



Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
October 17, 2019

1. A. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Vierra called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.
PRESENT: Chair Vierra, Vice Chair Esquer, Director Durossette, Director Bublak
ABSENT: None

- 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 PM Team Work Focus Areas, including negotiations with CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. on the design-build contract for the Regional Surface Water Supply Project, the SRF Loan application packages and timing of the interim financing, the TID water rights change petition and Bureau of Reclamation protest resolution, and the wet well construction oversight. Upcoming tasks and milestones include completing the design-build negotiations and bringing the contract to the SRWA Board for review and approval, completing the SRF application packages, completing the interim finance plans, and resolving the Bureau of Reclamation's water rights protest.

Chair Vierra inquired about upcoming meetings with the Bureau of Reclamation and TID. General Manager Granberg stated that no meetings have been scheduled at this time as TID is currently compiling information to share with the Bureau of Reclamation. Legal Counsel Shanahan advised the Board that the scheduled closed session is to discuss the water rights change petition proceeding and related Bureau protest.

Director Bublak inquired about the length of time for the water rights protest dialogue between TID and the Bureau of Reclamation. General Manager Granberg answered that the protest was filed in August 2018 and the first meeting with the Bureau of Reclamation was in March or April of 2019.

2. Finance Director Marie Lorenzi provided an update on financial activity as of October 7, 2019. Revenue and expenses were reviewed.

- C. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None

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

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Action: Motion by Director Durossette, second by Director Bublak, approving the minutes for the Regular Meeting of August 15, 2019. Motion carried by the following vote:

Director Bublak	Director Durossette	Vice Chair Esquer	Chair Vierra
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

7. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

- A. Finance Director Marie Lorenzi recommended that the Board adopt the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority Debt Management Policy in accordance with requirements of Government Code Section 8855(i).

Discussion:

Finance Director Marie Lorenzi stated that public agencies are required to adopt debt policies that provide goals and objectives for various debt considerations. The Debt Management Policy was modified for the SRWA due to participant involvement and meeting requirements.

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

Action: Motion by Director Durossette, second by Vice Chair Esquer, adopting the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority Debt Management Policy in accordance with requirements of Government Code Section 8855(i). Motion carried by the following vote:

Director Bublak	Director Durossette	Vice Chair Esquer	Chair Vierra
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- B. General Manager Robert Granberg recommended that the Board adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of a proposal to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant pursuant to the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Water Code § 79700 *et seq.*), and authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement to receive the grant on behalf of the SRWA.

Discussion:

Chair Vierra inquired on the award timeline. Lindsay Smith from West Yost estimated the summer of 2020 for the executed agreement.

Chair Vierra stated that the SRWA Board needs to review the agreement before execution.

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

Action: Resolution 2019-009 Motion by Director Durossette, second by Vice Chair Esquer, adopting a resolution authorizing the submittal of a proposal to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a Round 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant pursuant to the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Water Code § 79700 *et seq.*), and

authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement to receive the grant on behalf of the SRWA. Motion carried by the following vote:

Director Bublak	Director Durossette	Vice Chair Esquer	Chair Vierra
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

- C. Finance Director Marie Lorenzi recommended that the Board adopt a resolution approving a \$16,266.42 increase to the Phase II contract with Horizon Water and Environment, LLC and a corresponding decrease to the original contract with Horizon Water and Environment, LLC and authorizing a \$16,266 budget increase to account number 950-53-552.51801_005 “Wet Well Construction Environmental Services” and a corresponding budget decrease to account number 950-53-552.43329 “Environmental Services” to properly account for the contract changes related to the SRWA’s two contracts with Horizon Water and Environment, LLC.

Discussion:

Finance Director Marie Lorenzi stated that additional funds are needed for the Horizon Water and Environment, LLC Wet Well Construction Environmental Services contract due to unanticipated Swainson’s hawk monitoring, but the Horizon Water and Environment, LLC Environmental Services contract contains additional funds that will not be spent. Funds can be transferred from one contract to the other to account for the additional work.

Vice Chair Esquer inquired if the additional Environmental Services funds could be needed at a later date. General Manager Robert Granberg responded in the negative as the contract tasks were completed.

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

Action: Resolution 2019-010 Motion by Vice Chair Esquer, second by Director Bublak, adopting a resolution approving a \$16,266.42 increase to the Phase II contract with Horizon Water and Environment, LLC and a corresponding decrease to the original contract with Horizon Water and Environment, LLC and authorizing a \$16,266 budget increase to account number 950-53-552.51801_005 “Wet Well Construction Environmental Services” and a corresponding budget decrease to account number 950-53-552.43329 “Environmental Services” to properly account for the contract changes related to the SRWA’s two contracts with Horizon Water and Environment, LLC. Motion carried by the following vote:

Director Bublak	Director Durossette	Vice Chair Esquer	Chair Vierra
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:** November 21, 2019 Regular Meeting

12. **CLOSED SESSION:** Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Existing Litigation. Cal. Gov't Code § 54956.9(d)(1) "Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent a legislative body of a local agency, based on advice of its legal counsel, from holding a closed session to confer with, or receive advice from, its legal counsel regarding pending litigation when discussion in open session concerning those matters would prejudice the position of the local agency in the litigation. For purposes of this section, litigation shall be considered pending when any of the following circumstances exist: litigation, to which the local agency is a party, has been initiated formally."
Existing Cases: (1 case)

Following the closed session, Mr. Shanahan stated that there was no action to report from the closed session.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Director Durossette, second by Vice Chair Esquer, to adjourn at 4:36 p.m. Motion carried 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,



Allison Martin, Board Secretary