



**Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
February 17, 2022**

1. A. CALL TO ORDER: Chair Bublak called the meeting to order 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Bublak, Vice Chair Lopez, Director Franco, Director Silveira (showed up at 3:33 pm)

ABSENT:

B. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

C. ROLL CALL

This item was heard out of order

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.

2. Finance Director Isaac Moreno provided an update through zoom on financial activity for year-to-date Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021, and the summary of financial activity as of February 11, 2022. Revenue and expenses were reviewed.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Chair Bublak opened public participation. None of the members of the public spoke. Chair Bublak closed public participation.

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS: None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Action: Motion by Director Franco, seconded by Vice Chair Lopez, approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 26, 2022. Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Director Franco	Director Silveira	Vice Chair Lopez	Chair Bublak
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

7. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

A. General Manager Granberg recommended the board direct the General Manager to prepare a solicitation for Letters of Expression of Interest for public potable water treatment operations

and maintenance staffing for the Regional Surface Water Supply Project water treatment plant and distribution facilities

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

The Board discussed on having more options than the two agencies provided, MID and SSJID, utilize all the resources that may be available in the central valley region or statewide to avoid any cost increases to the ratepayers. The board asked for the letter to be in an RFQ or RFI format that included specifics to operations and cost/resource sharing. The Board requested to make available the responses from the agencies. General Manager indicated a draft letter would be prepared for the Board to review before distributing on a special meeting on March 7th, 2022, at 4:00 PM.

Action: Motion directing the General Manager to prepare a solicitation for Letters of Expression of Interest for public potable water treatment operations and maintenance staffing for the Regional Surface Water Supply Project water treatment plant and distribution facilities. *(Motion failed due to lack of votes)*

Action: Motion by Chair Bublak, seconded by Vice Chair Lopez, Directing the General Manager to prepare a solicitation for Letters of Expression of Interest for public potable water treatment operations and maintenance staffing for the Regional Surface Water Supply Project water treatment plant and distribution facilities to be reviewed on March 7th, 2022, at 4:00 pm before distribution. Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Director Franco	Director Silveira	Vice Chair Lopez	Chair Bublak
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- B. General Manager recommended the board approve SRWA staff positions and salary structure. General Manager Granberg presented an overview of the employee benefits, medical, dental, vision, life insurance, long and short-term disability, risk management, insurance plans offerings and cost between SDRMA and ACWA JPIA, StanCERA retirement, project activities and recruiting schedule. ACWA JPIA was suggested by General Manager Granberg as the preferred provider. Rick Santos, from Stancera, was available to answer questions through zoom.

The board discussed about using an annuitant as a temporary basis to fill in a vacant position or to fill in a position quickly. Rick Santos responded that it will not be a problem. Chair Bublak asked on how the probationary period be handled for employees. General Manager Granberg said that would be included in the employee handbook development.

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

Action: **Resolution 2022-003** Motion by Director Silveira, seconded by Vice Chair Lopez, to approve and authorizing the General Manager to sign the Joint Powers Agreement creating the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority and authorizing participation in related insurance and employee benefits programs. Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

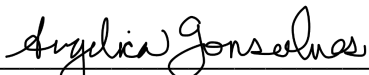
Director Franco	Director Silveira	Vice Chair Lopez	Chair Bublak
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Action: **Resolution 2022-004** Motion by Director Silveira, seconded by Vice Chair Lopez, to approve SRWA participation as an employer in the Stanislaus County Employees' Retirement System pursuant to Government Code Section 31557(B). Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Director Franco	Director Silveira	Vice Chair Lopez	Chair Bublak
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- 8. **MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA:** None
- 9. **BOARD ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:** None
- 10. **BOARD COMMENTS:** None
- 11. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** March 7, 2022, at 4:40 PM, Special meeting
- 12. **CLOSED SESSION:** None
- 13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Bublak adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Angelica Gonsalves, Board Secretary