

CALAVERAS PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

June 08, 2023

Special Meeting

7:00 pm

Location: 24 Church Hill Rd, San Andreas, CA 95249

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Richard Blood
Brady McCartney
J.W. Dell'Orto
Jack Tressler
Steve McDermed

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Travis Small, General Manager
Adam Brown, District Legal Counsel
Carissa Bear, Clerk of the Board
Molly Soulier Customer Service Representative
Tyke Woden, Water Distribution/Treatment Operator

OTHERS PRESENT: Alison Lechowicz, Lechowicz & Tseng Municipal Consultants

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

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| Bob Blakely | Bev Blakely |
| Sharon Stephens | Kathy Baker |
| Connie Perry | Roberta Fischer |
| Lee Ann Gilbeau | Kathryn Reeves |
| Steven Airola | Michelle Turner |
| Vance Turner | Carol Ulisse |
| Gary Ulisse | Larry Verley |
| Joan Griffith | Walt Griffith |
| Mike Falvey | John Osborn |
| Jim Toy | Joel Metzger |
| Susan Metzger | |

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: President Blood called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS: Directors Blood, McCartney, Dell'Orto, Tressler, and McDermed were present.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. PUBLIC COMMENT:
Unknown member of public.
Vance Turner

5. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING WATER RATE INCREASE

- a. Introduction (President Blood): President Blood welcomed the public and introduced himself. He provided details of the process of the Public Hearing.
- b. Presentation (Water Rate Study – Alison Lechowicz): Allison Lechowicz, Lechowicz & Tseng Municipal Consultants, presented a slideshow on the Water Rate Study which reviewed the proposed rate increase. President Blood informed the public that there was a typo on Resolution 20023-09. The resolution will be corrected.
- c. Public Testimony (Limit: 3 min/person): The following individuals presented testimony:
 1. Steven Airola
 2. Michelle Turner
 3. Vance Turner
 4. Lee Ann Gilbeau
 5. Mike Falvey
 6. John Osborn
 7. Various unnamed members of the public
- d. Close Public Hearing (President Blood)

President Blood closed the Public Hearing and asked if any members of the Public had protests they wanted to submit. Molly Soulier, Customer Service Representative, collected the remainder of the protests. Ms. Soulier and Ms. Lechowicz counted the protests.
- e. Ms. Lechowicz announced 34 total protest were received. A majority of 1027 votes were needed. As the majority threshold was not met, the Board could proceed with the rate resolution.
- f. A motion was made by Director Tressler and seconded by Director McCartney to approve Resolution 2023-09 Water Rates. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Dell’Orto, Tressler, McDermed, McCartney, and Blood voted yes; none opposed. Motion carried 5-0.

6. WATER MASTER PLAN – BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1

Director Dell’Orto asked for clarification on the source of funding. Travis Small, General Manager, explained it would be coming out of the planning grant that the District just received. A motion was made by Director McCartney and seconded by Director Dell’Orto to approve Budget Amendment No.1 to increase the Water Master Plan budget by \$27,522, to include additional tank inspections to be paid through the Jeff Davis Water Treatment Planning Grant. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Dell’Orto, Tressler, McDermed, McCartney, and Blood voted yes; none opposed. Motion carried 5-0.

7. OPENING BIDS ON SURPLUS EQUIPMENT – CAT BACKHOE

The Board opened the two bids that the District received. The winning bid was \$18,001. A motion was made by Director Tressler and seconded by Director Dell’Orto to award the sale of the 1994 CAT backhoe to Robert Schock, the highest bidder.. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Dell’Orto, Tressler, McDermed, McCartney, and Blood voted yes; none opposed. Motion carried 5-0.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Blood adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carissa Bear, Clerk of the Board

