting held.
5. **Personnel Committee:** No meeting held.
6. **Water Resources Association of San Benito County (WRA):** Director Johnson reported that a zoom meeting was held on August 6th and although she herself and alternate President Parker attempted to join the meeting, they were unable to do so, due to technical issues. Director Johnson stated that she did speak with Shawn Novack, Program Manager, and was informed that there was discussion on water softener replacements as well as the Program Manager’s Monthly Conservation Program Report for July 2020.

L. BOARD and STAFF REPORTS

1. **Directors:** Director Johnson reported that she attended by zoom, the ACWA/JPIA Spring Conference. She was in attendance of the following sessions: A virtual conference with the Lt. Governor in regards to “What’s happening in California with water”; JPIA session; updates on regulatory landscapes; COVID 19; water trends that are coming up in regards to SGMA Sustainable Groundwater; Water Bonds; SGMA chat room; Building Infrastructure with Water Bonds; Interface between Federal and Local Government; State/Federal infrastructure funding; and “Once upon a time in Water”.

2. **District Counsel:** No report
3. **General Manager:** General Manager/Secretary Lander gave an update on the COVID-19 situation stating that the District is still not collecting late fees on past due accounts due to State protection rule. Staff is continuing with their efforts and working with the City of Hollister on recovering lost revenue from the State.

The District is continuing not to shut off past due customers during the pandemic. However, staff is working on notifying past due customers of the status on their accounts and trying to have them bring their accounts current.

The District Office remains closed due to the increasing number of COVID 19 cases.

Staff is working on making amendments to the District policy, in regards to holding the homeowner responsible for the water/sewer account rather than the renters.

4. **Associate Engineer:** Director Johnson pulled item I.3 and explained that she has already discussed the following with Associate Engineer Hillebrecht but wanted him to explain it to the Board. The first item was the Website, and Mr. Hillebrecht explained that the District is currently changing the website which will be more user friendly, as well being able to view from a mobile device such as a cell phone or iPad, and will be able to view as if you were on the computer. Director Alcorn asked if the website will provide for the visually impaired, and Mr. Hillebrecht stated that it would.

Secondly, Director Johnson asked about the Cerro Verde Development in regards to the “hot taps” while constructing the water system for the development. Mr. Hillebrecht explained that a “hot tap” is when they drill into the pipe while the main is still running to avoid shutting off all of the customers that may be affected.

Director Johnson inquired about the West of Fairview Phase 1A project, installing and testing the 12” PVC pipeline and PRV at the future Union Road site. Mr. Hillebrecht explained that was to be able to more effectively move water through the upper zone to the middle zone.

5. **Finance and Human Resource Manager:** Director Johnson pulled item I.4 for items already discussed with Finance and Human Resource Manager Foster, but wanted him to explain them to Board. First items were on the Disbursement Summary, with check #28185 Bracewell Engineering and she stated that Water/Wastewater Superintendent Rodriguez would explain this in his report that was pulled. Check # 28222 payable to Maggiora Bros. Drilling, Inc. for \$30,067.00 which was for Well #2 rehabilitation. Director Johnson asked if this was the final payment and General Manager/Secretary Lander stated that there may be additional invoices, but the total cost is still under the amount that the Board approved for the project. Check # 28235 payable to De Lay & Laredo for \$5,670.00 and Mr. Foster responded that is for general counsel as well as the Southside Road landslide. Check # 28267 payable to the State Water Resources Control Board-WWOPCP in the amount of \$365.00 which is for testing requirements for the maintenance staff to keep up with their certifications.

Director Buzzetta inquired about 2 checks both payable to Exceedio within about 13 days of each other, stating that the contract was approved for monthly service. Finance and Human Resource Manager Foster explained that check #28217 in the amount of \$2,245.05 is for the monthly service, and check #28266 in the amount of \$1,598.74 is for a replacement

computer previously approved by the board as a needed workstation for staff access to timecards under the ADP contract.

Director Johnson asked Finance and Human Resource Manager Foster to explain some of the changes on the Statement of Income, one being that he has added a new line “Net Water Income (Loss) Adjusted for Non Budgeted Items”. He explained that since Capacity Fees and other Non-Operating Items are not Budgeted, he added the line to back out those items to better compare operations with the budget. In addition, when capitalizing the Crosstown Pipeline project along with the addition of subdivisions that are now given to the District, there was a larger net loss showing on the Statement of Income when compared with the Budget as the Crosstown Pipeline depreciation was not included in the original budget

Mr. Foster suggested changing the format of the Statement of Income, mainly to expand the categories and making the report a little easier to read, and the Board was in agreement.

Finance and Human Resource Manger Foster has been including the Board Designated Reserves report in the packet for information on accounts in which the money is held. With discussion from the Board, it was decided to expand on the report to give more detail. Both Directors Alcorn and Buzzetta stated that while the balances look good, there doesn't seem to be much change in the reserve amounts. Mr. Foster explained that since some vehicles were acquired at the end of the year, the increase from depreciation per the reserve policy was offset by the acquisition of vehicles.

6. **Water/Wastewater Superintendent:** Director Johnson pulled item I.5a for items previously discussed with Water/Wastewater Superintendent Rodriguez, but asked that he report to the Board. In regards to check #28185 Bracewell Engineering in the amount of \$353.50, Mr. Rodriguez explained that since the District now has the equipment to do the testing, Bracewell will no longer be needed. Mr. Rodriguez stated that testing the samples in-house gives them the results with 1-2 hours of testing rather than up to two weeks using Bracewell. He stated that payback period of the lab equipment will take about 3 months to recoup costs through savings of what outside testing would cost.

Director Johnson asked Mr. Rodriguez to explain the Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) exchange, and Mr. Rodriguez stated that during the summer months more water is used than during the winter, which requires the GAC filters to be changed more frequently.

Director Johnson learned about the UCMR 4 sampling through the ACWA Conference, and asked Water/Wastewater Superintendent Rodriguez to explain it to the Board. Mr. Rodriguez stated that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires testing to be done every 3 years, and with the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule they are evaluating whether any of these contaminants should be regulated in the future.

Mr. Rodriguez stated that the West Hills Water Treatment Plant flow has increased to 4.2 million gallons with the max output of 4.5, and it has never reached this level in the past. With this situation, staff is able to do more troubleshooting at the plant. Director Buzzetta asked if West Hills was to cap-out on the plant flow, would there be a possibility to sell off some of the excess to others looking for water. General Manager/Secretary Lander stated that at the present time that is not an option as the District and City of Hollister are using all that is produced as well as drawing from the wells.

Director Johnson commented that she was excited to see the number of Fire Hydrants that were flushed.

Director Johnson inquired about the Depth to Standing Water Level below Ground Surface report and asked for an overview. General Manager/Secretary Lander stated that the trend lines are going up and there is increasing water depth in the aquifer storage. Since the West Hill Water Treatment Plant has been on-line, the water tables have increased in volume. This is primarily due to average or above average rainfall the past several years along with significant recharge activities by San Benito County Water District. Mr. Lander also pointed out that we have enough storage to last us 2-3 years in the event of a drought situation.

M. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Directors Johnson and Alcorn requested that a report be provided regarding the SGMA Technical Advisory Committee meeting and an update on the groundwater management strategy and activities that San Benito County Water District is conducting for SGMA compliance.

N. ADJOURNMENT: President Parker adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD: James F. Parker
James F. Parker, President

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Drew A. Lander
Drew A. Lander, Secretary