

SEAL ROCK WATER DISTRICT MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL Work Session Board Meeting March 28, 2019

Call Regular

Board Meeting: President John Garcia called the regular board meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., Thursday,

March 28, 2019.

Present: President John Garcia; Commissioner Glen Morris, Treasurer; Commissioner Rob Mills,

member; Commissioner Saundra Mies-Grantham, Secretary. Staff: Adam Denlinger, General

Manager; Joy King, Office Manager. See sign in sheet for public attendance.

Excused Absences: Commissioner Karen Otta

Announcements: None

Public Comments: None

Discussion and Information Items: Biological Opinion:

Adam Denlinger, GM reported to the Board that the District can expect to receive the Biological Opinion (BiOp) from National Marines and Fisheries Services by April 5, 2019. The delay in issuing the BiOp could potentially affect critical paths of the project like in-water work schedule.

Dana Larson, a consultant from Jacobs Engineering said that she has been keeping USDA and the District informed of the BiOp processing. The Federal Government shut down that lasted 34 days has caused a delay with NMFS review of the Biological Assessment before they can issue the BiOp. There's not a whole lot of available data on Beaver Creek so NMFS asked for more data. Ken Phippin understands the impact of the delay and has committed to releasing the BiOp on April 5, 2019. There will be conditions, but we will not know what those are until the BiOp is released. The conditions might be water monitoring that the District is already doing as a condition with OWRD (Oregon Water Resources Department) and DEQ. The District's Biological Assessment submitted to NMFS mentions what the District has committed under the OWRD requirements. If there is a condition that is too burdensome, it can be corrected by simply communicating with NMFS.

Paul Berg, Jacobs engineer discussed the sequence of the original project schedule. According to schedule the bid documents would be out for publication in April and and the process coud take 5 to 6 weeks including USDA review of the bid documents before it goes out for advertisement. Bids will be received in May and needs 6 weeks to process the Notice of Intent to Award, Notice to Award and then Notice to Proceed. The contractor needs time to put together a formal submittal and secure insurance and bonds which could take 8 weeks. The in-water work will start on July 1 through Sept 1 and finished by Sept 15. But because of the delay the in-water work could be pushed to the following year in-water work period. Getting an in-water work extension was discussed. It depends on the condition at that time if the extension will be approved. Some things that will be considered are the amount of rain and if the fish are moving at that time.

Funding:

The District's USDA Application for funding has been completed and accepted by USDA. A letter dated Mar 26, 2019 was received by the District with USDA determination that the District's Source Water Project is eligible for funding by USDA. One of the conditions of USDA before funding the project is that the necessary easements are in place. By late April and May, the national pooling by the federal government will take place. USDA funds not used will go back to the federal government. USDA staff are working hard to help the District meet all the requirements, so they can obligate the funds for the District. The application will need to be reviewed by the Federal level because the dollar amount is higher than what the state level can approve. District staff will continue to respond to USDA requests of information in preparation for the Federal level review of the application.

Conditional Use

Permit: Dana Larson discussed the importance of the strategy of getting the conditional use permits

(CUP) from the county which need the signatures of the property owners. It was

recommended to process the CUP application at the same time that the easements will be

63 64 65	Recessed Special	negotiated since the property owners for the easements will also need to sign the CUP. The GM will work on completing the CUP application.
66 67 68 69 70 71	Session:	President John Garcia recessed the Special Work Session and convened at 2:50 pm an Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(e)(h)To consult with legal counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to (e) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body with regards to real property transactions. (h) To consult with District legal counsel regarding our legal rights and duties in regard to current litigation or litigation that is more likely than not to be filed.
72	Convened Special	
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76 77 78 79 80	Easements:	President John Garcia appointed Jeff Hollen and Adam Denlinger to negotiate with the property owners in obtaining the needed easements for the Source Water Project and report the progress back to the Board at the April regular board meeting. The Board stressed the importance of completing the easement transaction to comply with USDA requirement and to avoid any additional project delays.
81	Settlement	
82 83 84 85 86 87	Agreement:	The GM mentioned that the Settlement Agreement submitted by the City of Toledo will be included on the agenda for the April 11, 2019 regular Board meeting. The scheduled Mar. 27 meeting with the City of Toledo was cancelled due to conflict of schedule. The next meeting will be on April 9, 2019 at 11 am at the District conference room. The near-term water rates and the rates after Oct. 2020 will be discussed.
88 89 90	Adjournment:	Commissioner Saundra Mies-Grantham motioned to adjourn the meeting. President John Garcia adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.
90 91 92 93 94 95 96	Next Board Meeting:	April 11, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting. April 18, 2019 at 6 p.m. Budget Committee Meeting.
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