

**SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2014**

1. ROLL CALL

President LaHue called the special meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Kim Adamson introduced the new Human Resources Manager, Traci Hart, who was welcomed by the Board.

Board Members Present:

Dr. Thomas LaHue, President
Bruce Daniels, Vice President
Dr. Don Hoernschemeyer
Dr. Bruce Jaffe
Rick Meyer

Board Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Kim Adamson, General Manager
Taj Dufour, Engineering Manager/Chief Engineer
Ron Duncan, Conservation & Customer Service Field (CCSF) Manager
Traci Hart, Human Resources Manager
Leslie Strohm, Supervising Accountant
Christine Mead, Operations & Maintenance Manager
Bob Bosso, District Counsel
Karen Reese, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk

Others Present:

8 Members of the public

2. CONSENT AGENDA

President LaHue requested Item 2.1.2 be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Director Daniels requested Item 2.2 be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

MOTION: Director Daniels; Second; Director Jaffe: To approve consent agenda Items 2.1.1, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5 with Items 2.1.2 and 2.2 pulled for discussion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
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2.1 Approval of Minutes
2.1.1 April 1, 2014
Action: Approved

2.1.2 April 15, 2014

Action: Removed from Consent; Discussed; Approved

Because President LaHue and Director Meyer were absent from the April 15th meeting this item was approved separately.

MOTION: Director Daniels; Second; Director Jaffe: To approve the April 15, 2014 minutes. Director Daniels, Director Jaffe and Director Hoernschemeyer voted in favor of the motion. President LaHue and Director Meyer abstained.

2.2 Conditional Will Serve Letters

Action: Removed from Consent; Discussed; Approved

Director Daniels made a motion to defer action on all will serve letters until the Board has heard and taken action on moratorium and WDO. There was no second.

2.2.1 Robert Stuart, SFR at 7563 Sunset Way, Aptos, APN 039-111-49

Mr. Stuart was present and asked the Board what would happen with outstanding will serve letters if a moratorium was imposed.

President LaHue commented that how that will go is uncertain. He personally feels that if a moratorium is imposed, those will serve applicants that have already started the process should be allowed to continue but he can't speak for other directors.

Director Meyer noted that the Board previously voted to honor unconditional will serve letters in the event of a moratorium.

Mr. Stuart asked if each Board member could let him know what their position is.

President LaHue said it was up to each individual Board member.

Director Hoernschemeyer commented that he wouldn't make a statement until the Board has considered the issue.

Director Daniels noted that the Board needs to wait for public comment.

Director Jaffe indicated that the Board is waiting for an independent report evaluating the District's hydrogeologists assessment of the situation of the groundwater basin before making any decisions.

Mr. Stuart observed that a conditional will serve letter would not be worth much to him until after a moratorium discussion.

2.2.2 Michael Modest, SFR at 1070 Via Malibu, Aptos, APN 054-223-18

Mr. Modest's representative spoke to his project indicating the time and expense already expended working through the Coastal Commission process and requested that this conditional will serve letter be approved.

2.2.3 Hamilton Swift for Hamid Ezzatyar, MLD/SFR at Soquel Drive and Capitola Ave, Soquel, APN 030-241-22

2.2.4 Jim Jordan, MLD/SFR at 615 Harriet Ave., Aptos, APN 038-076-30

MOTION: President LaHue; Second; Director Hoernschemeyer: To approve conditional will serve letters Consent Agenda Items 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 2.2.3 and 2.2.4. President LaHue, Director Meyer, Director Jaffe and Director Hoernschemeyer voted in favor of the motion. Director Daniels voted against the motion. Motion passed.

2.3 South County Housing's Canterbury Park Tract 1550 Phase II, Accept Project as Complete & File Notice of Completion, Aptos, APN 038-081-39, CWO 10-024

Action: Approved

2.4 November 4, 2014 Election - Resolution to Consolidate the Election & Notification to County Election Clerk Regarding Payment for Statement of Qualifications and Selection of Director in the Event of a Tie Vote

Action: Approved

2.5 On-Site Piping at San Andreas Well in Support of Hexavalent Chromium Treatment Bid Award, CWO 11-140

Action: Approved

3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** (*items not on the Agenda*)

None

4. **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

4.1 Unconditional Will Serve Letter for Brian Arthur at 0 Oakhill Rd, Aptos, APN 038-151-89

MOTION: President LaHue; Second; Director Hoernschemeyer: To authorize the District's Unconditional Will Serve Letter indicating that the District will unconditionally serve the proposed new single family dwelling to be constructed on Oakhill Rd. in Aptos. President LaHue, Director Meyer, and Director Hoernschemeyer voted in favor of the motion. Director Jaffe and Director Daniels voted against the motion. Motion passed.

5. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

5.1 Letter from Sam Nigh re: public awareness of water conservation

Director Daniels commented on Mr. Nigh's observation that he showers at a local gym and their showers run all the time. Director Daniels stated that this is a problem he sees with the Water Use Reduction Plan (WURP) because there is no requirement about usage on businesses. He also read that people are using laundromats more. There is nothing in the WURP that will avoid that. He feels that there needs to be a plan to deal with these types of issues with businesses.

Director Jaffe noted that when the Nigh's were dry camping they were not using water at a rate that they would at home (13 gallons per day per person (gppd) vs 150 gppd). He agreed with the point of the letter, the District should invest in education. The District is moving in that direction.

Director Hoernschemeyer asked how soon the District would move to 53 gppd from 75 gppd.

Mr. Duncan replied it is up to the Board. There is currently no plan for implementing the next stages of reduction. He noted that perhaps high efficiency washers should be a requirement of laundromats and timers on showers could be required at gyms.

Director Jaffe asked how long it will take before staff can assess the effectiveness of the WURP.

Mr. Duncan replied it will take about a year from the start of the program.

President LaHue recommended an evaluation be brought to the Board quarterly.

6. ADJOURNMENT TO BUDGET WORKSHOP

President LaHue adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m. to the Budget Workshop.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Karen Reese, Board Clerk

Thomas R. LaHue, President