



- 1. A. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Vierra called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.  
 PRESENT: Director Esquer, Vice Chair DeHart, Chair Vierra  
 ABSENT: Director Lane

- B. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

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

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

- B. **STAFF UPDATES:**

- 1. General Manager Robert Granberg provided an update on major TAC and Program Management team activities for the months of June and July. Responses to public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) are being finalized and published. Met with State Water Board staff regarding State Revolving Fund and met with lobbyists to ensure money is on track and in place. Met with contractor for the Wet Well construction project and working on submittal review. Preparing for Golden Shovel Groundbreaking event at the project site.

- C. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

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

- 5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Chair Vierra requested Item 5B be pulled from the Consent Calendar and heard as a Scheduled Matters item due to the related discussion in Scheduled Matters Item 7C.

**Action:** Motion by Director DeHart, second by Director Esquer, adopting and approving the amended Consent Calendar. Motion carried by the following vote:

Director Esquer	Director Lane	Vice Chair DeHart	Chair Vierra
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

- A. Accepting the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 31, 2018
- B. *Item removed for separate consideration and heard under Scheduled Matters*
- C. Accepting the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority's audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 and related reports

- 6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

- 7. **SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- A. Debra Lilly from Horizon Water and Environment requested to certify the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Surface Water Supply Project; adopt CEQA

Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations; adopt Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan; approve Project; and direct staff to file CEQA Notice of Determination.

**Discussion:**

Vice Chair DeHart asked about the potential legal risk for encountering endangered species at the project location.

Debra Lilly responded with an evaluation of the potential for impacts on special status species, including endangered species, in compliance with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and to be monitored during the project.

Vice Chair DeHart was satisfied by the response from Debra Lilly.

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

**Action:** Resolution 2018-009 Motion by Director DeHart, second by Director Esquer, certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Surface Water Supply Project; adopting CEQA Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations; adopting Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan; approving Project; and directing staff to file CEQA Notice of Determination. Motion carried by the following vote:

Director Esquer	Director Lane	Vice Chair DeHart	Chair Vierra
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

- B. General Manager Granberg requested to approve the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in substantially the form as presented at this meeting and authorize the General Manager to finalize, sign, and issue the RFQ on behalf of the SRWA for the Raw Water Pump Station, Raw and Finished Water Pipelines and Water Treatment Plant Project elements.

**Discussion:**

Lindsay Smith from West Yost presented the procurement background which allows for use of traditional design-build procurement for this project, and presented the selection criteria.

Vice Chair DeHart inquired regarding the specific information staff will be evaluating for financial qualifications.

Lindsay Smith responded that staff will ensure all firms have a strong financial background, and will provide bonds, proper insurance, and financial statements for the last five years.

Lindsay Smith discussed the procurement process and pre-qualification schedule.

Vice Chair DeHart inquired about the fixed price of the project and if there will be change orders.

Lindsay Smith responded that negotiated change orders will be allowed in certain circumstances within the confines of the contract.



Vice Chair DeHart stated that he will expect updates on the financial status as the project proceeds.

Chair Vierra mentioned that the project contractor and the local improvement contractors will be coordinating on the project and working together on testing to make sure everyone goes online together. Chair Vierra said that the goal is a successful project.

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

**Action:** Motion by Director DeHart, second by Director Esquer, approving the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in substantially the form as presented at this meeting and authorizing the General Manager to finalize, sign, and issue the RFQ on behalf of the SRWA for the Raw Water Pump Station, Raw and Finished Water Pipelines and Water Treatment Plant Project elements. Motion carried by the following vote:

Director Esquer	Director Lane	Vice Chair DeHart	Chair Vierra
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

- C. Finance Director Marie Lorenzi requested to adopt the Annual Budget for the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority for the 2018-19 Fiscal Year and adopt a minimum cash reserve target for 2018-19.

**Discussion:**

Marie Lorenzi presented the Fiscal Year 2018-19 SRWA annual budget, which includes project expenses that were approved by the SRWA Board, administrative expenses and anticipated funding needs.

Chair Vierra inquired on the outcome of the project if a City's Council chose not to move ahead with a property acquisitions.

General Manager Granberg responded that the water conveyance pipelines would be redesigned if one city did not approve the property acquisitions.

Chair Vierra stated that he would like to see the property acquisitions move forward as soon as possible.

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

**Action:** Resolution 2018-010 adopting the Annual Budget for the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority for the 2018-19 Fiscal Year and adopting a minimum cash reserve target for 2018-19 was introduced by Director DeHart, seconded by Director Esquer and carried by the following vote:

Director Esquer	Director Lane	Vice Chair DeHart	Chair Vierra
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

**Consent Calendar Item 5B**

**5B.** Approving the Engagement Letter for professional auditing services with Maze & Associates Accountancy Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$4,440 for the fiscal year 2017-18 audit with two (2) optional one-year extensions.

**Discussion:**

Marie Lorenzi presented the Maze & Associates Accountancy Corporation Engagement Letter. Per the SRWA Bylaws, Maze & Associates Accountancy Corporation must be used as they have an agreement with City of Turlock for professional auditing services. Marie Lorenzi stated the compensation amount for auditing services is included in the SRWA fiscal year 2018-19 budget. A three-year agreement was selected for the auditing service due to probable revisions of construction fees.

Vice Chair DeHart likes a progressive evaluation in the best interests of the SRWA.

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

**Action:** Resolution 2018-008 adopting the Annual Budget for the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority for the 2018-19 Fiscal Year and adopting a minimum cash reserve target for 2018-19 was introduced by Director DeHart, seconded by Director Esquer and carried by the following vote:

Director Esquer	Director Lane	Vice Chair DeHart	Chair Vierra
Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes

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

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

**10. BOARD COMMENTS:**

Vice Chair DeHart commended Allison Martin to her supervisor, Director Michael Cooke, for her excellent service as the SRWA Board Secretary.

**11. NEXT MEETING DATE:** August 23, 2018 Regular meeting

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Director DeHart, second by Director Esquer, to adjourn at 2:49 p.m. Motion carried 3/1.

*Respectfully submitted,*



Allison Martin, Board Secretary