

SAN ELIJO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 11, 2013
AT THE
SAN ELIJO WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY

Thomas M. Campbell, Chair

Mark Muir, Vice Chair

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Elijo Joint Powers Authority (SEJPA) was held Monday, March 11, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., at the San Elijo Water Reclamation Facility at 2695 Manchester Avenue, Cardiff by the Sea, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Muir called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

Mark Muir
David Zito
David Ott (Solana Beach Alternate)

Directors Absent:

Teresa Barth
Thomas M. Campell

Others Present:

General Manager
Director of Operations
Administrative Assistant
Accounting Technician
Safety/HR Administrator

Michael Thornton
Christopher Trees
Jennifer Basco
Carrie Cook
Marisa Buckles

SEJPA Counsel:

Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch

Aiko Yamakawa

City of Encinitas,

Public Works Management Analyst
Director of Engineering and Public Works

Bill Wilson
Glenn Prium

City of Solana Beach,

Director of Engineering/Public Works

Mohammad "Mo" Sammak

Santa Fe Irrigation District,

General Manager
President of the Board of Directors
Member of the Board of Directors

Michael J. Bardin
Michael T. Hogan
Alan L. Smerican

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

General Manager Michael Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

None

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Motion carried with the following vote of approval:

AYES: Muir, Zito, and Ott
NOES: None
ABSENT: Barth and Campbell
ABSTAIN: None

Consent Calendar:

Agenda Item No. 7	Approval of Minutes for the February 11, 2013 meeting
Agenda Item No. 8	Approval for Payment of Warrants and Monthly Investment Report
Agenda Item No. 9	San Elijo Water Reclamation Facility Treated Effluent Flows – Monthly Report
Agenda Item No. 10	San Elijo Joint Powers Authority Recycled Water Program – Monthly Report

11. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

None

12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL PROJECT SPONSOR AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY FOR THE NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY COOPERATIVE DEMINERALIZATION PROJECT

General Manager Thornton presented the Local Project Sponsor (LPS) Agreement to the Board Members and provided background on the North San Diego County Cooperative Demineralization Project. This project is a joint cooperative effort between the SEJPA, the Olivenhain Municipal Water District, and the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy under the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) concept of creating one project that solves multiple issues. The Round 1 Proposition 84 IRWM grant agreement, executed on December 12, 2012, granted \$7.9 million to the San Diego IRWM plan. Before grant funding may be distributed for this project, the SEJPA, as the project's lead sponsor, is required to enter into the LPS Agreement.

Under the LPS Agreement, the SEJPA's project elements include construction of an Advanced Water Treatment facility and storm water diversion structures to divert urban runoff from entering the San Elijo Lagoon and the Pacific Ocean. General Manager Thornton stated that a majority of the SEJPA's work has been completed. Also, the Advanced Water Treatment system will resolve the SEJPA's TDS permit compliance issues and has opened new opportunities/markets for the sale of recycled water.

Moved by Vice Chair Muir and seconded by Board Member Zito to:

1. Authorize the General Manager to execute the Local Project Sponsor Agreement; and
2. Authorize the General Manager to execute the Local Project Participant Agreement.

Motion carried with unanimous vote of approval.

13. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE LOCAL PROJECT PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT WITH THE OLIVENHAIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT FOR THE NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL RECYCLED WATER PROJECT

General Manager Thornton briefed the Board of Directors on the North San Diego County Regional Recycled Water Project (NSDCRRWP), which is also under the IRWM process. This project is a coalition of 12 organizations that include the SEJPA, Olivenhain Municipal Water District, Leucadia Wastewater District, Carlsbad Municipal Water District, Vallecitos Water District, Santa Fe Irrigation District, Vista Irrigation District, City of Oceanside, City of Vista, Rincon Del Diablo Municipal Water District, City of Escondido, and Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. The goal of the project is to increase regional infrastructure in north San Diego County for cost effectively expanding recycled water use. The project was awarded a grant which will be used to develop a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report and Feasibility Study, and provide funding to each project participant for planning, engineering, and constructing recycled water infrastructure. The SEJPA will receive approximately \$90,000 for the purchase of treatment equipment associated with the Advanced Water Treatment facility.

Moved by Board Member Zito and seconded by Vice Chair Muir to:

1. Authorize the General Manager to execute the Local Project Participant Agreement.

Motion carried with unanimous vote of approval.

14. JOINT LOBBYING AND COST SHARING BETWEEN THE MEMBERS OF THE NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL RECYCLED WATER PROJECT

General Manager Thornton informed the Board of Directors on the value of the SEJPA's continued participation in the joint lobbying and cost sharing for the North San Diego County Regional Recycled Water Project. After two years of lobbying efforts, the project has garnered attention at the federal level. It has received praise for its regional, multi-agency approach, as well as for the project's value for creating locally produced, drought resistant water supply that reduces demand pressure on the bay-delta project. Over the last two years, several agencies have sent representatives to Washington DC to meet with congressional representatives to develop federal support for this project. If this project does receive congressional authorization, future federal funding would be beneficial to continuing the infrastructure development of the SEJPA's recycled water program. Infrastructure improvements could include pipelines, storage systems, and treatment improvements.

Moved by Board Member Zito and seconded by Vice Chair Muir to:

1. Approve the continued participation in the joint lobbying and cost sharing for the North San Diego County Regional Recycled Water Project.

Motion carried with unanimous vote of approval.

15. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Thornton provided an update on the Advanced Water Treatment project Regional Board permit. As part of the Advanced Water Treatment project, the SEJPA is required to amend its recycled water permit with the Regional Water Quality Control Board. General Manager Thornton stated that he will be attending the Regional Board Meeting on Wednesday to answer questions regarding the permit modification.

General Manager Thornton also updated the Board of Directors on the status of the Advanced Water Treatment project. The Advanced Water Treatment system is currently in start-up mode, which is anticipated to be completed in the next 45 days. A ribbon cutting ceremony to officially introduce the Advanced Water Treatment system to the public is anticipated to occur in 60 days.

16. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

None

17. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

18. CLOSED SESSION

None

19. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Directors adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on April 8, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael T. Thornton, P.E.
General Manager