



District Attendees

Michael McRae	Board President
Chris Petersen	Board Vice President
Randy Marx	Board Member
Misha Sarkovich	Board Member
Mark Dolby	Board Member
Tom R. Gray	General Manager
Shawn Huckaby	Operations Manager
Chi Ha-Ly	Finance Manager
Paul Siebensohn	Technical Services Manager
Rebecca Simon	Human Resource Administrator

Other Attendees

Paul Helliker	SJWD General Manager
Ted Costa	SJWD Board Member
George Babcock	Visitor
Brian Fischer	Visitor
MaiLinh Tompkins	Visitor
Barbara Beck	Visitor
Pavan Sandlm	Visitor
Leon Corcos	Visitor

Absent

AGENDA ITEMS

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Board President McRae called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Board President McRae stated the FOWD had received four written comments opposing the construction of the new corporate yard across the street. Copies of these letters have been placed in the back of the room for anyone interested in reading them.
- Board President McRae stated every public commenter has three minutes to convey their opinion.
- General Manager Gray stated that all submitted written comments were provided to each individual Board member prior to the meeting.
- Visitor Brian Fisher introduced himself and stated he is a neighbor and a business

owner. He shared his thoughts regarding the construction/development of the FOWD corporation yard site.

- A person identifying herself as a Fair Oaks neighbor, stated she would like the opportunity to see if there are other options available for the yard construction, rather than building it in the town.
- Board President McRae asked if she had seen FOWD's architectural drawing.
- The Fair Oaks neighbor responded she has.
- Board President McRae asked if she considered it nice.
- Visitor Brian Fisher stated it looks functional.
- Another meeting attendee stated he has worked in the neighborhood since January 2020. He recently learned about FOWD's construction plans. He feels there was not a significant amount of communication and transparency. He would like to know about the benefits of having the yard and how it would improve life in the Village.
- Visitor Corcos stated that in 2006 FOWD had 40 employees and 31 in 2023, that's a 25% decrease in staff. And yet FOWD wants to make a gigantic building like their staff tripled in size. He questioned how FOWD justifies spending \$10 million of rate payers' money to build something that is unnecessary. If FOWD spends \$1 million in the existing building, it would look beautiful. He considers FOWD's thought process to be from 2006, he does not understand it.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular Board Meeting of December 19, 2022
2. Accept and File Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2022
3. Accept and File Investment Report (none)
4. Accept and File Financial Expense Report (none)
5. Approval of Warrants
6. Approval of Cal-Card Statements for the month of December 2022
7. Approval of Board Expense Report for the month of December 2022
 - Board President McRae inquired about the water system fee amount from the State Water Resource Control Board.
 - General Manager Gray stated the amount has tripled in the past five years. The amount paid was for annual inspections for the water supply permit.
 - Board Vice President Petersen stated that SJWD General Manager Helliker attended the last board meeting and was not listed on the Minutes.

- General Manager Gray stated that SJWD General Manager Helliker was quoted but FOWD failed to list him; he will be added.

Director Marx moved to approve the consent calendar as amended.

Director Sarkovich seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following votes: Dolby– aye, Marx – aye, McRae – aye, Petersen – aye and Sarkovich – aye.

IV. PRESENTATION & CORRESPONDENCE

1. Presentation to Randy Marx for his service as Board President in 2022
 - Information only.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS

1. Update and discussion on the SJWD Wholesale Master Plan Analysis Project

- General Manager Gray stated the Wholesale Master Plan will be ready for FOWD’s review by the end of January.

2. Update and discussion on the FOWD Groundwater Well Projects

- General Manager Gray stated the well projects are moving along. He then provided a presentation on the drill cuttings for the Skyway Well featuring input from Board Vice President Petersen.
- Board Vice President Petersen provided a descriptive overview of what goes into designing a well and deciding its location.
- Director Sarkovich inquired what constitutes groundwater basin.
- Board Vice President Petersen stated that in California the basins are defined by the Department of Water Resources. Groundwater occurs in the porous space of sand and gravels. Basins are defined by alluvial material, where sand and gravel occurs.
- General Manager Gray mentioned the New York Well is being built as an aquifer storage and recovery well. FOWD is fortunate to have high quality groundwater.
- A visitor asked if there is an educational process that FOWD is planning for residents and businesses relative to reclaimed water use.
- General Manager responded that new building areas, that have brand new infrastructure, can include installation of both potable and non-potable water systems. In older areas though, it’s currently cost prohibitive to build this type of infrastructure.

VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

1. Update and discussion on FOWD Water Supply for the month of December 2022 and 2022 year-end

- Technical Services Manager Siebensohn provided a summary of the water supply report.
- Board Vice President Petersen referred to Exhibit D and inquired why the Town Well is run more than the other wells.
- Technical Services Manager Siebensohn responded it is one of FOWD's highest producers with exceptional water quality.
- Director McRae inquired about the storms and the impact it had on operations.
- Technical Services Manager Siebensohn responded it essentially had no major impact on FOWD water operations.
- Board Vice President Petersen inquired about the table found on page one.
- Technical Services Manager Siebensohn responded the table reflects the production of groundwater versus surface water. The table indicates the FOWD is using more groundwater than surface water.
- Board Vice President Petersen questioned if the reason for utilizing more groundwater is due to the substitution transfer and Hinkle Reservoir repair.
- General Manager Gray responded it was due to the groundwater transfer and FOWD Board direction.

2. Consider appointments to serve as District representatives to various organizations and committees

- Board President McRae confirmed and appointed the 2023 Board assignments listed below.

2023 - BOARD ASSIGNMENTS	
Agency Name	2023
Sac. Groundwater Authority	Marx, Petersen
Regional Water Authority	Marx, Gray, Petersen (alternate)
ACWA JPIA	Petersen, Marx (backup)
Water Forum SE	Petersen, Gray
2023 - COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS	
Committee Name	2023
Budget	Sarkovich, Dolby, Gray
Capital Improvement	Sarkovich, Dolby, Gray
Personnel	McRae, Petersen, Gray
Public Relations	McRae, Dolby, Gray
Technical Advisory	Marx, Petersen, Gray
Wholesale Water Agreement	McRae, Petersen, Gray
CWD 2X2	McRae, Dolby, Gray
2023 - OUTREACH ASSIGNMENTS	
Agency/Committee Name	2023
FO Chamber	Gray, McRae
Office of County Supervisor	Gray, McRae
Office of State Assemblyman	Gray, McRae
Office of State Senator	Gray, McRae
FOVEC	Gray, McRae
CSDA	Gray, McRae
AWWA	Gray, McRae
ACWA	Gray, McRae
LAFCo	Gray, McRae

3. Update and discussion on the agreement between FOWD and the Fair Oaks Historical Society for use of the property located at 10340 Fair Oaks Boulevard

- General Manager Gray provided an overview of how this property was obtained. This property is leased to the Fair Oaks Historical Society (FOHS) for a \$1.00 annual fee. FOHS treats this property as their own and they insure it. This item is listed on the agenda every year, to provide the Board an opportunity to provide any new direction to staff.
- A visitor inquired what the future use of the property would look like, when it would be implemented, when FOHS would need to move.

- The FOHS has made the property even nicer than when it was acquired. FOHS will have the property for about fifty (50) years, unless there is a FOWD operational need before then. If that happens, FOWD will contact FOHS and they will need to relocate. This property was purchased for the future of FOWD’s ratepayers. In the meantime, FOWD is putting the property to community benefit.
 - Visitor inquired if there was a way for them to be helpful as common stewards to help mitigate circumstances.
 - General Manager Gray responded that FOWD is not in the real estate business. Communication with FOHS has been easy and cordial. Any concerns are addressed and managed.
- 4. Discussion and possible action on nominations for membership on the Sacramento LAFCo Special District Advisory Committee**

- The Board took no action.

5. Discussion and possible action on additional funding for 2022

- Finance Manager Ha-Ly asked for authorization to allow General Manager Gray to transfer \$17,141 from the reserves to cover the following 2022 expenses: water supply, safety equipment, Division of Drinking Water Annual Permit, training and travel.
- Board President McRae stated he is very happy with this process, it reflects transparency.

Board President McRae moved to approve the proposed transfer to cover for additional 2022 funding.

Director Marx seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following votes: Dolby– aye, Marx – aye, McRae – aye, Petersen – aye and Sarkovich – aye.

VII. UPCOMING EVENTS

1. January 18, 2023 – FORPD Meeting at FOWD
 - Information Only.
2. January 24, 2023 – SJWD Finance Meeting at SJWD
 - Information Only.
3. January 25, 2023 – SJWD Board Meeting at SJWD
 - Information Only.
4. February 13, 2023 – Sacramento Regional Water Bank Stakeholder Forum (virtual)
 - General Manager Gray stated this is an outreach for the Sacramento Region Water Bank Project. Education is being offered to the public.

- Board Vice President Petersen attended their first meeting and will be attending this one as well. This is an effort to store more water underground. By doing so, it improves FOWD water supply reliability and it creates enough additional water to be able to help others within the state by allowing transfers. It also generates revenues to further build future water projects.
- General Manager Gray stated that this enables FOWD to help the environmental community as well.

VIII. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

1. Sacramento Groundwater Authority (SGA)

- None.

2. Regional Water Authority (RWA)

- General Manager Gray and Director Marx attended the meeting and provided report on the meeting.

3. Sacramento Water Forum

- Ongoing process. Renegotiation of the Water Forum Agreement.

4. Other

- None.

IX. DIRECTORS' REPORTS & COMMENTS

1. Budget Committee – (Sarkovich)

- None.

2. Technical Advisory Committee – (Marx, McRae)

- Director Marx provided report on the meeting.
- Vice President Petersen stated there was discussion about a meeting with SJWD to come up with an agreement on conjunctive use. There was also conversation about an example agreement that could be used and modified.
- General Manager Gray stated that two deliverables from this will be to draft a letter for SJWD requesting a 2x2 meeting and tabulate information regarding the three water transfers FOWD has completed. Dan Rich will be SJWD's Board President this year.

3. Capital Improvement Committee – (Sarkovich)

- None.

4. Personnel Committee – (McRae, Petersen)

- Board President McRae provided a verbal report.

5. Public Relations Committee – (McRae)

- None.

6. Wholesale Water Agreement Ad-Hoc Committee – (McRae, Petersen)

- None.

7. Carmichael Water District Ad-Hoc Committee – (Marx, McRae)

- None.

X. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

1. Maintenance Work Report

- Director Sarkovich inquired if there was any damage to the corporate yard during the recent storms.
- General Manager Gray stated there were no significant incidents.

2. Capital Projects Status Reports

- Director Sarkovich inquired about New York Well’s bid status.
- General Manager Gray responded that a report and schedule regarding the status will be provided at the next board meeting.

3. Authorizations of Additional Funding

- Report provided.

4. Water Transfer Status Report

- None.

5. Claims Against District

- Report provided, no discussion.

6. Employee Update

- None.

7. Water Issues – Update on Regional Involvement

- None.

8. Other

- None.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Visitor Babcock expressed his opinions about the corporate yard.

President McRae closed the open session meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Present McRae opened the closed session meeting at 8:20 p.m.

XII. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54956 & 54954.5

1. Conference on Anticipated Litigation (Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) – one case
2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation – General Manager

President McRae closed the closed session meeting at 10:50 p.m.
President McRae reopened the meeting to the public at 10:50 p.m.

XIII. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

- None.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

XV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, President McRae adjourned the meeting at 10:50 p.m.

The Board approved the preceding minutes on February 21, 2023



Tom R. Gray
General Manager/Board Secretary

3-01-2023

Date