

# **SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT**

Board of Director's Special Board Meeting Minutes  
May 26, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Conducted via videoconference and in person

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Pam Tobin	President
Ken Miller	Director
Ted Costa	Director
Marty Hanneman	Director via videoconference
Dan Rich	Director

## **SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT MANAGEMENT AND STAFF**

Paul Helliker	General Manager
Donna Silva	Director of Finance
Tony Barela	Operations Manager
Lisa Brown	Customer Service Manager
Adam Larsen	Field Services Manager
Andrew Pierson	Engineering Services Manager
Greg Turner	Water Treatment Manager
Greg Zlotnick	Water Resources Manager
Teri Grant	Board Secretary/Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Buckman	Legal Counsel

## **OTHER ATTENDEES**

Ron Greenwood	Carmichael Water District
Jeff Nelson	Carmichael Water District
Cathy Lee	Carmichael Water District
Joanna Gin	Citrus Heights Water District Legal Counsel
Sandra Harris	Customer
Suzanne Jones	Customer
Amber Beckler	Customer
Cheryl Berkema	Customer
Candice Johnson	
Delaney Orma	
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## **AGENDA ITEMS**

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Closed Session**
- III. Open Session**
- IV. Adjourn**

President Tobin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## I. ROLL CALL

The Board Secretary took a roll call of the Board. The following directors were present in-person: Ted Costa, Ken Miller, Dan Rich and Pam Tobin. The following director was present via teleconference: Marty Hanneman.

***Director Hanneman moved to add an item to the agenda to fund President Tobin's campaign expenses for ACWA President. Director Costa seconded the motion and it carried with the following roll call vote:***

***Ayes: Directors Costa, Hanneman, Miller, Rich and Tobin***  
***Noes: None***  
***Absent: None***

## II. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Fund President Tobin's Run for ACWA President (W & R)

The Board discussed the cost for President Tobin's campaign efforts to run for ACWA President and what was spent for her 2019 ACWA Vice President campaign. She explained that the campaign this year would include mailings and postcards. In response to Director Rich's question, President Tobin explained that she attends over 20 meetings per month as the current ACWA Vice President and the District pays her a stipend for 10 meetings per month. In addition, ACWA pays for all expenses related to attending the meetings including the cost of registrations and mileage, which saves the District a substantial amount each year.

***Director Hanneman moved to fund President Tobin's campaign expenses for ACWA President with a budget not to exceed \$1,500 for campaign mailings. Director Costa seconded the motion and it carried with the following roll call vote:***

***Ayes: Directors Costa, Hanneman, Miller, Rich and Tobin***  
***Noes: None***  
***Absent: None***

### 2. Water Supply Agreement with Carmichael Water District (W)

GM Helliker informed the Board that there will be three items for the Board to discuss regarding an agreement to deliver water to Carmichael Water District (CWD). The other two items are on the regular Board meeting agenda. A staff report was provided in the Board packet which will be attached to the meeting minutes.

***Director Costa moved to make a finding that the up to 1,500 acre-feet of pre-14 water rights water contemplated to be potentially sold to Carmichael Water District is surplus to the supplies available to the District to meet Wholesale Customer Agency demands. Director Hanneman seconded the motion.***

In response to Director Costa's question, GM Helliker explained that this agreement is for the *potential* sale of water to CWD since at this time they are uncertain if their water rights will be curtailed. In addition, GM Helliker explained that should CWD request water then CWD would cover the cost that the District would incur for purchasing water from Placer

County Water Agency (PCWA) which would then be used to replace the water right water that would be transferred to Carmichael water District.

President Tobin voiced concern regarding transferring water with the predictions showing Folsom going deadpool. She stated that she received a phone call from a CWD board member informing her that the SJWD GM attended their meeting and CWD board is concerned about Folsom and will not be taking water from the District. She expressed concerns regarding the state of Folsom Reservoir. GM Helliker explained that this would not be a transfer but instead a delivery of water right water for mutual aid and it would have no impact on Folsom Reservoir since the water right water would otherwise have been used in San Juan's other service areas, and PCWA water would be purchased to replace the water right water delivered to Carmichael.

Mr. Ron Greenwood, CWD board member, addressed the Board and clarified that CWD does want to enter into this agreement for the specific purpose of having a safeguard in case they need the water. Mr. Jeff Nelson, CWD board member, addressed the Board and thanked GM Helliker and Mr. Zlotnick for their work with CWD's General Manager and confirmed that it is a backup plan which will not impact the water level at Folsom.

The Board received public comments from Ms. Cheryl Berkema, Ms. Suzanne Jones and Ms. Amber Beckler who all expressed concern regarding transferring water.

***The motion carried with the following roll call vote:***

***Ayes: Directors Costa, Hanneman, Miller and Rich***  
***Noes: Tobin***  
***Absent: None***

**III. ADJOURN**

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.**

ATTEST:

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PAMELA TOBIN, President  
Board of Directors  
San Juan Water District

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TERI GRANT, Board Secretary

## STAFF REPORT

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To: Board of Directors

From: Greg Zlotnick  
Water Resources Manager

Date: May 26, 2021

Subject: Agreement to sell Pre-14 Water Rights Water to Carmichael Water District if its water rights are curtailed

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### Recommended Actions

Make a finding that the up to 1,500 acre-feet (AF) of pre-14 water rights water contemplated to be potentially sold to Carmichael Water District is surplus to the supplies available to the District to meet Wholesale Customer Agency (WCA) demands;

### Background

With this water year being one of the driest on record, the State Water Resources Control Board has indicated it will be moving to curtail all post-14 water rights in the coming months. Should this occur, Carmichael Water District (CWD) will lose access to its water rights water, which is a significant part of its supply.

On the agenda for the May 26 Regular Board meeting are two related items – approval of a Notice of Exemption for a potential delivery of up to 1,500 AF to CWD, and a water supply agreement with CWD for up to 1,500 AF of water to be delivered from the District during the June-September window, to provide mutual aid to CWD should CWD request such supplies, which is within the District's historic place of use.

Staff consulted with the WCAs earlier this year, to determine what their projected demands for water supply would be this year, and the Board previously determined that the transfer of up to 6,000 AF of pre-1914 water right water to the Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) would be surplus to WCA needs. Staff has similarly determined that the potential 1,500 acre-feet of pre-1914 water to potentially be sold to CWD is surplus to the supplies available to the District to meet the demands of the WCAs.

At this time, after transferring less than 2,000 AF to SSWD, that transfer is being halted to try to preserve surface water in the basin. Consequently, the Board's prior surplus determination for the SSWD transfer would more than cover the up to 1,500 AF in emergency, mutual aid water contemplated to be potentially sold to CWD should they request it. Even if the SSWD transfer was not halted, staff is confident, based on expected WCA demands and available supplies, that the 1,500 AF would still be available from surplus supplies above those needed to meet WCA demands.

### Action by Carmichael Water District

The Carmichael Water District Board of Directors approved the agreement at its meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>.