



1. A. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Vierra called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.
 PRESENT: Director Esquer, Director Durossette, Director Bublak, Chair Vierra
 ABSENT: None

B. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

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

A. Appointment: Chair

Director Bublak recommended that current Chair Vierra be re-appointed to the position of Chair.

Action: Motion by Director Bublak, seconded by Director Esquer, re-appointing current Chair Vierra to the position of Chair, effective immediately. Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

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

B. Appointment: Vice Chair

Director Bublak recommended that Director Esquer be appointed to the position of Vice Chair.

Action: Motion by Director Bublak, seconded by Director Durossette, appointing Director Esquer to the position of Vice Chair, effective immediately. Motion carried 3/1 by the following vote:

Vice Chair Esquer	Director Durossette	Director Bublak	Chair Vierra
No	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

B. **STAFF UPDATES:**

1. Consultant Gerry Nakano with West Yost Associates, Inc. provided an update on Major TAC and PM Team Work Focus Areas, including working with 3 short-listed Design-Build Teams who are preparing proposals for our Project, working with our partner, TID, on the water rights petition for change, Wet Well Construction Activities, and Project Funding and Opportunities for grants and loans. Upcoming critical milestones and tasks: design-build procurement, submit the required SRF application packages, development of finance plan, and award of the DB contract in September.
2. Finance Director Marie Lorenzi provided an update on financial activity as of March 22, 2019. Revenue and expenses were reviewed.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Citizen Milt Trieweiler inquired about funding for the Project.

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS: None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Action: Motion by Director Bublak, second by Vice Chair Esquer, adopting the consent calendar and approving the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 16, 2018. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

7. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

A. General Manager Granberg requested to approve amendments to the Bylaws of the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority. The previous bylaw amendment was in 2015. The changes include updating the project language to match the project status and updating the SRWA Board participation, voting requirements and meeting schedule.

Discussion:

A discussion commenced regarding Robert's Rules of Order and term limits.

Chair Vierra opened public participation.

Citizen Milt Trieweiler inquired about the number of Board members.

Chair Vierra closed public participation.

Action: Motion by Director Durossette, second by Vice Chair Esquer, approving amendments as proposed and altered as discussed to the Bylaws of the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

B. General Manager Granberg requested to authorize a WaterSMART water and energy efficiency grant application with the Bureau of Reclamation.

Discussion:

Lindsay Smith from West Yost Associates, Inc. prepared the application and will submit it if approved.

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

Action: **Resolution 2019-001** Motion by Director Bublak, second by Vice Chair Esquer, authorizing a WaterSMART water and energy efficiency grant application with the Bureau of Reclamation. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

- C. General Manager Granberg requested to accept Geer Road Ranch, LLC easements and appropriate \$126,000 to account number 950-53-552.51001 “Property Acquisition” to provide funding for permanent and temporary easement acquisitions related to the Ceres Finished Water Transmission Main Alignment to be funded by contributions from the City of Ceres.

Discussion:

Lindsay Smith from West Yost Associates, Inc. presented an overview of the easement for the Ceres water transmission main line.

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

Action: **Resolution 2019-002** Motion by Director Bublak, second by Director Durossette, accepting Geer Road Ranch, LLC easements and appropriating \$126,000 to account number 950-53-552.51001 “Property Acquisition” to provide funding for permanent and temporary easement acquisitions related to the Ceres Finished Water Transmission Main Alignment to be funded by contributions from the City of Ceres. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

- D. General Manager Granberg requested to approve an amendment to the Special Services Agreement with West Yost Associates for the Wet Well Design Revision, Surface Water Supply Project (Project) to provide on-going “Engineering Services During Construction (ESDC)” for the Project and increasing the contract amount by \$29,273 to a new total of \$419,432, and appropriate \$29,273 to account number 950-53-552.51800_001 “Wet Well Design” to be funded by contributions from SRWA participating members in accordance with previously approved cost sharing agreements.

Discussion:

General Manager Granberg explained the reason for the increase as related to the modifications of the Wet Well design and construction.

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, approving an amendment to the Special Services Agreement with West Yost Associates for the Wet Well Design Revision, Surface Water Supply Project (Project) to provide on-

going “Engineering Services During Construction (ESDC)” for the Project and increasing the contract amount by \$29,273 to a new total of \$419,432. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Action: **Resolution 2019-003** Motion by Director Durossette, second by Vice Chair Esquer, appropriating \$29,273 to account number 950-53-552.51800_001 “Wet Well Design” to be funded by contributions from SRWA participating members in accordance with previously approved cost sharing agreements. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

- E. General Manager Granberg requested to approve a letter/agreement with Modesto Irrigation District concerning cooperation and cost sharing on a Tuolumne River watershed sanitary survey.

Discussion:

Lindsay Smith from West Yost Associates, Inc. discussed the benefits of joining the Modesto Irrigation District on the survey, including a significant cost savings.

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

Action: **Resolution 2019-003** Motion by Director Bublak, second by Director Durossette, approving a letter/agreement with Modesto Irrigation District concerning cooperation and cost sharing on a Tuolumne River watershed sanitary survey. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

- 8. **MATTERS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA:** None
- 9. **BOARD ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:** None
- 10. **BOARD COMMENTS:**

Director Durossette thanked the Board and staff for altering the meeting schedule.

Director Bublak stated she is working with the State and Federal governments for Project financing options, and is interested in communicating with Stanislaus County to make the Project more regional.

Chair Vierra updated the Board on the Project tour with Congressman Josh Harder who will be assisting with possible funding options.

11. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** April 18, 2019 Regular Meeting
12. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Vice Chair Esquer, second by Director Durossette, to adjourn at 4:17 p.m. Motion carried 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,



Allison Martin, Board Secretary