



STANISLAUS REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

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October 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
156 S. Broadway, Turlock, CA
2nd Floor – Yosemite Community Room

Minutes
Special Meeting
SRWA Board

1. **A. CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Soiseth called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
PRESENT: Director Bublak, Director Lane, Chair Soiseth
ABSENT: Vice Chair Vierra

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 update of items discussed at recent Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings, including meeting with Horizon Environmental to refine the environmental component in the overall Project schedule; meeting with the Department of Water Resources and California Water Commission to discuss funding opportunities; coordination with TID to conduct geotechnical borings at the wet well site; ROW acquisition proposal and Management Plan review; and preparing outreach to RWQCB for discharge of infiltration gallery development and testing water to Tuolumne River. See Item C.2. below for update from Horizon Environmental.
 2. Finance Director Kellie Jacobs-Hunter provided information on revenue and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016-17 through October 19, 2016.
- C. CONSULTANT UPDATES:**
 1. West Yost Associates Gerry Nakano provided a project status update including the following: Developing an order of magnitude Project cost estimate; evaluating what local facilities are required to integrate Phase 1 treated water supplies; and continuing to refine the Project schedule. Project schedule milestones were reviewed with May of 2022 slated as the proposed date operations will commence. The Board discussed the timeline concerns and points during the Project where other Cities may join in.
 2. Horizon Environmental Michael Stevenson briefed the Board on the recent site visit to clarify any issues regarding the Infiltration Gallery and Wet Well requirements and possible mitigations required for the Project to develop the Raw Water Pipeline. Swainson's Hawks nesting in close proximity to the Project will be monitored and it is not expected to be a major impact. Cultural resource survey protocols will be followed. Key permit requirements are being evaluated and Fish and Wildlife, National Fishery Service opinions and concurrences will be sought in advance.
- 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 3/1 by the following vote:

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

A. *Motion:* Accepting minutes of Special Meeting of October 6, 2016.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

7. SCHEDULED MATTERS:

A. West Yost Associates Gerry Nakano presented the report on the request to concur with the recommendation to proceed with Source Water Bench-Scale Testing to evaluate and refine available treatment process alternatives. "Information gaps" have been identified in the available water quality data, therefore, to further evaluate and refine available treatment process alternatives that remain under consideration, source water bench scale testing is being recommended. Specialized testing will be conducted by Trussell Technologies at a total cost of \$255,232. Although bench testing activities were identified as optional tasks in West Yost's original scope of work, the costs were not included because the actual testing recommendations could not have been determined until subsequent review of historical source water quality and preliminary evaluation of treatment process alternatives. Upon Board approval, a budget adjustment request will be brought forward at a future Board meeting.

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 recommendation to proceed with Source Water Bench-Scale Testing to evaluate and refine available treatment process alternatives. Motion carried 3/1 by the following vote:

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

B. Finance Director Kellie Jacobs-Hunter presented the staff report requesting to appoint members to a Temporary (Ad Hoc) Advisory Audit Committee for the 2015-16 fiscal year financial audit process. Auditors Maze and Associates have advised staff that part of their annual audit process is to communicate certain aspects of the audit process with the Board. In keeping with the requirements of the Brown Act, a Temporary (Ad Hoc) Advisory Audit Committee will be established. The Committee's role will be limited to the 2015-16 Fiscal Year audit process and it will be dissolved once its task is complete. Meetings will be scheduled and held before the end of 2016. Director Bublak volunteered to serve as one member of the Ad Hoc Committee. Chair Soiseth appointed Vice Chair Vierra as the second member.

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

Action: Motion by Director Lane, seconded by Director Bublak, appointing Vice Chair Vierra and Director Bublak as members to a Temporary (Ad Hoc) Advisory Audit Committee for the 2015-16 fiscal year financial audit process. Motion carried 3/1 by the following vote:

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

C. Request to adopt a Resolution stating the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority Board's opposition to the Draft Substitute Environmental Document (SED) released by the State Water Resources Control Board in support of updating the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan.

Chair Soiseth announced this item would be continued to a future Board meeting.

D. Finance Director Kelly Jacobs-Hunter presented the staff report requesting the Board delegate authority to the Interim General Manager, Finance Director, and representatives from each Participant City to approve budget transfer requests by SRWA consultants/contractors. The transfers will not be used to change the total amount of the contract and will only move funds within the designated line items. This action does not change the Board's approval limits.

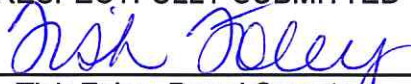
Chair Soiseth opened public participation. There being no public response, Chair Soiseth closed public participation.

Action: **Resolution 2016-008** delegating authority to the Interim General Manager, Finance Director, and representatives from each Participant City to approve budget transfer requests by SRWA consultants/contractors 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	Absent	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 10, 2016 – Regular Meeting. The Regular Meeting scheduled for October 27, will be canceled.
- 12. **CLOSED SESSION:** None
- 13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Director Lane, seconded by Director Bublak, to adjourn at 10:56 a.m. Motion carried 3/1.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


 Tish Foley, Board Secretary