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# April 22, 2019 9:00 a.m. Sites Project Authority Minutes

The Sites Project Authority Board of Directors met in Regular Session on April 22, 2019 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. **Directors Present:** Fritz Durst, Chairman, Gray Allen, Gary Evans, Doug Parker, Joe Marsh, Rob Cooke, Natalie Wolder. **Directors Absent:** Leigh McDaniel, Don Bransford, Jeff Sutton, Kerry Schmitz, Don Baber. **Alternate Directors Present:** Michael Azevedo. (Other Alternate Directors that may be listed as present below, did not participate in the decision-making process). **Associate Members Absent:** Mary Wells and Ted Trimble.

Staff Present: Jim Watson, General Manager  
Scott Kuney, General Counsel.  
Jaime Traynham, Treasurer & TC-4 District Alternate.  
Rob Thomson, Joe Trapasso, Sites Project Authority.  
Yolanda Tirado, Clerk.

Others Present: Juleah Cordi, Assemblyman Gallagher's Office.  
Jeff Kivett, Brown and Calwell.  
Brian Bullock, PSOMAS.  
Arne Nervik, Black and Veatch.  
Rob Tull, Jacobs.  
Laura Nicholson, Senator Nielsen's Office.  
Jeff Mathews, Westervelt.  
Jeriann Alexander, Fugro.  
Ed Horton, PCWA.  
Brian Pearson, AECOM.  
Kim Floyd, Sarah Rossetto, K&A.  
Oscar Serrano, CICC.  
Charlene Vaughn, K-COE Isom.

Pledge of Allegiance.

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

Chair Durst asked those present to introduce themselves.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

It was moved by Director Evans, seconded by Director Parker to approve the April 22, 2019 Sites Project Authority Agenda, as presented. Motion carried: All Directors present voted yes.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

It was moved by Director Marsh, seconded by Director Allen to approve the March 25, 2019 Sites Project Authority minutes, as presented. Motion carried: All Directors present voted yes.

**PERIOD OF PUBL COMMENT:**

Chairman Durst called for public comment. Hearing none, he closed the period of public comment.

1. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: (No action will be taken)**  
This time is set aside to give the Directors an opportunity to disclose/ discuss any meetings with external stakeholders to advance the Project.

None.

2. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**
  - 2.1 Consider approval of a recommendation from the Ad Hoc Joint Authority/Reservoir Committee's evaluation of responses to RFQ 19-01 (Selection Panel) and authorize staff to begin contract negotiations.

Chairman Durst provided a brief overview of the Ad Hoc Joint Authority/Reservoir Committee's evaluation response to RFQ 19-01 (Selection Panel) for the EPP Manager position. He noted there were four candidates interviewed and an offer was made and conditionally accepted by the successful candidate. Brief discussion followed as to holding a Special Meeting of the Authority Board or to delegate authority to the Ad Hoc Joint Authority/Reservoir Committee to commence contract negotiations with the successful candidate.

**Action:** It was moved by Director Marsh, seconded by Director Parker to delegate authority to the Ad hoc 2019 Coordination Committee/Ad hoc 2019 Coordination Work Group to negotiate a contract with the successful candidate for the Environmental Planning/Permitting Manager position. Motion carried: All Directors present voted yes.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**  
***No Consent Items***

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

4. **MANAGER'S REPORT:**
  - 4.1 Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the General Manager's Monthly Status Report. (***Attachment 4-1A***)

Mr. Watson provided an overview of project activities performed in the month of March 2019, which included, transition from Phase 1 to Phase 2 for both the Authority and the Reservoir Committee, participants provided funds, getting consultants teams up and running, building business controls and reporting systems needed to better manage the work this year consultants working on a program management plan for 2019 which will be used in an agreement with Reclamation, continued work with DWR on a statement of charges process for eligible participants, revisions and updates to the 2019 work plan for the Reservoir Committee, draft letter of a formal

response to the Karuk tribe and April 1, 2019 meeting with the Pacific Coast Federated Fisherman Association regarding potential concerns on the Trinity. Discussion followed regarding the statement of charges with no action taken.

- 4.2 Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding Proposition 1 WSIP application activities.

Mr. Watson stated the April 17, 2019 meeting of the Water Commission did not contain any items related to the Water Storage Investment Program, he noted the Water Commission at their May meeting will consider a request by the Rancho Valley Water District for a consistency determination with Prop 1 and if granted would allow them to apply to Reclamation for federal WIIN Act Funding under WSIP, continued work on the quarterly status report, which is due end of this month, are scheduling meetings with the Water Commission staff to finalize the terms of the early funding contract and review of a draft invoice and continued monitoring of the Commission agenda packages to identify letters for support or concerns on the project and appropriately response to same.

- 4.3 Discussion and possible direction to staff on ongoing U.S. Bureau of Reclamation activities and WIIN Act Funding.

Ms. Wolder provided an overview and review of ongoing Reclamation activities as follows: briefing of the Feasibility Report will be held on May 15, 2019, Los Vaqueros being used to discuss the purpose of operational flexibility with OMB & Congress, MP Region & Denver Engineering are working with Sites Authority on the development of an environment assessment for feasibility level geotechnical studies, the Environmental Assessment is planned to be released for public review in late May, MP Region is modifying a scope of work for AECOM up to \$1 million for additional feasibility planning and engineering, Denver Geology plan to participate in a meeting with DWR & Sites Project's Engineers to review boring conducted by DWR in early May, and MP Region continues to support Sites activities, on the EIS, Biological Assessment, EA and operations development.

Mr. Watson noted that work continues with Mid Pacific on an amendment to the 2015 cost-share memorandum of understanding to reflect actual funding by the Authority and the Reservoir Committee and on a project participation agreement that would allow any congressional appropriations from the WIIN Act to flow to the Authority.

5. 2019 FINANCE & BUDGET AD HOC COMMITTEE:  
5.1 Accept the Treasurer's Report. (**Attachment 5-1A**)

**Action:** It was moved Director Allen, seconded by Director Evans to accept the Treasurer's Report, as submitted. Motion carried: All Directors present voted yes.

- 5.2 Consider approval of the Payment of Claims. (**Attachment 5-2A & B**)

**Action:** It was moved by Director Marsh, seconded by Director Parker to approve Payment of Claims, as submitted. Motion carried: All Directors present voted yes.

6. 2019 RESERVOIR COMMITTEE:

- 6.1 Report on the April 18, 2019 Phase 2 (2019) Reservoir Committee meeting.  
(Attachment 6-1A)

Mr. Watson provided an overview and review of actions approved and matters discussed at the April 18, 2019 Phase 2 (2019) Reservoir Committee meeting. Discussion followed with no action taken.

7. 2019 POLICY & GOVERNANCE AD HOC COMMITTEE:

- 7.1 Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the North of Delta Off-stream Storage/Sites Reservoir Feasibility Geotechnical Investigation Initial Study, permit applications, and consultation in accordance with AB52.

Mr. Thomson provided an overview and review regarding the North of Delta Off-stream Storage/Sites Reservoir Feasibility Geotechnical Investigation. He spoke to the reduction of uncertainties in the cost estimates in the federal Feasibility Report, moving forward with developing documents to apply for permits, identified locations for the geotechnical evaluation and avoiding and minimizing impacts to environmental and cultural resources, as well as current agricultural and wildlife refuge practices, and initiated AB52 consultation with potentially affected tribes. Discussion followed with no action taken.

8. 2019 LEGISLATIVE & OUTREACH AD HOC COMMITTEE:

Discussion regarding the Ad Hoc Committee's activities in support of Sites Project's legislative and public outreach program.

Chair Durst provided a brief overview of the Washington DC trip (WIIN Act funding) and the Capital Legislative Day meeting held in Sacramento. Brief discussion followed with no action taken.

In Mr. Spesert's absence, Mr. Watson provided an update regarding the Ad Hoc Committee's activities in support of Sites Project's legislative and public outreach program as follows:

- State Capitol Legislative (March 27) Meetings; Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee; Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee; and Resources: Secretary Wade Crowfoot & Cabinet Secretary Christine Hironaka,
- Meeting April 1 in response to PCFFA letter also to Water Commission: Trinity, restatement of prior concerns by others, including CDFW.
- Working on response to Karuk Tribe's letter to Water Commission regarding Trinity River.
- ACWA – May 7 through 9, 2019
  1. Tuesday, May 7 (2:30-4:00 pm) Reservoir Committee Workshop to provide an update and focus on 2019,
  2. Wednesday, May 8 (4:00 – 5:30 pm) Reception/Open house to provide updates to the broader water industry as an opportunity to identify potential participants,
  3. Thursday, May 9: morning meetings with USFWS (7:30) & USBR (9:30)

4. SCVWD inquired about their Board members meeting with some of the Authority Board members.

- ASCE article for their May edition of Civil Engineering magazine.

Mr. Watson also informed the Authority Members the meeting of the Reservoir Committee to be held on May 17, 2019 is considering having a breakfast meeting and invites any Authority Board member interested to attend.

9. 2019 LAND MANAGEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE:

- 9.1 Report on the Ad Hoc Committee's activities in developing program level policies and procedures for Real Estate and Land Management.

Director Evans provided a brief overview regarding the development of a Real Estate Program policy for the Sites Project Authority. He stated a draft of the policies would be presented to the Authority Board at the May 20, 2019 meeting for their consideration. He stated further discussion was also held on procedures and protocols for acquiring temporary rights of entry in support of 2019 geotechnical field survey activities. He also stated he had been contacted by the Editor of the Wagon Wheels a historical editorial wanting information on the Sites Cemetery and will be meeting him within the next week.

Chairman Durst adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m., to reconvene on May 20, 2019 at the hour of 1:30 p.m.

  
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Fritz Durst, Chairman

  
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Yolanda Tirado, Clerk