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SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY REGULAR BOARD MEETING MAY 13, 2016 9:00 A.M. FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT OFFICE 2907 S. Maple Avenue, Fresno MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The regular monthly meeting for the San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority (JPA) was called to order on May 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. by President Steve Worthley.

President Worthley asked for the roll call of the board members. The following board members were present: President Worthley, Vice President Mendes, Directors Rogers, O'Banion, Verboon, Mayor Lopez, Mayor Pro Tem Preciado, Mayor Silva, and Alternate Director Karst. Staff present: Executive Director Mario Santoyo. Attached is the sign in sheet of others present.

President Worthley asked for approval of the Minutes for the regular board meeting held on April 8, 2016. Upon motion of Director Preciado, seconded by Director Mendes and approved by the board that the Minutes for April 8, 2016 be approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, members of the public may speak about any subject of concern not appearing on the Agenda, provided it is within the jurisdiction of the SJVWIA. The total amount of time allocated for this Public Comment Period shall be determined by the Authority President and each individual will be limited to 3 minutes. Note: The matters presented during this Public Comment Period may not be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. (Note: There was no Public Comment.)

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Santoyo distributed a list of the Technical Advisory Committee members received at the April 2016 meeting by the Board and asked if there were any additions. He asked that additional names be submitted to him. He also asked for direction as to additional committee members such as: ag industry, Friant Water Contractors, CSUF, DWR.

After some discussion, it was recommended that the following agencies be represented:

1. Ag Industry
2. Friant Water Contractors
3. California State University Fresno (CSUF)
4. U. C. Merced
5. Department of Water Resources (DWR)
6. Self-Help Enterprises
7. The Community Water Center

FINANCIAL

Megan Marks with the Fresno County Auditor-Controller's office gave the financial report. She reported the amount of funds received to date and the balance still to be collected. In regard to the acquisition of a JPA credit card, Marks said that the process was underway.

Approval of Service Agreement for Legal Services by Tulare County

Santoyo referred to Attachment 1 in the board's packet for the Service Agreement between Tulare County and the JPA for legal services.

Upon motion of Director Rogers, seconded by Director Lopez and approved by the board that the service agreement be approved.

Fidelity Bond and Liability Insurance

Santoyo contacted the Association of California Water Agencies to see if they could offer liability insurance to the JPA through their ACWA Joint Powers Insurance Authority. You must be a member of ACWA. However, the JPA would only qualify as an Affiliate Member and therefore not qualify. Fresno County Controller's Office was directed to secure the necessary fidelity bond and the liability insurance coverage.

Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA)

Tim Quinn, Executive Director of ACWA introduced Katie Dahl to discuss the benefits of being an Affiliate Member of ACWA. She outlined the following information:

1. ACWA has 430 members; 90% of the water delivered in the State are represented
2. ACWA's policy papers, statements to the media weigh heavily
3. ACWA sponsors legislation on behalf of members (both state and federal)
4. ACWA's staff have expertise on regulations and policy
5. ACWA has a Washington, D.C. office that works on federal affairs
6. Outreach program includes: media relations, water debate in public news, one voice in media, communications department develops ACWA News and on-line information; they hold 2 conferences per year, have regional workshops and webinars to keep members informed.
7. The JPA qualifies as an "Affiliate Member" – dues are calculated on O & M for the last 2 years. The dues would probably be between \$1,000 to \$2,000 annually.

Tim Quinn added that ACWA and the JPA have policy similarities. ACWA has 36 board members, their positions are weighed heavily by the Governor. ACWA's state-wide water action plan is similar to the Governor's Water Plan. Their priorities include: Storage, Conjunctive use programs, Temperance Flat, Sites Reservoir, Los Vasqueros Project, above and below ground storage.

Integrating project with one another and how to interface with groundwater basins and find Delta solutions will be important. ACWA has a Water Storage Integration Work Group that he will encourage to work with the JPA and Friant.

President Worthley asked that ACWA membership be put on the June Agenda as an action item.

Approval of Employee Benefits & Sub Committee

Vice President Mendes, Directors Lopez and Chedester serve on the Employee Benefits Sub Committee. They have met and discussed Retirement Plan options, health insurance and vehicle mileage for Executive Director Santoyo. The following employee benefits were recommended to the Board:

Retirement Plan---- *SJVWIA to contribute 10% into a qualified Money Purchase Pension Plan with employee option to contribute to a non-qualified 457b plan. Vestment period of 5 years unless JPA discontinues, employee vestment would then be automatic at that time.*

Health Insurance---- *SJVWIA would provide 100% of employee premium costs and 50% of family premium costs. Insurance Plan to be similar to Anthem BC Gold PPO 500/20%/4500 Plan.*

Vehicle/Mileage---- *SJVWIA will provide Executive Director with a vehicle allowance of \$1100 per month in lieu of purchasing a vehicle or mileage reimbursement.*

Upon motion of Director Verboon, seconded by Director Rogers and approved by the board that the subcommittee's recommendations be accepted and effective as of his date of hire, April 8, 2016, and that the subcommittee bring back to the board recommendations on plan providers.

Approval for Clerical Services

An invoice was received from Nisei Farmers League for reimbursement for the clerical services of Cheryl Lehn for January to April 2016. In addition, a proposal was submitted for continuing services on a monthly basis.

Upon motion of Director Rogers, seconded by Director Verboon and approved by the board that the invoice as submitted be paid for January to April, 2016 to Nisei Farmers League and that the services provided be approved on a monthly basis.

Communications

Executive Director Santoyo asked for direction to establish JPA email addresses for himself and the clerical staff. The directors were not interested in adding an addition email address for themselves. Santoyo is also exploring costs associated with a JPA website.

OTHER BUSINES

Staff Report on JPA Support Letter

Santoyo reported that a support letter for Congressman Valadao's H.R. 2898, the "Western Water and American Food Security Act of 2015" was sent and a copy is attached to the Board's packet.

Staff Report on Support Letters to Senator Feinstein

Santoyo urged board members and other interested parties to send letters of support to Senator Feinstein in favor of her legislation "California Long-Term Provisions for Water Supply and Short-Term Provisions for Emergency Drought Relief Act" as well as favorable letters to Congressman Valadao's supporting his legislation. A sample letter of support from Merced County is attached to the Board's packet.

Santoyo reported on AB 1649 "Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014: Surface Storage Projects: Joint Powers Authority Funding" Authored by Assemblyman Salas. Santoyo met with the Assemblyman to discuss the timing and the coordination and communicate support. The Board authorized Santoyo to continue to work with Assemblyman Salas on legislation and to submit a letter of support as needed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

California Water Commission/Proposition One Chapter 8

Santoyo and Michelle Denning, USBR Planning Division presented an overview of the MOU between the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) and the JPA. They discussed the purpose and scope, preparation of information required for a water storage infrastructure project report, roles and responsibilities, cost sharing, how project will be operated, in-kind services, etc.

President Worthley commented that the Feasibility study was based on storage only, once recharge is added, benefits should greatly increase.

Upon motion of Director Verboon, seconded by Director Preciado and approved by the board that President Worthley be authorized to sign the final Cost Share Memorandum between San Joaquin Valley Water Infrastructure Authority and the United States Bureau of Reclamation for a partnership agreement in preparation of Proposition One Chapter Eight funding.

Staff Report on Proposed BLM "NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC" Designation on the San Joaquin River

Santoyo gave an overview on the proposed designation for a section of the San Joaquin River to be made part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

A draft letter to the Secretary of Interior was sent to the board for their review. It is attached to the board agenda packet. A copy will be sent to our U.S. Senators and Valley Congressmen. The letter includes a meeting request with the Secretary of the Interior. The board agreed that the letter be sent. Board members were encouraged to ask their counties and cities to also send letters.

California Water Commissioner David Orth

Commissioner Orth said he was very excited about the JPA. He wants to be part of a strong voice from the Valley. Orth was appointed by the Governor to the Commission in 2013.

Orth reviewed the Chapter 8 process and associated the Public Benefits used to weigh the proposed projects.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on June 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Fresno Irrigation District, 2907 S. Maple Avenue, Fresno, California.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Lehn