



1. A. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Bublak called the meeting to order 1:00 p.m.  
PRESENT: Chair Bublak, Vice Chair Lopez, Director Franco, Director Silveira  
ABSENT:
- B. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
- C. **ROLL CALL**

*This item was heard out of order*

2. **RECOGNITION, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS:**

- A. Confirm and welcome new board members, Bret Silveira and James Casey appointed by City of Ceres.
- B. Election of Board Chair

**Action:** Motion by Vice Chair Lopez, seconded by Director Franco, to appoint the Board Chair. Motion carried 4/0 to appoint Amy Bublak as Board Chair for 2022 calendar year.

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

C. Election of Board Vice Chair

**Action:** Motion by Chair Lopez, seconded by Director Franco to appoint Board Vice Chair. Motion carried 4/0 to approve Javier Lopez as Board Vice Chair for 2022 calendar year.

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

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, Project operations planning, funding/financing update, public outreach, social media metrics and increase in followers, and shared project photos.

Chair Bublak asked for the status on any benefit plan RFPs or RFQs. Granberg responded that getting a RFP out is more complex to put together due to not knowing the exact number of positions, salaries, and insurance coverages for each asset. Granberg stated that RFQ may be more appropriate to get qualifications. Granberg indicated that the best

option would be to select ACWA JPIA as they are competitive. Vice Chair Lopez requested for more options and data on this subject to be presented to the rate payers. Granberg said he will put a brief overview or outline together.

- 2. Finance Director Isaac Moreno provided an update on financial activity for year-to-date Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021, and the summary of financial activity as of January 19, 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 November 18, 2021. Motion carried 3/1 by the following vote:

Director Franco	Director Silveira	Vice Chair Lopez	Chair Bublak
Yes	No	Yes	Yes

**Action:** Motion by Director Franco, seconded by Director Lopez, approving the 2022 Stanislaus Regional Water Authority Board Meeting Schedule for 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 to authorize submittal of a 2021 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant Program Application to the California Department of Water Resources for the Regional Surface Water Supply Project and approve related funding agreement.

Monique Day with the Program Management Team presented the Program qualifications, eligibility for disadvantage communities and addressing long term drought relief. The application was submitted in November 2021, requesting \$7.44 million in grant funding for the raw water pump station, raw water flow split structure, chemical storage and feed building and acceptance testing.

Chair Bublak questioned how the \$7.44 million was reached. Day responded that they spoke with DWR staff and tried to strategize the appropriate competitive amount. Granberg stated it consisted of project elements that have yet to be started.

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

**Action:** Resolution 2022-001 Motion by Director Franco, seconded by Chair Bublak, Adopting of resolution authorizing General Manager to apply for a Proposition 50 Funding Program Grant for the Regional Surface Water Supply Project 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 to terminate U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Grant Assistance Agreements under WaterSMART Drought Response Program.

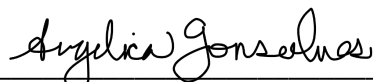
Chair Bublak opened public participation. No one spoke. Chair Bublak closed public participation.

**Action:** Motion by Director Franco, seconded by Director Lopez, to terminate U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Grant Assistance Agreements under WaterSMART Drought Response Program. 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: February 17, 2022, Regular meeting
- 12. CLOSED SESSION: None
- 13. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Bublak adjourned the meeting at 1:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted,*



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Angelica Gonsalves, Board Secretary