



1. A. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Bublak called the meeting to order 12:00 p.m.

B. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

C. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Director Bret Silveira, Director Pam Franco, Vice Chair Javier Lopez, Chair Amy
Bublak

ABSENT:

2. **RECOGNITION, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS:** None

3. A. **SPECIAL BRIEFINGS:** None

B. **STAFF UPDATES:**

1. General Manager 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.

Chair Bublak opened public participation.

Chair Bublak closed public participation.

2. Finance Director Moreno provided an update on financial activities as of August 15, 2022. Revenue and expenses reviewed.

Chair Bublak opened public participation.

Chair Bublak closed public participation.

C. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Chair Bublak opened public participation.

Chair Bublak closed public participation.

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

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- A. **Action:** Motion by Director Franco, seconded by Director Silveira, approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 21, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. **Action:** Motion by Director Silveira, seconded by Director Franco, accepting the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 03, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

7. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- A. General Manager Granberg discussed the estimated first year operating costs for the project. General manager Granberg went over debt service, labor, energy, chemical, repair and rehabilitation costs for the FY 23/24.

Chair Bublak opened public participation.

City Manager from Turlock Reagan Wilson commented on this item and potential savings by using existing resources from the City of Turlock. Wilson indicated that there is a potential savings of one million to both cities to use the proposed plan presented by Wilson. The proposed plan indicated using only existing personnel from City of Turlock.

Chair Bublak closed public participation.

The board discussed this item and the potential of savings. Director Franco commented this would be a good opportunity for the rate payers to see this savings. Chair Bublak indicated that her biggest issue is inflation and asking rate payers for more money. Bublak asked to have a presentation on the proposed plan from City of Turlock and work with General Manager to decide the best option to move forward. Director Lopez inquired on the cost savings proposed by Wilson and consider the best options that provides clean and affordable water for both cities. Lopez asked this is done the correct way. Director Silveira asked Wilson to talk to the City Manager of Ceres to ask if there are any resources that can be provided by Ceres.

- B. General manager discussed authorizing and consenting to enter the Joint Protection Programs of the Association of California Water Agencies- Joint Powers Insurance authority.

Chair Bublak asked Attorney Shanahan if this item needs to be delayed until the board decides the route the plant will be staffed. Attorney Shanahan indicated that the plant will still have some positions that would be hired to work for the SRWA and he recommended the board to move forward with this item. Chair Bublak asked if there is a cost associated if the application is submitted and the board decides to rescind it. General Manager Granberg said there is no cost until there are employees under the SRWA. Director Silveira recommended to move forward since the plant may have employees.

Chair Bublak opened public participation.

Chair Bublak asked Dale Goodman, Municipal Services Director from City of Turlock, if the plant would need additional employees not listed on the proposition from Wilson. Goodman responded that there may be a need to have the insurance for the SRWA plant, but the employees proposed would belong to the City of Turlock.

Chair Bublak closed public participation.

Director Silveira asked to have the protection immediately. Director Lopez asked if the costs would happen when this is approved. General Manager Granberg responded the costs start once the application is approved by JPIA and the insurance coverage begins.

Action: Resolution 2022-006 Motion by Director Silveira, seconded by Vice Chair Lopez, authorizing, and consenting General Manager to enter the Joint Protection Programs of the Association of California Water Agencies- Joint Powers Insurance authority. Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

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

C. General manager discussed approval and authorization application for Director of Industrial Relations, State of California for a certificate of consent to self-insure workers' compensation liabilities.

Chair Silveira asked if this is just to get the certificate from the state. General Manager Granberg this will let the SRWA be released from the DIR. Director Franco asked if this will affect anything if the board moves forward with a different approach for the plant. Granberg indicated there would be no need for this, but the SRWA can notify the DIR. Director Franco asked how long the process takes for issuance of the certificate. Granberg responded the state does not have a timeframe but once it is submitted the SRWA has done their part.

Chair Bublak opened public participation.

None of the members of the public spoke.

Chair Bublak closed public participation.

Action: Resolution 2022-007 Motion by Director Silveira, seconded by Director Franco, approving and authorizing application to the Director of Industrial Relations, State of California for a certificate of consent to self-insure workers' compensation liabilities. Motion carried 4/4 by the following vote:

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

D. General manager discussed approval of the MOU regarding County of Stanislaus/SRWA County Road encroachment Permit and authorize and direct to sign MOU following County of Stanislaus approval.

Director Franco asked if the County Board has reviewed this MOU. General Manager Granberg responded that the County Public Works Director has approved it and the chances are that the County will approve it.

Chair Bublak opened public participation.

None of the members of the public spoke.

Chair Bublak closed public participation.

Action: Motion by Director Franco, seconded by Director Silveira, to approve memorandum of understanding (MOU) regarding County of Stanislaus/SRWA County Road Encroachment Permit and authorizing and directing the General Manager to sign the MOU following County of Stanislaus approval. 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:** Scheduling the Board workshop for employee benefits.
9. **BOARD ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:** Vice Chair Lopez asked to move the meeting time to noon on the same Thursdays.
10. **BOARD COMMENTS:** Director Franco asked to have the agenda items sent out to the Board the Friday before the scheduled meeting. Director Silveira asked to tab the agenda items.
11. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** September 15, 2022, Regular meeting Turlock
12. **CLOSED SESSION:** None
13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Bublak adjourned the meeting at 12:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Angelica Gonsalves, Board Secretary