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## SEAL ROCK WATER DISTRICT MINUTES OF THE Regular Board Meeting July 13, 2017

Call Regular

Board Meeting: Board President John Garcia called the regular board meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.,

Thursday, July 13, 2017.

Present: John Garcia, Board President; Glen Morris, Treasurer; Saundra Mies-Grantham,

Secretary; Karen Otta, Member; Rob Mills, Member. Staff: Adam Denlinger, General Manager; Joy S King, Office Manager. See sign in sheet for public attendance.

Excused Absences: None

Official Oath of Office: Commissioners Saundra Mies-Grantham position 1 and John Garcia position 2 were re-

elected on May 11, 2017 for another four years term. Karen Otta, who was appointed in place of John Filbert when he resigned, was elected to position 3 for a four years term.

Each took their oath of office and Joy King notarized their oath.

Announcements: Joy King announced the monthly stipend for each board member has been directly

deposited to their bank account. The District received 5 training DVDs from SDAO. They

are available for board members to borrow.

Public Comments: None

Agenda Calendar: Items on the consent calendar are Invoice Lists for June/July 2017; minutes of the June 8,

2017 regular board meeting; June/July Financial Report/Invoices to approve; USDA Phase 3- Project Monitoring Report No. 21; General Manager's Report. Glen Morris motioned to approve the consent calendar. Motion Seconded by Rob Mills. Motion carried

unanimously.

Discussion and Information

Items:

**Primary Source Water** 

Potential Risk Analysis: The General Manager, Adam Denlinger went over with the Board the Potential Risks

Analysis that the District could face in undertaking Phase IV Source Water Project and asked the Board's input. These risks are something that could affect and delay the project

but not one that can stop or one that can result in an incomplete project.

Environmental and Permitting is a process that takes time. If the proper process is followed the District should be able to get the needed permit. There will be a public comment period before the permit is issued and if there's any issues it could be

addressed then. It was discussed that it is advantageous to work simultaneously with the different agencies and stakeholders which staff had done when applying for water rights at

Beaver Creek with positive results.

Easements and Access Agreements - Staff have been working with the property owners by engaging them by touring the proposed project sites. Part of the survey will be done next week. The owner of the property surrounding the Makai tank is willing to sell strips of land needed on both sides to have room for construction and maintenance. The District also can negotiate an easement agreement for the property surrounding the Makai Tank. Staff will continue to work with the property owners. Any legal agreements for easements will be taken care of by Jeff Hollen, SRWD attorney.

Project Funding - It is unlikely that the District will only have one source of funding for the Water Source Project which is a 3-part project – the intake, the water line, and the tank. Funding is not yet in place but staff has filed applications at USDA-RD and IFA. There's a potential that the District will be notified by USDA-RD regarding funding in September. There is a concern of what impact the federal government has on future projects. Staff has submitted a Letter of Intent to apply for funding to IFA which has been approved for the District to file an application for loan and grant. Staff has completed and submitted the application. An application for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program was also submitted but the District didn't get funding. Applying for bank loans was also discussed.

Water Purchased Agreement - The District has a contractual obligation to give a 3-year notice to the City of Toledo of its intention to terminate the contract. The timing and

alternative solutions were discussed. Staff had met with city staff in an annual meeting here at the District and showed them the project presentation so they are aware of the District's Source Water Project. It was also discussed that the District desires to develop an emergency agreement for water supply. But there is a lack of responsiveness from the City of Toledo which affects the timing. Once the notification letter is given to the City the 3-year clock starts, that's why it is important to open a communication with the City. Jeff Hollen drafted a proposed amendment to the contract. It was the consensus of the Board for the General Manager and the Attorney to work in engaging the City of Toledo to discuss opening the contract for negotiation. It was also discussed to have work sessions to discuss the progress of meeting with City of Toledo.

Communication, Outreach and Education - This method is very important to involve the community to avoid opposition when it's time for public comments when obtaining the permit for project construction. The District had used this method in the past before going out for a ballot measure for \$15 million to fund the projects and the result was very positive. The General Manager has been invited to do a project presentation for the Pacific Shore homeowners association on July 29.

Engineering Costs to complete the pre-design tasks include permitting for \$114,000, Geotechnical Investigation for \$51,000 and pre-purchase of membrane filtration equipment for \$38,000. Funding for this cost will come from the District's reserve fund. The District will use its own field staff to take the Makai tank down which will save the District roughly \$12,000.

Staffing or Board of Commissioner Changes - The District has been successful using federal funding largely because of the philosophy of the board and an experienced work force. A change in staffing or change on Board Philosophy could seriously impact the project timeline.

The District has been successful in obtaining financing and permitting by using means that brought the best result. These means are Engagement, Outreach, Communication, and Education. The District will continue to apply these means in obtaining success for future projects.

**Bond Counsel** Services RFP:

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Three bond counsel firms from Portland responded to the District's RFP for bond counsel services. The three firms are Mersereau - Shannon, Orrick, and Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP. The General Manager suggested to have a Panel of Review Committee consisting of staff and a board member to go over and review the 3 proposals and schedule interviews. The review panel would be Adam Denlinger, Joy King, and commissioner Glen Morris.

Decision Items: SRWD/City of Toledo Contract:

Resolution No. 0717-01 is a resolution authorizing the District to terminate the December 27, 2012 SRWD/City of Toledo Water Purchase agreement. Glen Morris motioned to differ the decision for 90 days and bring the resolution back in the October board meeting for approval. Motion seconded by Karen Otta. Motion carried unanimously. It was discussed that it is necessary to meet with the City of Toledo to negotiate an amendment to the contract. Glen Morris motioned to authorize the General Manager and the Attorney to initiate a meeting with the City of Toledo to negotiate an amendment to the Water Purchase Agreement and meet in work sessions with the Board to discuss the progress of the negotiation with the City of Toledo. Motion was seconded by Saundra Mies-Grantham. Motion carried unanimously.

**AMI Project Contract Award:** 

Contract Review Board: The General Manager reported to the Contract Review Board regarding the bid for the AMI and PRVs Project. The District received one bid from a qualified bidder for two schedules of work. Schedule 1 to install the AMI System and Schedule 2 to replace two Pressure Relief Valves in the south portion of the system. The qualified bidder is Ferguson and the sub-contractor is Ray Wells Construction, the bid for Schedule 1 is \$1,799,180.19 and the bid for Schedule 2 is \$124,814. The total bid of the two Schedules is \$1,923,994.19 which is a lot higher than the remaining available grant funding which is \$1,659,176. For the project to be completed it is necessary to eliminated some bid items that are not necessary for the installation of the AMI project. District staff and the engineer have reviewed the bid proposal for specific items that could be scaled back to align the project with grant funding. Some items being considered are: removing Schedule 2, removing SCADA integration, construction inspection could be performed by a District

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142 143	Executive Session:	None
144 145	Next Board Meeting:	August 10, 2017 @ 4:00 pm Regular Board Meeting.
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