



District Attendees

Gary Page	Board President
Misha Sarkovich	Board Vice President
Michael McRae	Board Member
Randy Marx	Board Member
Nadine Reid	Board Member
Tom Gray	General Manager
Michael Nisenboym	Operations Manager
Chi Ha-Ly	Finance Manager
Shawn Huckaby	Customer Service Manager

Other Attendees

Paul Helliker	General Manager, San Juan Water District
Ted Costa	Board President, San Juan Water District

Absent

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Board President Page called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
- General Manager Gray stated that in accordance with the California Department of Public Health's and the Governor's Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-33-20, the District's boardroom is closed, and this meeting will take place solely by teleconference.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- San Juan Water District General Manager Paul Helliker stated he had two items to discuss. He inquired if FOWD received the letter from San Juan Water District Board President Ted Costa regarding discussions with Sacramento Suburban Water District about the merger. He stated that he transmitted the information from the collaboration integration project that SJWD has been working on with six other agencies to General Manager Gray. They have completed the baseline assessment and are now looking at

specific topics by looking at ways to collaborate, improve operations and save money for customers. He invited FOWD to join in the discussion and hopes that FOWD can do some joint activities based on the seven topics.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent calendar items were considered and acted upon as follows:

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Board Meeting of September 14, 2020
2. Accept and File Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2020
3. Accept and File Investment Report for the month of August 2020
4. Accept and File Financial Expense Report
5. Approval of Warrants
6. Approval of Cal-Card Statements for the month of September 2020
7. Approval of Board Expense Report for the month of September 2020

Vice President Sarkovich moved to approve the consent calendar as presented.

Director Marx seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following votes: McRae – aye, Page – aye, Reid – aye, Marx – aye, and Sarkovich – aye.

IV. PRESENTATION & CORRESPONDENCE

- 1. Correspondence from the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources**
 - General Manager Gray stated that the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources expressed gratitude for the FOWD's donation.
 - Director Marx stated that he is glad to see the letter from the University of California.
- 2. Correspondence from the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce**
 - General Manager Gray stated that given current conditions the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce will be 100% virtual.
 - Director Reid inquired if the Fair Oaks Chamber of Commerce going virtual has any impact on the District.
 - General Manager Gray replied that there is no impact.
- 3. Correspondence from the County of Sacramento Office of Voter Registration and Elections**

- General Manager stated that Director Marx and Vice President Sarkovich have been reelected to the Board.
 - President Page stated that he is grateful for the continued service of Director Marx and Vice President Sarkovich.
 - San Juan Water District General Manager Paul Helliker congratulated Director Marx and Vice President Sarkovich on their reelection to the Board.
- 4. Correspondence from FOWD and CHWD to SJWD on proposed SJWD Division Maps**
- President Page stated that the correspondence from FOWD and CHWD to SJWD expressed concerns with the proposed San Juan Water District maps.
 - Director McRae stated that he is glad that FOWD is monitoring the new maps.
 - Director Reid stated that she agrees with Director McRae.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Update and discussion on FOWD Water Supply for the month of September 2020**
- Operations Manager Nisenboym reported that during the month of September the average temperature was 2.5° higher than normal with no precipitation. The total system demand for the month was recorded at 1,454 AC-FT. Wholesale connections provided 1,100 AC-FT and groundwater sources provided 354 AC-FT. All surface water was provided by the CTP connection. FOWD participated in a water transfer of 239 AC-FT, transferred to Carmichael Water District via the wholesale connection on Winding Way.
- 2. Update and discussion on FOWD Groundwater Wells Projects**
- General Manager Gray provided an update on the FOWD Groundwater Wells Projects. Test pumping at the Skyway Well will take place on October 12, 2020. The New York Well site will start drilling when the Skyway Well is close to being completed. Staff is proposing Friday October 16, 2020 for the Board to visit the well site.

The Board directed the staff to schedule a site visit to the New York Well location on October 16, 2020 at 3 p.m.

- 3. Update and discussion on the FOWD Corporation Yard Project**
- General Manager Gray provided an update on the FOWD Corporation Yard.
- 4. Update and discussion on the 2020 Water Transfer Project**
- General Manager Gray provided the Board with an update on the 2020 Water Transfer Project.

5. Discussion and possible action on scheduling a Special Board Meeting on October 26, 2020 to review the FOWD’s 2021 Proposed Annual Budget.

Vice President Sarkovich moved to approve a Special Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m. on October 26, 2020 to review the FOWD’s 2021 Proposed Annual Budget.

Director Marx seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following votes: McRae – aye, Page – aye, Reid – aye, Marx – aye, and Sarkovich – aye.

6. Update and discussion on the Mutual Aid Agreement between FOWD and OVWC

- General Manager Gray provided an update on the Mutual Aid Agreement between FOWD and OVWC.
- Director McRae stated that staff did a good job.
- President Page thanked General Manager Gray.

VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Update on FOWD water rates – “The Lowest Water Rates in the Sacramento Region”

- General Manager Gray provided an update on FOWD water rates – “The Lowest Water Rates in the Sacramento Region.”
- Vice President Sarkovich inquired if this information can be published on the FOWD website.
- General Manager Gray replied that FOWD has published this information before and the District received negative feedback from other Districts.
- Director Marx stated that as long as the information is factual, he would like it on the website.
- Director McRae stated that this is something to be proud of and would like it on the website as long as the metric is consistent.
- Director Reid stated that she would like it on the website as long as its factual.
- President Page stated that this should go on the website.

VII. UPCOMING EVENTS

1. SJWD Public Hearing on District Maps – October 14, 2020

- Information Only
- San Juan Water District General Manager Paul Helliker stated that the Board is proposing an ordinance and will read the ordinance on October 14, 2020 and November 9, 2020.

2. **San Juan Water District Board Meeting – October 28, 2020**
 - Information Only.
3. **ACWA Fall 2020 Virtual Conference – December 1-4, 2020**
 - Information Only.

VIII. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

1. **Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA)**
 - General Manager Gray stated that after 2022, the Governance of SGA will approve all water transfers. The SGA will require modeling and financial participation from the FOWD.
2. **Regional Water Authority (RWA)**
 - None.
3. **Sacramento Water Forum**
 - General Manager Gray stated that the Sacramento Water Forum has had periodic meetings about the negotiation process and updates have been provide to the Board.

IX. DIRECTORS' REPORTS & COMMENTS

1. **Budget Committee – (Sarkovich, Reid)**
 - The FOWD's 2021 Proposed Annual Budget meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on October 26, 2020.
2. **Technical Advisory Committee – (Marx, McRae)**
 - None.
3. **Capital Improvement Committee – (Sarkovich, Reid)**
 - None.
4. **Personnel Committee – (McRae, Page)**
 - None.
5. **Public Relations Committee – (Page, Reid)**
 - None.
6. **Wholesale Water Agreement Ad-Hoc Committee – (Page, McRae)**
 - None.
7. **Carmichael Water District Ad-Hoc Committee – (Marx, McRae)**
 - None.

X. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Maintenance Work Report

- Report provided, no discussion.

2. Capital Projects Status Reports

- Report provided, no discussion.

3. Authorizations of Additional Funding

- Report provided, no discussion.

4. Water Transfer Status Report

- None.

5. Claims Against District

- None.

6. Employee Update

- General Manager Gray reported that the District hired a Financial Analyst and a DSO I.

7. Water Issues – Update on Regional Involvement

- None.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

President Page closed the open session meeting at 7:35 p.m.

President Page called the closed session meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

XII. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956

1. Conference on Anticipated Litigation (Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) - one case

President Page closed the closed session meeting at 9:03 p.m.

President Page reopened the meeting to the public at 9:03 p.m.

XIII. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

- None.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, President Page adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

The Board approved the preceding minutes on November 9, 2020

Tom R. Gray
General Manager/Board Secretary

Date