

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SERRANO WATER DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Serrano Water District met in a regularly scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. The meeting was held at the District Office located at 18021 Lincoln Street, Villa Park, California.

CALL TO ORDER: President Reese called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brad Reese	President
Frank Bryant	Vice-President
Greg Mills	Board Member
Jerry Haight	Board Member <i>via zoom platform</i>
Mike Pelly	Board Member

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Jerry Vilander	General Manager
Jennifer Westrum	Administrative Assistant
Jeremy Jungreis	Legal Counsel

GUESTS PRESENT:

Scott Nelson	Eide Bailly
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PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Attorney Jungreis announced that pursuant to AB 2449 Director Haight's illness qualifies as just cause and he is allowed to participate in the board meeting remotely under this ruling.

BOARD MINUTES

Consideration of Serrano Water District Board Meeting minutes of the board meetings on September 23, 2024 and October 15, 2024. Director Mills moved that the minutes of the September 23, 2024 meeting be approved as submitted, Director Pelly seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously carried with Directors Bryant, Haight, Mills, Pelly, and Reese voting yes. Director Pelly moved that the minutes of the October 15, 2024 meeting be approved as submitted. Director Haight seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously carried with Directors Reese, Bryant, Mills, Haight, and Pelly all voting yes.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

General Manager Vilander summarized the status of the Board Committees and management matters as agendized for the month of September. Highlights included a review of various meetings attended over the past month. This included a meeting that IRWD hosted about the Dam Project. The meeting was very informative, and they announced that the project repair costs keep rising. The newest estimate is at \$ 470 million.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Scott Nelson, Eide Bailly, reviewed the financial statements for the month of September. It was moved by Director Pelly, seconded Director Bryant, and unanimously carried with Directors Bryant, Reese, Pelly, Haight, and Mills voting yes to approve the disbursements in the amount of \$ 299,929.60.

WATER REPORT

The General Manager presented the water report for the month of September. The report was received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

DIRECTORS COMMENTS AND REPORTS

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

General Counsel Jungreis gave a presentation on the Coziahr vs. Otay case regarding tiered water rates in relation to Proposition 218 and how this could potentially affect Serrano Water District in the future.

The Board of Directors announced that they would be entering into closed session at 9:35 a.m.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9(d)): Two potential cases.

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL TO DISCUSS SECURITY ISSUES AND POSSIBLE INITIATION OF LITIGATION (Government Code §§ Government Code 54956.9(d); 54957 (a)(1)).

C. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property: Storage Rights and other District Real Property at Santiago Reservoir (Irvine Lake), adjacent to 4621 Santiago Canyon Road, Silverado Canyon, CA 92676.

Agency Negotiator: Jerry Vilander

Negotiating Parties: Irvine Ranch Water District

Under Negotiation: Price and terms

The meeting was reconvened in open session at 11:13 a.m., with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was formally adjourned at 11:14 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Jennifer Westrum
Administrative Assistant