

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH
MONTEBELLO IRRIGATION DISTRICT
February 11, 2020

An adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Montebello Irrigation District was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 5:00 PM in the Board Room of the District at 437 S. Bluff Road, in the City of Montebello, County of Los Angeles, State of California and was called to order by President Sanchez at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: President Sanchez, Vice President Mataalii, and Director Heacock

OTHERS PRESENT: General Manager Alberto Corrales, Corporate Secretary Andrea Fernandez, Treasurer Thomas A. Dennis and Assistant District Counsel Alondra Espinosa

ABSENT: None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. Minutes of the previous Regular meeting held on January 13, 2020, were reviewed.
2. No standing, or special committee reports were presented.
3. The Board received and reviewed the Treasurer's Report from the Treasurer.
4. The Board received and reviewed informational letters and bulletins.
5. No information on conferences and seminars was presented.

Vice President Mataalii moved to bundle and approve all matters on the Consent Calendar for approval on one motion. The motion to bundle was seconded by Director Heacock and carried unanimously. All matters on the Consent Calendar were approved unanimously on one motion and per staff recommendations.

ACTION CALENDAR:

None

INFORMATION CALENDAR:

6. General Manager briefly reported on the events that occurred during the month of January. Compliance Officer/Engineer Jordan Betancourt attended the Central Basin meeting for the General Manager. The big issue discussed was the presence of PFAS in water systems, and how the stormwater from the recycled treatment plant is not being filtered for the PFAS.

7. Update on new developments within the District's jurisdiction were given to the Board. Since the last Board Meeting Jordan Betancourt received a call from the California Water Board Division of Drinking Water to inform him that they plan to reduce the response level for the PFAS. Currently the response level is 70 ppt for the combined level of PFOA and PFOS. The new response levels are 10 ppt for PFOA and 40 ppt for PFOS. The response levels do not apply retroactively. It is the District's hope that the new response levels will not cause any issues in the District.

On February 4, 2020, Zim Industries began testing and developing the well. This phase is the final portion of the 24-hour working periods for Zim. The next step consists of disinfecting and capping the well. They will then begin removing their equipment from the District's property. The final phase, which consists of drilling, should be done by March 2020.

8. General Manager reported to the Board that Zim Industries will finish the first phase of the project in March, but will end up exceeding their allotted time to perform. The liquidated damages penalty is \$500 per day, which comes out to around \$28,000 for the duration of the delay. Within the agreement, the General Manager has the discretion to impose liquidated damages and grant an extension. The General Manager is proposing that instead of charging them \$500 a day, the District work out of a deal with Zim for cleanup or landscaping work. District staff will continue to update the Board on this matter.

The building is currently being painted by Gold Contractors and they have decided to reduce the cost by a \$1,000. Hercules our guard dog recently had a small medical procedure. He had a tumor that was growing on his neck and was roughly the size of a golf ball. The veterinarian removed it, tested it for cancer and found it to be malignant. The veterinarian feels confident that they removed everything and said he should be doing fine. Unfortunately, the veterinarian did say that these types of tumors do tend to come back so they recommended that Hercules get a check-up every six months to monitor it.

9. Assistant District Counsel briefly discussed the PFAS issue and recent regulations. She assured the Board and District staff that her firm will continue to monitor and provide updates.

DIRECTORS COMMENTS:

Director Heacock had a comment and question regarding the field report. He wanted to know the difference between 2001 water levels to present water levels. General Manager explained the differences.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Vice President Mataalii, seconded by Director Heacock and unanimously carried that the meeting adjourn.

AYES: President Sanchez, Vice President Mataalii and Director Heacock

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Thereupon, the meeting adjourned at 5:48 P.M.

Secretary, Board of Directors

Approved this 9th day of March, 2020

President, Board of Directors