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Board of Directors

Position 1 – Joe Spendolini
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District Manager/ Secretary

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 3, 2022

1. **Call to Order** – by Chairman Harter at 3:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call of Directors** – Chairman Harter; Directors Koger and Spendolini present. Also, present were Brett Blofsky; Cindy Oden; Dan Scalas; Kathryn Gies; Walt Meyer. Jon Lee became present at 3:40pm.
3. **Check in Call with West Yost – Discuss next steps for Facilities Plan**
 - a. The District has major concerns with what's taken place with the Facilities Plan between the District and West Yost regarding trust and not being on the same page. Director Spendolini asked Kathryn directly if West Yost has prejudged any of the potential alternatives we want to include in our Facilities Plan. Kathryn said they had not prejudged any of them but was concerned with the request for information from E3 Water. E3 Water's request was due to a misunderstanding with the District. They were informed the District was going to proceed with listing them as a potential alternative in the Facilities Plan, therefore, their request was premature.
 - b. Another major concern was West Yost did not meet with E3 Water to verify if the assumptions they made to their proposal were correct. In the December 17, 2021, Board Meeting the board had instructed West Yost to meet with E3 regarding these assumptions and the modifications West Yost made to E3's proposal. Once that meeting was completed, West Yost was to prepare an updated cost analysis for the Board and present it at an upcoming Board meeting with E3 in attendance. This meeting never happened and caused the District to have a lack in trust with West Yost.
 - c. Walt suggested some of the confusion may be coming from the terminology being used. He also suggested that E3's proposal is close enough to be listed as an option in the Facilities Plan and they will proceed accordingly.
 - d. Director Spendolini agreed with the confusing terminology and reiterated that West Yost's task was to look at the two alternatives to see if they can be built into the Facilities Plan. It was NOT to issue a contract or issue a finding on them. The District just wanted to consider these alternatives as part of the Facilities Plan.
 - e. Walt assured the Board that moving forward West Yost will earn the Board's trust back by doing A, B, and C if the Board requests A, B, and C.
 - f. Walt is drafting an formal extension request letter to be sent to DEQ. Walt has heard verbally from DEQ that we have been granted an extension but it is not official at this time. Director Spendolini requested a motion be made authorizing District Manager Blofsky to sign and send the letter to DEQ requesting the extension. A motion was made by Chairman Harter, and it was seconded by Director Koger. The motion passed unanimously.
 - g. To summarize, the facilities plan is going to include E3 as an alternative. It will not spec them out as the contractor. It's going to be clearly stated that we're not scoping this project out and

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that these are basically the alternatives that we considered. That will come later in the RFP process following the facilities plan.

- h. West Yost will finish up the cost tables, life cycles, etc. with the potential options and then send this information to the Board. They will also continue writing the facilities plan. If, after receiving the cost tables, the Board feels like another meeting is needed it will be scheduled at that time.

4. Other

- a. **Pilot Study** – E3 will continue with their original plan of completing their pilot study at their expense.
- b. **Henzel Property Discussion** – Dan led a discussion about the meeting earlier in the day with Sam Henzel regarding the potential Class A Water option. He is not interested in selling his property but would entertain a 50-100 year lease. At this point, the Henzel property option does not appear to be feasible.
- c. **Meet with E3 Water** – Dan, Sally, Jon, and Brett will meet with E3 on January 10, 2022, to discuss the scope for E3’s Pilot Study. Brett will send Dan the information from E3 Water’s pilot test in Ft. Worth, TX.
- d. **N. Poe Valley vacant house** – the Bonanza View Dairy has offered to rent the house for \$1,800 per month for their workers. It is listed for \$2,100 per month and the board does not want to negotiate a lower price since the other house rents for \$1,950. There is still concern about whether the well has recharged. Adkins will send a crew out to measure the water level.
- e. Pest Elimination Quote – The quote from No Buggy was \$3,295 for 12 months. That cost is too high and Brett will look for less expensive alternatives.

- 5. **Adjourn**, at 5:02 p.m. Next meeting January 18, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Brett Blofsky, Secretary

Kevin Harter, Chairman

Date