

CITRUS HEIGHTS WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Sheehan and roll was called. Present were:

Caryl F. Sheehan, President
Raymond A. Riehle, Vice President
Allen B. Dains, Director

Staff:

Hilary M. Straus, General Manager
David M. Gordon, Operations Manager

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

INTRODUCTIONS:

All Board Members and Agency Staff (San Juan Water District, Citrus Heights Water District, Fair Oaks Water District and Orange Vale Water Company) and members of the public introduced themselves.

PRESENTATIONS:

Consultants from MWH presented a final report and its findings of San Juan Water District's Wholesale Water Management and Reliability Study. The Study's key findings included:

- SJWD's water reliability challenges include the exclusive reliance on surface water from Folsom Reservoir, and the undeveloped capacity to leverage its rich water rights and contract capacity to provide dry-year protection.
- Achieving SJWD's long-term goals hinges upon providing, in a financially responsible and sustainable manner, increased water supply reliability during dry years to its retail and wholesale customers, which can be best accomplished by integrating surface water and groundwater resources to fully leverage the District's water rights, contract entitlements, and available and planned facilities.
- SJWD's investment priorities to increase water supply reliability must be guided by an implementation strategy that focuses on delivering efficient and practical outcomes while reacting to future regulatory mandates, adjusting to changing regional institutional relationships, and taking advantage of evolving statewide water policies. The District recognizes that evolving statewide policies make its resource assets even more valuable and likely put it at even greater risk than it is under today.
- The key to the SJWD's long-term water supply reliability is the expansion of areas where the

District can apply its available water supplies to enhance both utilization and management flexibility.

- Many of the water management options considered in this study are not new; however, past implementation efforts have experienced differing levels of success.

The Study's recommendations included:

- SJWD should institute a Wholesale Water Management and Reliability Program to coordinate the implementation of various components of the recommended actions, and maintain the District's participation in regional initiatives consistent with its corresponding roles and benefits.
- The District should review and amend, as needed, the relevant policies, contracts, and practices to support the Wholesale Water Management and Reliability Program.
- SJWD should engage other water agencies in potential water sales and groundwater banking partnerships with a near-term focus on an "early win."
- SJWD should implement a long-term advocacy and public outreach campaign to support the Wholesale Water Management and Reliability Program.

SJWD recommended that the Study's next steps would be to engage with the San Juan Family of Agencies retail agencies to determine the feasibility of implementing the Study's recommendations.

CHWD Board President Sheehan expressed concerns that the Study process did not adequately include the retail agencies, such as Citrus Heights Water District, as stakeholders in the development of the Study (consideration of the problem, options and recommendations), and expressed hope that San Juan Water District would make a greater effort to reach out to the retail agencies when considering the Study's implementation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

APPROVED:

HILARY M. STRAUS
Secretary
Citrus Heights Water District

CARYL F. SHEEHAN, President
Board of Directors
Citrus Heights Water District