

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 / **Time:** 1:00 p.m. / **Place:** 7305 Short Road, Serene Lakes, CA

The meeting was teleconferenced as provided by Government Code Section 54953(e), which modified the Brown Act teleconference rules during “State-declared emergencies.”. In-person attendance by the public at the District Office was not be permitted.

I. Open Meeting:

Roll Call:

Directors in attendance at the Sierra Lakes Boardroom:

Director Dan Stockton

Directors in attendance by teleconference:

Director Jon Harvey
Director Jennifer Jackson
Director David Keatley

Director Heald was absent

Staff members present: Anna Nickerson, Financial Consultant
 Paul Schultz P.E. Inc., General Manager
 Patrick Baird, Utility Operator

Consultants present by Zoom: Jeffrey Mitchell, District Counsel
 Matt Van Dyne, Farr West Engineering
 Steffi Gavin, Farr West Engineering

Guests present by Zoom: Dick Simpson
 Tim Kustic

Minute Recorder: Anna Nickerson, Financial Consultant

II. Public Forum: An opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items that were not on the agenda. There were no comments.

III. Approve Agenda: The agenda was presented to the Board for approval.

A motion was made by Director Keatley and seconded by Director Harvey to approve the agenda. The motion passed by a unanimous rollcall vote: Directors Stockton, Harvey and Keatley. Absent at the time of the roll call: Directors Heald and Jackson

IV. Public Comments: An opportunity for the Board to consider comments received from the public after the agenda was posted, regarding items on the agenda. There were none.

V. Capital Improvement Project:

Mr. Schultz said the purpose of the meeting was to capture any follow-up questions from the previous workshop. He said he shared the draft technical memorandum (memo) with the Board. He also said the memo captured everything that was discussed at the last meeting and included copies of the slides. Director Harvey found the memo but had not reviewed it. Mr. Schultz said the item would be on the agenda for every board meeting, allowing plenty of time to asked questions should they arise.

Mr. Simpson said he thought the slides for the last meeting were going to be put on the website but wasn't able to find them. Mr. Schultz said he didn't remember saying they would be posted on the website but would get them posted.

Director Stockton said he thought he heard the amount was the result of a five year CIP total covering 25% of the mains that needed to be replaced. Mr. Schultz said Director Stockton was correct and that he and Mr. Van Dyne would be putting together a zone metering program to identify the 25% of mains with the highest priority for replacement. He also said it would probably take more than five years to complete.

Director Harvey asked if Mr. Schultz had explored any state or federal conservation grants. Mr. Schultz said it was a great idea and would be looking into grants as soon as they narrowed down the scope of the projects. Director Harvey asked that grants be added to the memo as a placeholder. Mr. Schultz said Placer County Water Agency will be having another round of grants in 2023.

VI. Sewer Infrastructure Improvements Project: Mr. Schultz said several solicitations were sent out; one bid was received but was rejected because it far exceeded the project estimate. He found out by talking with District Counsel and Mr. Van Dyne that he could directly negotiate with the contractor. He said, through discussion with Rados, he learned the reason why the bid was so high; it was due to the lack of subsurface information; locations of the force mains. Although the District had some old information that was thought to be adequate, the subcontractor did not agree. After some discussion, Rados submitted a new bid for \$1,250,000 that included all the original work except for the two force mains, some minor work at pump stations 3 & 2 to add flowmeters and coating and the abandonment of the deep gravity sewer line on lower Lake Drive. The needed geological work would be completed over the summer for a rebid next summer for the deleted items.

Mr. Schultz asked for a motion to direct the General Manager to make the necessary changes to the original construction documents, to direct the General Manager and Farr West to make changes to any accompanying documentation such as encroachment permits etc. and direct the General Manager to execute the contract with Farr West on behalf of the District.

Director Harvey asked what investigating the subsurface conditions entailed and Mr. Schultz said most likely a geotechnical engineer would come out to look at the plans, choose several locations to drill hole and gather information about soil condition; the amount of rock and groundwater. The information would provide the necessary information to obtain more competitive bids. Director Harvey said there might be some other strategic locations that might be necessary for future bidding. Mr. Schultz said nothing came to mind but would consider it before finalizing the scope of work for the geotechnical engineer.

Mr. Simpson said he was going to ask about the risk of waiting a year but remembered that one of his neighbors was on sight when some of the lines in the Slumber Way area were being replaced and said the contractor was throwing anything they had to fill up the trench because the District was running out of money so it couldn't be assumed that there would be no rocks or debris on top of the sewer line.

A motion was made by Director Keatley and seconded by Director Jackson to proceed as requested. The motion passed by a unanimous rollcall vote: Ayes: Directors Stockton, Harvey, Jackson and Keatley.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Director Harvey and seconded by Director Keatley to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a unanimous rollcall vote: Ayes: Directors Stockton, Harvey, Jackson and Keatley.

The minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting held on May 12, 2022, as part of the Consent Items Calendar. A motion was made by Director Keatley and seconded by Director Harvey to approve the Consent Items Calendar as presented. The motion passed by a unanimous rollcall vote.