

Keith Hadick, President (Division 3)
Randy Sharer, Vice President (Division 7)
Casey Conrad, Treasurer (Division 6)
Andrew Adam, Secretary (Division 2)
Gerald Mahoney, Director (Division 4)
Vacant, Director (Division 1)
Vacant, Director (Division 5)



**SANTA MARIA VALLEY WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – February 15, 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 6:32 p.m.
 - a. Roll Call:** Present were Directors Hadick, Conrad, Mahoney, Adam, and Sharer. Also present were Keith Lemieux, Carrie Troup, and Carol Thomas-Keefer (attending remotely).
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance:** President Hadick led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
- 3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** President Hadick indicated that Item 10 would be moved to follow the Closed Session. Attorney Lemieux stated that item 13a. would be deferred to a future meeting. On motion by Director Adam and seconded by Director Sharer, the agenda was approved as amended. Motion carried: 5-0-0-2.
- 5. CONSENT CALENDAR:** On motion by Director Adam and seconded by Director Mahoney, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2024 and the Special Meeting of January 24, 2024, were approved. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.
- 6. FINANCIAL ACTION ITEMS AND REPORTS**
 - a. Financial Reports:** On motion by Director Mahoney and seconded by Director Adam, the Financial Reports for December 2023 were received and filed. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.
 - b. Finance Committee/Treasurer Report:** Director Conrad reported that the Financial Committee directed staff to provide information on district assessments and to look into cash investment options such as Cal CLASS.

7. APPROVAL OF COMPENSATION AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF GUADALUPE:

On motion by Director Sharer, seconded by Director Adam, the Compensation Agreement with the City of Guadalupe was approved. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

8. CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR LAFCO SPECIAL DISTRICT

REPRESENTATIVE: Following discussion, on motion by President Hadick, seconded by Director Adam, the Board directed the President to cast the District's vote for Craig Geyer. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

9. APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION FOR ELECTRONIC MEETING

TECHNOLOGY: Following discussion regarding equipment capabilities, on motion by Director Adam, seconded by Director Conrad, the recommendation to purchase, install and implement electronic meeting equipment was approved with the addition of a second monitor and the requirement that the video feed could be disabled as needed. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

Item 10 was moved to follow the Closed Session.

11. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

Report on Operations at Twitchell Dam- Dam Tender Frazier reported that, as of today, the elevation was 550.0 feet compared to 606.5 feet same time last year; storage was 8,228 acre-feet.

Twitchell Operations Committee (TOC): Director Conrad reported that the committee discussed a sediment management program, need for a new aerial survey, and engineering recommendations for road improvements.

Report from Horne: The Board received a report from Horne's representative, including a quote from LiDAR America for an aerial survey. Staff was directed to obtain additional information for consideration.

12. DIRECTOR AND STAFF REPORTS

Director Reports: Director Sharer provided a report on the Twitchell Management Authority's activities and noted that TMA has funding available for several special projects at the dam.

General Manager's Report: Ms. Thomas-Keefer reported that she had removed a few discussion items from the previous board agenda so they could be referred back to committee for more specific recommendations.

District Counsel Report: No report.

13. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

a. Conference with Legal Counsel (Government Code 54956.9): Potential undisclosed litigation – This item was deferred to a future meeting.

b. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code 54957):
Title: District Counsel

14. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION: Counsel Lemieux reported that a performance evaluation took place and no reportable action was taken.

10. APPROVAL OF UPDATED AGREEMENT WITH ALESHIRE & WYNDER FOR DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES: On motion by Director Sharer and seconded by Director Mahoney, the updated agreement with Aleshire & Wynder was approved. Motion carried 5-0-0-2.

15. NEXT MEETING: March 21, 2024

16. ADJOURNMENT: It was moved and seconded by Director Conrad and Director Sharer to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.

Minutes approved on _____

Keith Hadick, President

Submitted by Carol Thomas-Keefer