MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

of the

SUNNYSLOPE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT April 18th, 2023

- **A. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by President Brown, as authorized by the State of California Executive Order N-08-21 via teleconference, at the Sunnyslope County Water District office, 3570 Airline Highway, Hollister, California.
 - **ROLL CALL: Present in Person:** President Dee Brown (DB), Vice President Edward Mauro (EM), Director Jerry Buzzetta (JB), Director James Parker (JP), Director Mike Alcorn (MA
- **B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Director Alcorn led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Upon a motion made to approve the agenda by Director Alcorn, seconded by Director Mauro, for which President Brown then took a roll call vote as follows: (MA), yes; (JP), yes; (EM), yes; (JB), yes; (DB), yes; the motion carried 5-0.
- **D. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS:** The Board welcomed members of the public and opened the meeting to public comments regarding matters not itemized on the agenda. No comments were received.

Staff Present for Open Session: In Person: General Manager/Secretary Drew Lander, Executive Assistant/Stenographer Madison Koester, Associate Engineer Rob Hillebrecht, Water/ Wastewater Superintendent Jose Rodriguez, Finance and HR Manager Barry Kelly.

E. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 21st, 2023
- Allowance of Claims The Board reviewed the Disbursement Summary (below) for the period of March 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023, totaling \$4,619,259.18 which includes \$380,993.32 for payments to vendors, \$271,406.57 for Payroll, \$421,491.88 paid to the City of Hollister for collection of City sewer billings (net of our fees), and \$763.25 for customer refunds.

<u>Date</u>	Number	Name	Amount
03/01/2023	51060	Ace Hardware (Johnson Lumber Co.)	\$43.61
03/01/2023	51061	AT&T	\$1,000.00
03/01/2023	51062	Don Chapin Co. Inc., The	\$255.00
03/01/2023	51063	EBCO Pest Control	\$69.00
03/01/2023	51064	Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.	\$84.25
03/01/2023	51065	InfoSend	\$7,489.07
03/01/2023	51066	Konica Minolta Premier Finance	\$416.76
03/01/2023	51067	Mark Nicholson, Inc.	\$48,196.47
03/01/2023	51068	MBS Business Systems	\$8,462.19
03/01/2023	51069	Mission Uniform Service	\$442.75
03/01/2023	51070	O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$66.31
03/01/2023	51071	Razzolink.com	\$76.95
03/01/2023	51072	Verizon Wireless	\$467.98
03/01/2023	51073	Wallace Group	\$6,054.25
03/02/2023	ACH 2519	ADP	\$21.45

03/02/2023	ACH 2520	Storling Administration Health	¢1E0.60
03/02/2023	ACH 2521	Sterling Administration Health	\$150.68
03/03/2023	ACH 2522	Sterling Administration Health Colonial Life	\$100.00
03/06/2023	ACH 2523		\$3,707.02
03/06/2023	ACH 2524	Sterling Administration Health Principal	\$150.00
03/07/2023	ACH 2525	iCloud	\$3,258.42
03/08/2023	ACH 2526	Sterling Administration Health	\$11,232.60 \$534.80
03/09/2023	51059	MERITAGE HOMES OF CALIFORNIA,	\$26.52
03/09/2023	51074	Abel Alvarez	\$202.00
03/09/2023	51075	Ace Hardware (Johnson Lumber Co.)	\$202.00 \$165.89
03/09/2023	51076	AT&T	
03/09/2023	51077	AT&T	\$532.80
03/09/2023	51078	Auto Tech Service Center, Inc.	\$444.46 \$120.00
03/09/2023	51079		\$120.00
03/09/2023	51079	Backflow Apparatus & Valve Co. (BAVCO)	\$126.40 \$127.40
03/09/2023	51080	Brigantino Irrigation	\$127.40
03/09/2023	51081	City of Hollister-Finance Dept	\$421,491.88
03/09/2023	51082	Frisch Engineering Inc.	\$185.00
		Harbor Freight Tools	\$185.50
03/09/2023	51084 E108E	MBS Business Systems	\$1,415.64
03/09/2023	51085 F1086	Mission Uniform Service	\$373.04
03/09/2023	51086	O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$13.09
03/09/2023	51087	Recology San Benito County	\$326.68
03/09/2023	51088	Simplot Grower Solutions	\$1,259.25
03/09/2023	51089	Star Concrete	\$131.10
03/09/2023	51090	State Water Resources Control Board-DWOCP	\$65.00
03/09/2023	51091	State Water Resources Control Board-DWOCP	\$65.00
03/09/2023	51092	State Water Resources Control Board-DWPF	\$37,824.21
03/09/2023	51093	Toro Petroleum Corp.	\$1,861.28
03/09/2023	51094	Tyler Technologies, Inc.	\$65.00
03/09/2023	51095	U.S. Bank Corporate Payment Systems	\$4,773.54
03/09/2023	51096	Unified Truck Services	\$600.00
03/09/2023	51097	CHRIS & MONICA PRITCHETT	\$87.70
03/09/2023	51099	COLDWELL BANKER RESIDENTIAL	\$111.61
03/09/2023	JN00358	Net Pay	\$70,153.36
03/09/2023	JN00358	Total Tax	\$17,414.26
03/13/2023	ACH 2527	Sterling Administration Health	\$245.00
03/13/2023	ACH 2528	Nationwide Retirements Solutions	\$9,971.81
03/15/2023	ACH 2529	Sterling Administration Health	\$175.30
03/16/2023	51100	ACC Business	\$1,323.29
03/16/2023	51101	Ace Hardware (Johnson Lumber Co.)	\$120.42
03/16/2023	51102	American Water Works Assoc. CA-NV Section	\$100.00
03/16/2023	51103	Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	\$1,228.66
03/16/2023	51104	De Lay & Laredo	\$5,877.50
03/16/2023	51105	First Trust Alarm Company	\$5,591.00
03/16/2023	51106	Hach Company	\$179.26
03/16/2023	51107	Hollister Auto Parts, Inc.	\$58.46
03/16/2023	51108	Mission Uniform Service	\$538.11
03/16/2023	51109	O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$28.15
03/16/2023	51110	San Benito County Water District-Pumping	\$44,604.16
03/16/2023	51111	San Benito Tire Pros & Automotive	\$25.00
03/16/2023	51112	State Water Resources Control Board-DWOCP	\$60.00
03/16/2023	51113	Trans Union LLC	\$132.23
03/16/2023	ACH 2530	Sterling Administration Health	\$1,568.48
03/17/2023	ACH 2531	Sterling Administration Health	\$13.21
03/17/2023	ACH 2532	ADP	\$2,141.26
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03/20/2023	ACH 2533	Sterling Administration Health	\$150.00
03/21/2023	51114	A-1 Services	\$403.00
03/21/2023	51115	Ace Hardware (Johnson Lumber Co.)	\$43.68
03/21/2023	51116	Auto Tech Service Center, Inc.	\$120.00
03/21/2023	51117	Central Ag Supply LLC	\$1,103.41
03/21/2023	51118	Eva Green Power	\$129,206.30
03/21/2023	51119	Extreme Air, Inc.	\$5,770.00
03/21/2023	51120	Ferguson Enterprises, Inc.	\$216.49
03/21/2023	51121	First Trust Alarm Company	\$698.00
03/21/2023	51122	Frank A Olsen Co.	\$10,467.08
03/21/2023	51123	Hach Company	\$5,690.11
03/21/2023	51124	InfoSend	\$3,271.87
03/21/2023	51125	Maggiora Bros. Drilling, Inc.	\$250.98
03/21/2023	51126	Mark Nicholson, Inc.	\$2,772.00
03/21/2023	51127	Metropolitan Compounds Inc	\$3,153.92
03/21/2023	51128	Mission Uniform Service	\$378.37
03/21/2023	51129	Primex	\$10,691.77
03/21/2023	51130	Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc.	\$6,540.00
03/21/2023	51131	Toro Petroleum Corp.	\$3,083.89
03/21/2023	ACH 2534	Sterling Administration Health	\$130.50
03/22/2023	ACH 2535	Sterling Administration Health	\$155.00
03/23/2023	JN00359	Net Pay	\$66,815.68
03/23/2023	JN00359	Total Tax	\$16,604.03
03/24/2023	ACH 2536	CalPERS - Retirement	\$23.08
03/24/2023	ACH 2537	CalPERS - Retirement	\$23.08
03/24/2023	ACH 2538	CalPERS - Retirement	\$240.17
03/24/2023	ACH 2539	CalPERS - Retirement	\$3,997.58
03/24/2023	ACH 2540	CalPERS - Retirement	\$6,919.89
03/24/2023	ACH 2541	CalPERS - Retirement	\$7,043.62
03/24/2023	ACH 2542	CalPERS - Retirement	\$7,833.05
03/24/2023	ACH 2543	CalPERS - Retirement	\$7,868.23
03/24/2023	ACH 2544	Nationwide Retirements Solutions	\$9,971.81
03/24/2023	ACH 2545	CalPERS - Health Insurance	\$23,108.00
03/24/2023	ACH 2546	PG&E	\$26,331.41
03/27/2023	51059	MERITAGE HOMES OF CALIFORNIA,	\$32.86
03/27/2023	51158	CYNDI M KASTOR-ALLEN	\$187.21
03/27/2023	51159	S MORIN & KRISTINA/LUCAS LIRIANO	\$12.70
03/27/2023	51160	RUBY A & VICTOR D HASSTEDT	\$19.69
03/27/2023	51161	HERBERT BOWEN & MARLA DIANNE LYNN	\$194.49
03/27/2023	51163	JUNE & JIMMIE MILLER	\$7.01
03/27/2023	ACH 2547	Sterling Administration Health	\$150.00
03/30/2023	51132	Ace Hardware (Johnson Lumber Co.)	\$19.44
03/30/2023	51133	AT&T	\$4,619.94
03/30/2023	51134	Brenntag Pacific, Inc.	\$1,634.28
03/30/2023	51135	Brigantino Irrigation	\$177.87
03/30/2023	51136	Central Ag Supply LLC	\$222.76
03/30/2023	51137	CM Analytical, Inc.	\$7,860.00
03/30/2023	51138	EBCO Pest Control	\$69.00
03/30/2023	51139	Enterprise Electrical Services	\$120.00
03/30/2023	51140	exceedio	\$3,205.12
03/30/2023	51141	Frisch Engineering Inc.	\$185.00
03/30/2023	51142	J M Electric	\$1,397.50
03/30/2023	51143	MBS Business Systems	\$617.33
03/30/2023	51144	Mission Uniform Service	\$415.75
03/30/2023	51145	Municipal Maintenance Equipment	\$1,122.54

03/30/2023	51146	O'Reilly Auto Parts	\$148.86
03/30/2023	51147	Petty Cash	\$66.84
03/30/2023	51148	Pinnacle HealthCare	\$80.00
03/30/2023	51149	Quinn Company	\$2,480.42
03/30/2023	51150	Razzolink.com	\$76.95
03/30/2023	51151	San Benito County-Mosq Abate. Prgm	\$126.23
03/30/2023	51152	Tyler Technologies, Inc.	\$520.00
03/30/2023	51153	USA Blue Book	\$1,196.97
03/30/2023	51154	UWUA Local 820	\$738.56
03/30/2023	51155	Verizon Wireless	\$447.96
03/30/2023	51156	Wallace Group	\$3,312.50
03/30/2023	51157	Wright Bros. Indust. Supply	\$17.34
03/31/2023	51164	JAMIE HALL & ALEX PEDREGON	\$93.49
03/31/2023	51165	ESTHER BUENO	\$128.10
03/31/2023	ACH 2548	Sterling Administration Health	\$70.00
03/31/2023	JN00361	Laif Investment	\$4,000,000.00
03/31/2023	JN00361	MM Transfer	-\$500,000.00

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- 3. Receive Associate Engineer Monthly Status Report.
- 4. Receive Finance Manager Monthly Status Reports: a. Narrative Report, b. Operation Summary, c. Statement of Income, d. Investment Summary, and e. Board Designated Reserves.
- 5. Receive Superintendent Monthly Status Reports: a. Maintenance, b. City Meter Reading, and c. Groundwater Level Measurement.
- 6. Receive General Manager Monthly Status Report.

President Brown asked for public comment and upon receiving none, President Brown requested a motion to approve the consent agenda. Upon a motion made by Director Mauro to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Director Parker, for which President Brown then took a roll call vote as follows: (JB), yes; (EM), yes; (JP), yes; (MA) yes; and (DB) yes; the motion carried 5-0.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider Adoption Of Resolution No. 589 Proclaiming May 2023, As "Water Awareness Month" (Not a Project Under CEQA per Article 20, Section 15378).

Water Conservation Program Manager Shawn Novack from the Water Resources Associate of San Benito County stepped up to speak on the item. Mr. Novack proceeded to inform the board the May starts our irrigation season, where water use goes up dramatically with 50% of water use going towards landscaping. Mr. Novack informs the board that even though we currently have a good supply of water, it's important to continue conservation with the climate whiplash that can affect California.

President Brown then asked for any public comment. Upon receiving no public comment, Director Mauro made a motion to Approve Resolution No. 589 Proclaiming May 2023 as "Water Awareness Month". This motion was seconded by Director Alcorn for which President Brown then took a roll call vote as follows: (MA), yes; (JP), yes; (JB) yes; (EM) yes; and (DB) yes; the motion carried 5-0.

2. Consider Adoption Of Resolution No. 590 Declaring The Current Drought And Water Supply Emergency Over And Adopting New Water Conservation Measures (Not a Project Under CEQA per Article 20, Section 15378).

General Manager Lander was asked to speak on the item. Mr. Lander presented that reservoir levels are nearly full, snowpack levels in the Sierras are greater than 200% of normal, and California Governor Newsom signed an Executive Governor order that repeals the drought emergencies that were in place. General Manager Lander proceeds to explain that we'd be returning our water conservation methods back to HUAWMP (Hollister Urban Area Water Management Plan), but not repeal any of our construction water conservation guidelines to continue to be mindful of water conservation.

President Brown then asked for any public comment. Upon receiving no public comment, Director Alcorn made a motion to Approve Resolution No. 590 Declaring The Current Drought And Water Supply Emergency Over And Adopting New Water Conservation Measures. This motion was seconded by Director Buzzetta for which President Brown then took a roll call vote as follows: (JB), yes; (EM), yes; (JP) yes; (MA) yes; and (DB) yes; the motion carried 5-0.

3. Consider Identifying And Approving Board Members To Attend The Association Of California Water Agencies Conference (ACWA) And The ACWA/Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) Meeting May 8 – May 11, 2023, In Person Or Virtual Meeting, Not To Exceed \$2500 Per Attendee (Not a Project Under CEQA per Article 20, Section 15378).

This item was brought to the board in order to name one of the Directors as a representative of the District for the ACWA 2023 Spring Conference. This representative will vote on items on behalf of the District and maintain a professional demenor whilst representing. Director Brown commented that she'd be able to attend a single day of the conference and General Manager Drew Lander expressed his interest in attending the full conference on behalf of the district.

President Brown then asked for any public comment. Upon receiving no public comment, Director Alcorn made a motion to approve President Dee Brown to attend a single day of the ACWA conference. This motion was seconded by Director Parker for which President Brown then took a roll call vote as follows: (MA), yes; (JP), yes; (EM) yes; (JB) yes; and (DB) yes; the motion carried 5-0.

4. Consider Approval And Authorize The President To Sign An Agreement For Water Facilities And Service For The Annotti Landing Development (Categorically Exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15332 class 32).

Associate Engineer Robert Hillebrecht was brought forward to speak on the item. Mr. Hillebrecht proceeded to inform the board of the multi-family small development being refered to as the Annotti Landing. This development is 28 units spread across 6 lots and comes with a couple of advantages to the district. The advantages being an old 4-inch water main being replaced and, due to city requirements, each unit has to be individually metered. Mr. Hillebrecht explained that due to each unit needing to be individually metered, the district can look forward to 28 individual capacity fees. With the addition of a couple of landscape meters, there would be a total of 32 meters, which leads to about \$460,000 in capacity fees.

Director Parker had a question pertaining to the warranty period of the lines, wondering how long the warranty was going to be good for. Fellow director Jerry Buzzetta referred Director Parker to page 7 of the agreement where it states that a standard 1 year warranty are the terms of the agreement. Due to the warranty only being valid for 1 year, Director Buzzetta commented that he would be voting no on the matter.

President Brown then asked for any public comment. Upon receiving no public comment, Director Alcorn made a motion to Approve And Authorize The President To Sign An Agreement For Water Facilities And Service For The Annotti Landing Development. This motion was seconded by Director Mauro for which President Brown then took a roll call vote as follows: (JB), no; (EM), yes; (JP) yes; (MA) yes; and (DB) yes; the motion carried 4-1.

5. Authorize The General Manager To Purchase A New Green Climber LV300PRO And Flatbed Utility Vehicle Trailer At A Total Cost Not To Exceed \$116,000 (Not a Project Under CEQA per Article 20, Section 15378).

General Manager Lander spoke on the item, stating that the city of Hollister owns a couple of Green Climber tracked rotary mowers and Sunnyslope has been able to see how beneficial of a purchase it's been to the city. The district has several heavy easements that we've had to contract out to get mowed or have required countless employee hours to maintain. In addition to the mower, a new flatbed utility vehicle trailer would be utilized in moving the new equipment and multiple existing items the district already possess. Mr. Lander proceeds to inform the board that the purchase will be completed using Sourcewell public procurement pricing, which will guarantee the best pricing for the district.

General Manager Drew Lander continues by explaining the benefits of this new equipment, which includes an increase in employee safety since the new mower would be remote controlled. In addition to increased safety, there would be a decrease in herbicides that the district would have to purchase and utilize. Director Parker had a question pertaining to herbicides, wondering if the district could completely eliminate them with the purchase of this mower. General Manager Lander emphasized that although this equipment would decrease the amount needed pertaining to herbicides it couldn't completely erase the district's need for them in some cases.

Director Alcorn opened a discussion regarding the equipment's warranty, wondering how long the warranty would be good for. General Manager Lander assured the board that the equipment would have a one-year warranty with typical annual maintenance estimated at \$1,000, to which Director Alcorn questioned whether there was an option for an extended warranty. General Manager Lander suggested an amendment to the purchase for an additional \$5,000 for the purchase of an extended warranty, with the understanding that if the extended warranty is more costly than \$5,000 the district would forego the extra warranty.

President Brown then asked for any public comment. Upon receiving no public comment, Director Buzzetta made a motion to Authorize the General Manager to Purchase a New Green Climber LV300PRO And Flatbed Utility Vehicle Trailer at a Total Cost Not to Exceed \$116,000; with the amendment for an additional \$5,000 for extended warranty. This motion was seconded by Director Alcorn for which President Brown then took a roll call vote as follows: (JB), yes; (EM), yes; (JP) yes; (MA) yes; and (DB) yes; the motion carried 5-0.

 Consider Adoption Of Resolution No. 591 Declaring Sunnyslope Water District's Intent To Pursue Local Water Systems Consolidation And Authorizing The General Manager To Contract With The Wallace Group To Perform Pipeline Design (Not a Project Under CEQA per Article 20, Section 15378).

General Manager Lander spoke on this matter, detailing his work with Best Road Mutual and San Benito County regarding consolidating all small water systems along the East & South sides of the district. The water districts that are seeking consolidation are Best Road Mutual Water Company, Venture Estates Mutual Water, Stonegate CSA No. 31, and Tres Pinos Water District. State funding pursued by Best Roads Mutual, with the intention of them consolidating with Sunnyslope, has already been obtained in the amount of \$2.2 million. In addition to the \$2.2 million, Stonegate and Tres Pinos water systems have received a \$13.2 million grant with a 3 year expenditure window.

Due to the time restrictions on the grants, Mr. Lander proceeded to explain the need to expedite the contract with the Wallace Group in order to begin the pipeline design of the John Smith Road transmission line. Mr. Lander explained that the district will bare these costs, not to exceed \$40,000, but if Best Roads Mutual decides not to proceed with the consolidation the work with Wallace Group would be terminated.

Director Buzzetta & Parker had questions regarding the assumption of risk the district would be taking on by consolidating with these water systems. General Manager Lander confirmed that although the district would be taking on these older systems there would be grant-funded inspections and the possibity for state assistance in the event of major issues discovered.

President Brown then asked for any public comment.

Julian Rogers, President of Best Roads Mutual Water Company, stepped up to make a public comment. Mr. Rogers expressed his desire for consolidation for the best interest of the 48 homes they are serving. Due to failing wells and the state getting more intense on regulations, Mr. Rogers believes that the consolidation is in the best interest of everyone.

Greg Bloom, Vice President of Best Roads Mutual Water Company, briefly spoke, expressing his desire for the consolidation and thanking the Board for their time in the matter.

After public comment, Director Alcorn made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 591 Declaring Sunnyslope Water District's Intent To Pursue Local Water Systems Consolidation And Authorizing The General Manager To Contract With The Wallace Group To Perform Pipeline Design. This motion was seconded by Director Buzzetta for which President Brown then took a roll call vote as follows: (MA), yes; (JP), yes; (EM) yes; (JB) yes; and (DB) yes; the motion carried 5-0.

G. BOARD COMMITTEE and STATUS REPORTS

- 1. Governance Committee: (No meeting)
- 2. Water/Wastewater Committee: (No meeting)
- 3. Finance Committee: (No meeting)
- 4. Policy and Procedure Committee: (No meeting)
- 5. Personnel Committee: (No meeting)

6. Water Resources Association of San Benito County (WRA): (Meeting Held April 6th)- Director Alcorn gave a brief oral report on the topics of the meeting, which included discussing the new fiscal year budget, maintaining conservation efforts, and pursuing grants.

H. BOARD and STAFF REPORTS

- 1. Directors: No Report.
- 2. District Counsel: No Report.
- 3. General Manager: General Manager/Secretary Lander gave an oral report discussing meeting with Fairview Developers as we work towards getting the college hooked up with sewer. Mr. Lander also gave an update on various projects around the office, including the solar project the district is currently working towards, which shows promise to be complete by November 2023. Mr. Lander expressed that West Hills Water Treatment plant should hopefully be back on by the end of the month, with the district planning to have both plants running due to our large water allocation for this year. Lastly, Mr. Lander discussed the fact that the district will be budgeting to run both plants, due to our allocation this year, which will look more costly than previous years but will provide better water quality and more water sales.
- I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Update on the rate study.
- J. ADJOURNMENT: President Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

Dorothy J. L. Brown, President

Drew A. Lander, Secretary

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: