

SAN ELIJO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 13, 2023
AT THE SAN ELIJO WATER CAMPUS

David Zito, Chair

Tony Kranz, Vice Chair

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of San Elijo Joint Powers Authority (SEJPA) was held Monday, March 13, 2023, at 8:30 a.m., at the San Elijo Water Campus.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Zito called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

David Zito
Tony Kranz
Kristi Becker
Kellie Hinze

Others Present:

General Manager	Michael Thornton
Director of Infrastructure and Sustainability	Tom Falk
Director of Finance and Administration	Amy Chang
Administrative Assistant II	Abby Schlenk

SEJPA Counsel:

Procopio	Kevin Davis
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City of Solana Beach:

Director of Engineering/Public Works	Mohammad "Mo" Sammak
City Manager	Greg Wade

San Dieguito Water District:

General Manager	Isam Hireish
Principal Engineer	Habib Hariri

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Chair, David Zito, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

5. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

None.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Agenda Item No. 7	Approval of Minutes for the February 21, 2023 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
Agenda Item No. 12	Update of Emergency Repairs to Recycled Water Pipeline in Manchester Ave.
Agenda Item No. 13	Notice of Emergency Situation and Award of Construction Contract for Repairs to Recycled Water Pipeline on San Elijo Water Campus

Motion carried with the following vote of approval:

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

15. CAPITAL PROGRAM BOARD WORKSHOP

General Manager, Michael Thornton, provided background information on the agency's current capital improvement program which is nearing completion. The value of the capital program is nearly \$49.7 million and included the following projects:

- Land Outfall Replacement (completed 2018)
- Headworks & Odor Control Improvements (completed 2019)
- Encinitas Ranch Recycled Water Expansion (completed 2019)
- SCADA and Electrical Upgrades (completed 2020)
- Water Campus Improvements (completed 2021)
- 0.6 Mega Watt PV Solar (completed 2022)
- Biosolids Dewatering Facility Improvements (est. completion 2025)

During the meeting, General Manager Thornton presented Phase 4 of the Capital Improvement Program, which includes four projects that have been evaluated and recommended by staff for construction funding consideration. The projects are at either the concept or final design level and cover a range of areas, including stormwater capture and reuse, sewer pump station modifications, and biological treatment improvements.

Phase 4 of the Capital Improvement Program has an estimated total cost of \$17.4 million and includes the following projects:

1. Stormwater Capture & Reuse
2. Wanket Tank Refurbishment, Pipeline, and RW Valve Replacement
3. Moonlight Beach Sewer Pump Station Modifications
4. Biological Treatment Improvements (NDN & CCT)

General Manager Thornton acknowledged that the proposed program goes beyond the current staffing capacity. To address this, the options of hiring external consultants or using in-house staff for project support were presented to the Board for guidance.

The estimated total cost for these projects is \$17.4 million, and project delivery support costs (in-house staff or consultant) may add up to approximately \$0.9 million, resulting in a total estimated cost of \$18.3 million. To fund these projects, a combination of cash, grants, and financing is expected to be employed. Staff has currently secured approximately \$5.8 million in grant funding and seeking loan options for approximately \$10 million.

Moved by Board Chair Kranz and seconded by Board Member Hinze to:

1. Proceed with the recommended Phase 4 Capital Improvement Program and funding strategy;
2. Discuss and take action as appropriate.

Motion carried with the following vote of approval:

AYES: Zito, Kranz, Becker, Hinze

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

16. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager, Michael Thornton, shared that SEJPA hosted two events recently, both with high attendance and active engagement. The WateReuse San Diego Chapter Meeting was hosted on Tuesday, February 28, 2023. The League of Women Voters Meeting was hosted the following week on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. Both events included discussion on water recycling and potable reuse, as well as a tour of the San Elijo Water Campus, led by Director of Infrastructure and Sustainability, Tom Falk.

General Manager Thornton also stated that SEJPA will be hosting an event and tour for the CWEA: AC23 Conference and Expo on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, following the April Board Meeting on the same date.

17. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

None.

18. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

19. CLOSED SESSION

None.

20. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m. The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 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