

SAN ELIJO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 18, 2022
AT THE SAN ELIJO WATER CAMPUS

Kellie Hinze, Chair

David Zito, Vice Chair

A meeting of the Board of Directors of San Elijo Joint Powers Authority (SEJPA) was held Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., at the San Elijo Water Campus

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hinze called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

Kellie Hinze
David Zito
Catherine Blakespear
Kristi Becker

Others Present:

General Manager
Director of Operations
Director of Finance and Administration
Administrative Coordinator
Administrative Assistant I

Michael Thornton
Chris Trees
Amy Chang
Vanessa Hackney
Tamara Cooper

SEJPA Counsel:

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Kevin Davis

City of Encinitas:

Deputy City Manager
Senior Engineer

Jennifer Campbell
Christina Olsen

City of Solana Beach:

Director of Engineering/Public Works
City Manager

Mohammad "Mo" Sammak
Greg Wade

Michael R. Welch Consulting:

CEO

Michael R. Welch, Ph. D., P.E.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

General Manager, Michael Thornton, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

5. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Board Member Becker and seconded by Vice Chair Zito to approve the Consent Calendar.

- Agenda Item No. 7 Approval of Minutes for the September 20, 2022 Meeting
- Agenda Item No. 8 Approval for Payment of Warrants and Monthly Investment Report
- Agenda Item No. 9 Wastewater Treatment Report
- Agenda Item No. 10 Recycled Water Report
- Agenda Item No. 11 Reportable Meetings

Motion carried with the following vote of approval:

AYES: Hinze, Zito, Blakespear, Becker
NOES None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

13. OCEAN OUTFALL PLUME TRACKING STUDY

Guest Speaker Michael R. Welch of Michael R. Welch Consulting gave a presentation on San Elijo Ocean Outfall (SEOO) Plume Tracking Study. SEJPA discharges treated municipal wastewater from the San Elijo Water Campus to the SEOO in accordance with NPDES Permit No. CA0107999 and Regional Board Order No. R9-2018-0003. This Order incorporates both state and federal water quality requirements and has a scheduled renewal frequency of every 5 years. The Regional Board required SEJPA, Escondido, and EWA to determine the movement and fate of wastewater discharged from the outfalls in a Plume Tracking Study.

In conclusion, Ocean health is not affected by the SEOO discharge as the effluent diffuser system mixes the discharge efficiently and the discharge becomes indistinguishable from ambient ocean water within a few hundred feet of the outfall.

No action required.

14. RECYCLED WATER PROGRAM - PROPOSED WHOLESale AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

General Manager, Michael Thornton, stated SEJPA operates a recycled water utility that sells recycled water to four water purveyors, including the City of Del Mar/22nd District Agricultural Association (22DAA).

SEJPA has individual wholesale water agreements with each water purveyor that includes pricing structure, water quality, and minimum purchase volume. The purpose of the

minimum purchase volume is to provide SEJPA a guaranteed “fixed” minimum revenue stream for operational and capital needs.

During the last fiscal year (FY 2021-22), 22DAA did not meet its minimum purchase volume of 85 acre-feet (AF) as they encountered operational issues that limited usage to 75 AF. Staff from SEJPA and 22DAA discussed the option of providing 22DAA another year to use the approximately 10 AF that was not used in FY 2021-22. This would require 22DAA to use 95 AF in FY 2022-23.

The financial impact of not collecting the minimum purchase volume is approximately \$17,035. However, SEJPA achieved and slightly exceeded its recycled water sales and revenue goals for FY 2021-22, thus allowing 22DAA to assign the 10 AF to FY 2022-23 without budget impacts.

Moved by Vice Chair Zito and seconded by Chair Hinze to:

1. Authorize the General Manager to execute a Third Amendment to the Agreement for Sale of Reclaimed Water to the City of Del Mar and the 22nd District Agricultural Association by the San Elijo Joint Powers Authority.

Motion carried with the following vote of approval:

AYES: Hinze, Zito, Blakespear, Becker
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

16. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

General Manager, Michael Thornton, gave an update that Trussell Technologies is now onsite working in the laboratory. General Manager Thornton also stated that SEJPA will be hosting a women’s junior high and high school STEM engagement at the Water Campus on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 10 am to 11:45 am.

17. GENERAL COUNSEL’S REPORT

General Counsel, Kevin Davis, gave an update on Assembly Bill 2499 regarding teleconferencing updates to the Brown Act.

18. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

19. CLOSED SESSION

None.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m. The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Thornton", written over a horizontal line.

Michael T. Thornton, P.E.
General Manager