



**Minutes**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**May 18, 2023**

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1. A. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Bublak called the meeting to 12:00 p.m.

B. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

C. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Director Bret Silveira, Director Pam Franco, Vice Chair Javier Lopez, Chair Amy Bublak

ABSENT:

2. **RECOGNITION, APPOINTMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS:** None

3. A. **SPECIAL BRIEFINGS:** None

Zoom video technical difficulties for the public. Phone was used to see the board on Zoom.

**B. STAFF UPDATES:**

1. General Manager Granberg provided a presentation on project updates, design build contract status, environmental clearance/permitting, status, operations agreement, Section 4.2-staffing and pre-acceptance duties, Cities readiness, funding/financing update, public outreach, and project photos.

Chair Bublak opened public participation.

No one spoke from the public.

Chair Bublak closed public participation.

The board requested for the ribbon cutting for the plant to be in November. General Manager Granberg said new dates will be sent out to the board.

2. City of Turlock Municipal Director Dale Goodman provided an update on the City of Turlock staff recruitment effort. All positions but the five senior operators are filled. City of Turlock is working with HR to provide incentives to hire the vacant positions. One incentive is to pay half a bonus when they start and the other half later, and certification pay for those with a T2 and higher. Goodman indicated they are working with the contractor to get a proposal for the support of the senior operators for the short term as they hire those positions.

Chair Bublak opened public participation.

No one from the public spoke.

Chair Bublak closed public participation.

Municipal Director Dale Goodman said it is difficult to hire D4 and T4 operators, but they are working on trying to find ways to hire. Goodman commented on the status of the City of Turlock chlorination and some feedback from their residents. Director Franco asked if City of Turlock will be ready for the surface water as schedule. Municipal Director Goodman indicated they will be ready for the scheduled date of introduction for surface water.

Director Silveira said they are getting close to having to decide what the direction of the plant is going to be without the five senior operator decisions and questioned the rest of the board on when the decision is going to be made. Chair Bublak responded that City of Turlock is waiting for City of Ceres to meet. Municipal Director Goodman said they have reached out to Ted from Jacobs to get a proposal on the five operators, and they are expecting that proposal in the next 15 to 30 days.

3. Finance Director Moreno provided an update on financial activities as of May 11, 2023. Revenue and expenses reviewed.

Chair Bublak opened public participation.

No one from the public spoke.

Chair Bublak closed public participation.

**C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Chair Bublak opened public participation.

No one from the public spoke.

Chair Bublak closed public participation.

4. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATIONS:** None

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- A. **Action:** Motion by Director Franco seconded by Director Silveira, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of March 22, 2023. Motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Director Franco	Director Silveira	Vice Chair Lopez	Chair Bublak
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

7. **SCHEDULED MATTERS:**

- A. General Manager Granberg presented on metal material costs impacts, cost increase and mitigation efforts for pre-engineered metal buildings, miscellaneous metals, iron fencing, steel, ductile iron piping, joists, and decking.

Chair Bublak opened public participation.

No one from the public spoke.

Chair Bublak closed public participation.

Director Franco asked if the Finance Director Moreno has seen the changer order. Finance Director Moreno responded he has not seen the back up or change order. Director Franco asked what the policy for change order and the board review of it is. General Manager Granberg responded there was a resolution granting the General Manager up to \$600,000 per change order and \$1.5 million accumulative in total but this change order is not close to that amount. Director Franco said the change order detail was to be brought to the board for approval. General Manager Granberg said that is Jacobs’s risk and responsibility and the SRWA reviews if it meets the functionality and need. The board requested the backup to this change order for them to decide on this item. General Granberg said the backup will be sent out in an email after the meeting. Chair Bublak requested the motion to include the total amount of the change order. Vice Chair Lopez asked to table this item until the next meeting.

**Action:** Motion to authorize the General Manager to issue a changer order to the CH2MHILL Engineers Inc. Regional Surface Water Supply Project Design-Build Contract for an Uncontrollable Circumstances Claim for Metals Materials. *(Action failed due to lack of any motion)*

**Action:** Motion by Chair Bublak, seconded by Vice Chair Lopez, to table authorization for the General Manager to issue a change order to the CH2MHILL Engineers Inc. Regional Surface Water Supply Project Design-Build Contract for an Uncontrollable Circumstances Claim for Metals Materials and including the dollar amount. Motion carried 3/1 by the following vote:

Director Franco	Director Silveira	Vice Chair Lopez	Chair Bublak
Yes	No	Yes	Yes

- B. Finance Director Moreno presented on the draft SRWA O&M budget for FY 2023-2024. Final budget will be presented in June for adoption.

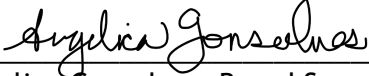
Chair Bublak opened public participation.

No one from the public spoke.

Chair Bublak closed public participation.

9. **BOARD ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:** Chair Bublak asked if the SRWA is in violation if zoom is not used for the public to participate.
10. **BOARD COMMENTS:** None
11. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** June 15, 2023, in Turlock
12. **CLOSED SESSION:** None
13. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Bublak adjourned the meeting at 12:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted,*

  
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Angelica Gonsalves, Board Secretary