

**CONTRA COSTA WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
March 4, 2020**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Borba called to order a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Contra Costa Water District (District) at 6:30 p.m., at 1331 Concord Avenue, Concord, the regular meeting place of the Board.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present:	Lisa M. Borba, President Connstance Holdaway, Vice President Ernesto A. Avila Bette Boatmun
Directors Absent:	John A. Burgh
General Manager:	Stephen J. Welch
Legal Counsel:	Douglas E. Coty
District Secretary	Mary A. Neher

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Borba led the pledge of allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Board Future Services Calendar, Agenda Item No. 1.a., was updated since the distribution of the agenda packet. The Board adopted the agenda by rule.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Please observe a three-minute time limit)

President Borba asked for public comments. There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approve Directors' Service/Business and Travel Expenses
 - a. Future Services – March 2020
2. Approval of February 5, 2020 meeting minutes.
3. Approve the warrant register dated March 5, 2020.
4. Authorize the execution of two Transmission Services Agreements for an annual total of nine megawatts of reserved capacity with Western Area Power Administration (WAPA).

5. Authorize execution of a task order in the Construction and Repair Services agreement with Con-Quest Contractors, Inc. for the Denkinger Road Service Line Lowering Project in an amount of \$287,520, with a change order authority of \$28,752, for a total amount not to exceed of \$316,272.

President Borba asked if anyone wanted to remove an item from the consent calendar to be separately considered. No items were removed for separate consideration.

President Borba asked for Board questions and comments. For Agenda Item No. 4, staff confirmed the WAPA transmission services agreement would not impact the return on investment from the Los Vaqueros Energy Project. For Agenda Item No. 5, staff confirmed the main service line serving the residents within the Denkinger Road Service Line Lowering Project had been evaluated and did not need replacement at this time.

President Borba asked for public comments. No public comments were provided.

MOTION: Boatmun/Holdaway to approve the consent calendar. The motion was moved by voice vote (Ayes: Avila, Boatmun, Borba, Holdaway; Absent: Burgh).

ACTION

6. Adopt recommended positions on AB 953; AB 1924; AB 2093; and SB 996.

Director of Public Affairs Jennifer Allen reported that the District is reviewing approximately 100 bills of potential interest to the District and the Board will be provided updates. Wildfire and de-energization bills are being reviewed to identify potential impacts to funding, air quality, penalties, and oversight. State legislation and recommendations for the Board's consideration were reviewed.

Due to language included in AB 953 regarding accessory dwelling unit applications, permits, and approval, it is recommended for the District to take a *Watch* position. Because AB 1924 focuses on the fees levied on housing development in the form of development fees and impact fees, it is recommended for the District to take a *Watch* position. AB 2093 pertains to retention of all electronic mail for at least two years. The District would like to communicate clarifying language to allow deletion of non-substantive emails to enable effective public records management, and it is recommended for the District to take a *Not Favor* position. Staff reviewed the District's email retention policy, which is part of the Board approved record retention policy. Per the Board's request, it will be provided with the records retention policy guidelines in the Board letter. SB 996 would provide the State Water Board with framework on how to develop recommendations on constituents of emerging concerns. The program outlined would be transparent and scientific approach for the state to more effectively regulate water quality issues. It was recommended to take a *Favor* position.

With regard to federal legislation, the Water Infrastructure Improvements of the Nation Act's language is being updated to allow for bi-partisan support for water storage.

President Borba asked for Board comments and questions. There were no additional Board comments or questions.

President Borba asked for public comments. No public comments were provided.

MOTION: Boatmun/Avila to adopt recommended positions on AB 953; AB 1924; AB 2093; and SB 996. The motion was moved by voice vote (Ayes: Avila, Boatmun, Borba, Holdaway; Absent: Burgh).

REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION

7. Schedule Future Meeting Dates and Times

President Borba said she was invited to attend the California Department of Insurance Round Table Meeting on March 5 featuring the Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara. The Board approved her attendance.

REPORTS

8. General Manager

Mr. Welch reported that the District is preparing to address potential future staffing shortage impacts from the COVID-19 virus. The Bollman Water Treatment Plant is getting ready to go back into full-time service and been used as needed to meet higher water demands from the lack of precipitation and warmer weather. He attended the ACWA 2020 Washington, D.C., Conference and met with Reclamation during the week of February 24-27. On Friday, March 6, the management team will be offsite for its annual retreat, and the Board will be provided an update.

9. Legal Counsel

Mr. Coty reported that the District was named as a plaintiff in a Proposition 218 class action litigation related to use of rate revenues for public fire protection (water to fight fires, hydrants, and similar). This may attract press attention because there are over 80 entities named as defendants in the suit, including seven local entities.

10. Board

Director Boatman did not have a report.

Director Avila reported that he had attended the ACWA 2020 Washington, D.C., Conference on February 25-27.

Vice President Holdaway did not have a report.

President Borba reported that she, along with Director Boatman, had attended the February 21 Other Post-Employment Benefits Committee and Retirement Committee meetings. She met with the General Manager on February 24.

CLOSED SESSION

11. Conference with Real Property Negotiator pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8; Property: Various Parcels comprising the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Expansion Project; CCWD Negotiator: General Manager; Negotiating Party: Various; Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment for Water Storage and Conveyance Capacity.

At 7:09 p.m. President Borba announced the Board would move into a closed session on a matter pertaining to real property negotiations. There will be one additional attendee: Assistant General Manager – Planning and Water Resources Jeff Quimby.

RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION

12. Report on closed session.

At 8:05 p.m. President Borba announced that the Board did not take any reportable action.

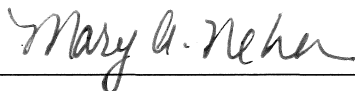
ADJOURNMENT

At 8:06 p.m. President Borba adjourned the meeting. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be on March 18, 2020 commencing at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room located at 1331 Concord Avenue in Concord.



Lisa M. Borba, President

Attest:



Mary A. Neher, District Secretary