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MINUTES OF THE JOINT SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
DIABLO WATER DISTRICT AND CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT  
HELD ON AUGUST 31, 2022

Directors:  
Paul Seger  
President

Scott R. Pastor  
Vice President

Kenneth L. Crockett  
Marilyn Tiernan  
Joe Kovalick

Due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic, Local Health Orders, and the Governor's Health Orders, the Special Joint Meeting of the Board of Directors of Diablo Water District and Contra Costa Water District was held on August 31, 2022 at 6:30 pm at the CCWD's Delta Conference Room located at 2411 Bisso Lane, Concord, CA 94520 as noticed in the posted agenda.

General Manager:  
Daniel Muelrath

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

General Counsel:  
Wesley A. Miliband

The joint special meeting of the Board of Directors of Diablo Water District (District) and Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) was called to order by CCWD President Avila 6:29 p.m. on August 31, 2022.

DWD Directors Present:	Seger, Pastor, Crockett, Tiernan, Kovalick
DWD Staff Present:	Dan Muelrath, Kait Knight
DWD General Counsel:	Wes Miliband (AARLL)
CCWD Directors Present:	Ernesto Avila, Antonio Martinez, John Burgh, Constance Holdaway, Patt Young
CCWD Staff Present:	Steve Welch, Veronica Sepulveda
CCWD General Counsel:	Doug Coty
Others Present:	CCWD Staff and Members of the General Public.

**2. Adoption of Agenda.**

CCWD Board of Directors adopted the agenda by rule.

**3. Public Comment.**

None.

Secretary:  
Kait Knight

**4. Creation and History of the Contra Costa Water Authority.**

The Boards received a presentation from Jeff Quimby, Assistant General Manager of Planning and Water Resources for CCWD.

Key points made were DWD is required to provide three years notice for request of expansion to Randall-Bold Water Treatment Plant (RBWTP). It was also noted that DWD has a 37.5% ownership in RBWTP, and separate audit costs are paid at 100% by CCWD as administrators of the JPA.

DWD commented that they would like to see the make-up of the JPA Board to include members of DWD's board of directors.

**5. Randall-Bold Water Treatment Plant Operations and Capital Improvements Program Overview.**

The Boards received a presentation from Dave Huey, Director of Operations and Maintenance for CCWD, and Rachel Murphy, Assistant General Manager of Engineering and Operations and Maintenance for CCWD.

Director Kovalick requested more information on the increase in cost for the 2024 RBWTP restoration project expense and if the District is paying their 37.5% portion of this expense, are other Districts also paying their portion of the expense. Dave Huey explained that there will be pump and motor rebuilds. Rachel Murphy added that the sodium hypo and LAS conversion is also a large part of this expense and will provide greater safety to the public and CCWD employees. Jeff Quimby confirmed that all partners pay for their capacity of the costs.

President Seger emphasized the environmental proactiveness and policies of the District's current board and asked CCWD how these goals for carbon neutrality reflect in the decisions for operations at their facilities.

Steve Welch, General Manager of CCWD, reaffirmed that CCWD does regularly look at how they can utilize more solar and GHG positive projects. PG&E is currently lowest cost power source for the facility but remain committed to looking into this again for the next master plan update. President Avila also committed to looking into the cost-effectiveness of more carbon neutral initiatives. Vice President Martinez shared his opinion of the burden this would bring to ratepayers now, that PG&E power is cheaper than installing solar, and that CCWD is waiting on NEM 3 regulations. Director Kovalick did not agree with this and expressed

concern that not all costs were being considered in their calculations. The CCWD Board supports environmental projects and saving energy by saving water up front.

Both President Seger and Director Kovalick requested that the District be invited to the conversation in the decision-making for RBWTP.

**6. Greenhouse Gas and Carbon Neutrality.**

The Boards received a presentation from Dan Muelrath, General Manager on the District's goal for Carbon Neutrality by 2027. There was discussion on how carbon neutrality should be incorporated into the business model for other water agencies since in the long run when factoring in climate change the economics pay off.

**7. Phase 2 Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project Update.**

The Boards received a presentation from Marguerite Patil, Assistant General Manager of Policy and External Affairs for CCWD.

Key points made were that the construction and draining of Los Vaqueros Reservoir remain flexible based on optimal time. CCWD will be getting water from alternative sources once the reservoir is drained. General Manager Steve Welch, CCWD, also that they do have an agreement in place with the State that protects their interests should the Delta Conveyance project proceed. Marguerite Patil did note that there are specific measures in place to limit the physical impacts as well.

**8. Adjournment.**

President Avila of CCWD adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

  
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**Kait Knight, Board Secretary**