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**SANTA MARIA VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – March 21, 2024**

District Office
2255 S. Broadway, Ste. 8E
Santa Maria, California

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.
 - a. Roll Call:** Present were Directors Hadick, Conrad, Mahoney, Adam, and Sharer. Also present were Carrie Troup, Jane Baxter, Virginia Souza; District Counsel Keith Lemieux (attending remotely), and Interim General Manager Carol Thomas-Keefer (attending remotely).
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance:** President Hadick led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jane Baxter commented that the more detailed meeting minutes and upcoming Zoom meetings were appreciated; she also asked that the Twitchell Operations Committee include dam reports in the committee report.
- 3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** On motion by Director Adam and seconded by Director Mahoney, the agenda was approved as presented. Motion carried: 5-0-0-2.
- 5. CONSENT CALENDAR:** On motion by Director Adam and seconded by Director Sharer, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 15, 2024, and the Special Meeting of February 22, 2024, were approved. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.
- 6. FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS AND REPORTS**
 - a. Financial Reports:** Ms. Carrie Troup, CPA, reviewed financial statements and accounts payable for February. On motion by Director Mahoney and seconded by Director Adam, the Financial Reports for February were received and filed. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.
 - b. Finance Committee/Treasurer Report:** Director Sharer reported that the committee is exploring investment opportunities for public agencies and has asked staff

to coordinate a presentation on the California CLASS investment pool. The committee will bring a recommendation to the full board in the near future.

7. APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ON-CALL ENGINEERING

SERVICES: Following discussion, on motion by Director Conrad, seconded by Director Adam, the Board approved and authorized release of the Request for Proposals for On-call Engineering Services, with the addition of a project to evaluate evapotranspiration of impounded water versus releases and how best to optimize water in storage. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

8. DISCUSSION OF POLICY FOR STORAGE ON DISTRICT PROPERTY: The Board noted that a number of vehicles and equipment are located at the dam site, and some may not belong to the District. Following discussion, staff was directed to prepare and bring back a draft policy for storage and disposition of non-district items on District property.

9. DISCUSSION OF FACILITY ACCESS POLICY: Ms. Thomas-Keefer presented an outline of facility access and safety considerations that should be subject to District policy. Staff was directed to work with District Counsel to prepare and bring back a draft facility access policy for Board consideration.

10. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

Report on Operations at Twitchell Dam- President Hadick reported that, as of today, the elevation was 570.0 feet; storage was 23,472 acre-feet.

Twitchell Operations Committee (TOC): Director Adam reported that he met with Alex Doran from the County and suggested key access for Mr. Doran to access monitoring equipment at the dam, and it was agreed this should be addressed in the access policy. Director Adam also noted the need to repair fencing to keep cattle out of the dam facilities.

Report from Horne: The Board received a report from Horne's representative, Sam Hurst, regarding discussions with Cal OES, noting that he would request a meeting. He also stated that he is seeking opportunities to fund large scale sediment removal activities for the reservoir. The Board requested that Horne provide an update on budget and contract status at the next meeting.

11. DIRECTOR AND STAFF REPORTS

Director Reports: None.

General Manager's Report: Ms. Thomas-Keefer reported that she is currently working to secure temporary services to assist with dam monitoring until a new dam tender can be hired. She also noted call-to-action notices from the California Special Districts Association on federal legislation, H.R. 7525, the Special District Grant Accessibility Act.

District Counsel Report: Mr. Lemieux apologized for not attending in person but has a court appearance in another area the next morning.

12. NEXT MEETING: April 18, 2024

16. ADJOURNMENT: It was moved and seconded by Director Sharer and Director Adam to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Minutes approved on _____

Keith Hadick, President

Submitted by Carol Thomas-Keefer