



**STANISLAUS REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY**

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**August 11, 2016**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – Yosemite Room**  
**156 S. Broadway, Turlock CA**

**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**SRWA Board**

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1. **A. CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Soiseth called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.  
PRESENT: Director Lane, Director Bublak, Vice Chair Vierra, and Chair Soiseth  
ABSENT: None  
  
**B. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
  2. **PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & APPOINTMENTS:** None
  3. **A. SPECIAL BRIEFINGS:** None  
  
**B. STAFF UPDATES:**
    1. Interim General Manager Mike Brinton provided an overview of items discussed at recent Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings including design preparation of the raw water supply infrastructure, water treatment facility, treated water transmission mains, and integration with each City's local distribution system. Mr. Brinton also spoke about proposals received from Brown and Caldwell and West Yost Associates for wet well design services.
    2. Finance Director Kellie Jacobs-Hunter provided information on expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016-17 through July 2016.
  - C. CONSULTANT UPDATES:**
    1. West Yost Associates Gerry Nakano provided a project update including completion of the quick start program and plans for moving into the next phase of the project. Discussions over the last month have included the selection process for governmental relations and public affairs consultant, cost allocation workshops, public outreach plan and proposals for wet well design. Approval of the proposed water quality sampling plan was received from The Department of Drinking Water on July 25, 2016. Board representatives attended the dedication ceremony of the Woodland-Davis facility on July 28, 2016. Mr. Nakano also provided the Executive Summary Monthly Progress Report for June 2016.
  - D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

4. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS:** None

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**Action:** Motion by Director Bublak, seconded by Director Lane, to adopt the consent calendar. Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Director Lane	Director Bublak	Vice Chair Vierra	Chair Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

A. *Motion:* Accepting minutes of Regular Meeting of July 14, 2016.

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

7. **SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

A. West Yost Associates Gerry Nakano presented the staff report on the request to accept Technical Memorandum–Preliminary Phasing and Water Treatment Plant Sizing for the SRWA Surface Water Supply Project (WTP Sizing TM), dated June 16, 2016.

Director Lane requested information regarding the process for expanding to Phase 2 and if sizing will be accounted for now.

Vice Chair Vierra noted the project will significantly help reserve groundwater for future needs. Chair Soiseth requested information regarding the positive impact this project will have on groundwater pumping be included in the public outreach component.

Chair Soiseth opened public participation. There being no public response, Chair Soiseth closed public participation.

**Action:** Motion by Director Bublak, seconded by Vice Chair Vierra, Accepting Technical Memorandum–Preliminary Phasing and Water Treatment Plant Sizing for the SRWA Surface Water Supply Project (WTP Sizing TM), dated June 16, 2016. Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Director Lane	Director Bublak	Vice Chair Vierra	Chair Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

B. West Yost Associates Lindsay Smith presented the staff report on the request to concur with the recommended funding strategy which includes the following key actions, among others: select and work closely with a government relations/public affairs consultant to create and support funding opportunities; and identify, track and pursue grant and low interest loan Project funding opportunities for which the Project is well-suited.

Ms. Smith presented an overview of the application process and the recommended strategies and steps for various funding options.

Chair Soiseth opened public participation. There being no public response, Chair Soiseth closed public participation.

**Action:** Motion by Vice Chair Vierra, seconded by Director Lane, Concurring with the recommended funding strategy which includes the following key actions, among others: select and work closely with a government relations/public affairs consultant to create and support funding opportunities; and identify, track and pursue grant and low interest loan Project funding opportunities for which the Project is well-suited (including the ten (10) actions listed in the discussion below). Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Director Lane	Director Bublak	Vice Chair Vierra	Chair Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- C. West Yost Associates Lindsay Smith presented the staff report on the request to concur with the treatment performance goals recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) which are focused on the following key goals: meet current regulations with comfort; employ reasonably robust treatment trains; use proven processes; design for treatment flexibility; minimize corrosion and discolored water concerns; and make upfront investments to reduce long-term O&M costs.

Chair Soiseth opened public participation. There being no public response, Chair Soiseth closed public participation.

**Action:** Motion by Director Lane, seconded by Director Bublak, Concurring with the treatment performance goals recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) which are focused on the following key goals: meet current regulations with comfort; employ reasonably robust treatment trains; use proven processes; design for treatment flexibility; minimize corrosion and discolored water concerns; and make upfront investments to reduce long-term O&M costs, (as summarized in the discussion below). Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Director Lane	Director Bublak	Vice Chair Vierra	Chair Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- D. West Yost Associates Gerry Nakano presented the staff report on the request to concur with the recommended preliminary transmission facilities and pipeline alignments for the Raw Water Pipeline, and City of Ceres and City of Turlock Treated Water Pipeline alignments presented in the Project Alignment Evaluation Technical Memorandum.

Mr. Nakano spoke about initial meetings held with the County to discuss the costs for encroachment into the right-of-way and noted additional conversations will be held to determine if costs can be reduced based on benefits to the region.

Chair Soiseth opened public participation. There being no public response, Chair Soiseth closed public participation.

**Action:** Motion by Director Bublak, seconded by Director Lane, Concurring with the recommended preliminary transmission facilities and pipeline alignments for the Raw Water Pipeline, and City of Ceres and City of Turlock Treated Water Pipeline alignments presented in the Project Alignment Evaluation Technical Memorandum. Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Director Lane	Director Bublak	Vice Chair Vierra	Chair Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- E. Turlock Municipal Services Director Michael Cooke presented the staff report on the request to approve an Agreement with The Gualco Group, Inc. for Government Relations and Public Affairs Consulting, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000; appropriate \$80,000 to account number 950-53-552.43011 "Government Relations/Public Affairs" for Government Relations and Public Affairs Consulting to be funded via contributions from SRWA participating agencies.

Chair Soiseth excused himself from the dais for this item due to his employer's relationship with The Gualco Group. Chair Soiseth noted although he does not have a legal conflict, he elected not to participate in the proposal process or the vote for this item. Vice Chair Vierra represented the Board in the discussion.

Vice Chair Vierra opened public participation. There being no public response, Vice Chair Vierra closed public participation.

**Action:** Motion by Director Bublak, seconded by Director Lane, approving an Agreement with The Gualco Group, Inc. for Government Relations and Public Affairs Consulting, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000. Motion carried 3/1 by the following vote:

Director Lane	Director Bublak	Vice Chair Vierra	Chair Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain

Resolution No. 2016-004 Appropriating \$80,000 to account number 950-53-552.43011 "Government Relations/Public Affairs" for Government Relations and Public Affairs Consulting to be funded via contributions from SRWA participating agencies was introduced by Director Bublak, seconded by Director Lane, and carried 3/1 by the following vote:

Director Lane	Director Bublak	Vice Chair Vierra	Chair Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain

Chair Soiseth returned to the dais.

Vice Chair Vierra requested additional information be provided at a future meeting to explain the differences between "Design/Build" and "Design/Build/Operate" concepts.

F. Finance Director Kellie Jacobs-Hunter presented the staff report on the request to approve an Agreement with Maze & Associates Accountancy Corporation for Professional Auditing Services, in an amount not to exceed \$5,400; appropriate \$400 to account number 950-53-552.43055\_002 "Consultant Audit" for Professional Auditing Services to be funded via contributions from SRWA participating agencies.

Chair Soiseth opened public participation. There being no public response, Chair Soiseth closed public participation.

**Action:** Motion by Director Lane, seconded by Director Vierra, Approving an Agreement with Maze & Associates Accountancy Corporation for Professional Auditing Services, in an amount not to exceed \$5,400. Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Director Lane	Director Bublak	Vice Chair Vierra	Chair Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Resolution No. 2016-005 Appropriating \$400 to account number 950-53-552.43055\_002 "Consultant Audit" for Professional Auditing Services to be funded via contributions from SRWA participating agencies was introduced by Director, seconded by Director, and carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Director Lane	Director Bublak	Vice Chair Vierra	Chair Soiseth
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

8. **MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA:** None

9. **BOARD ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:** None

10. **BOARD COMMENTS:**

Director Bublak noted her appreciation for the opportunity to tour the Woodland-Davis facility which provided project clarification and an opportunity to see a successful operating facility.

Vice Chair Vierra thanked staff and the consultants for establishing positive and memorializing momentum, laying the groundwork for the future.

Chair Soiseth expressed appreciation to TAC and staff for assisting the Board in moving the project into the desired direction.

11. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** August 25, 2016 – *Regular Meeting*

Chair Soiseth stated the Board will continue to evaluate the need to meet twice a month.

12. **CLOSED SESSION:** None

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Director Bublak, seconded by Director Lane, to adjourn at 10:58 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED



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Jennifer Land  
Board Secretary