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## May 20, 2019 1:30 p.m. Sites Project Authority Minutes

The Sites Project Authority Board of Directors met in Regular Session on May 20, 2019 at the hour of 1:30 p.m. **Directors Present:** Fritz Durst, Chairman, Gary Evans, Don Bransford, Jeff Sutton, Doug Parker, Joe Marsh, Kerry Schmitz, Natalie Wolder, Joshua Alpine. **Directors Absent:** Leigh McDaniel, Gray Allen, Rob Cooke, Don Bader. **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.  
Jamie Traynham, Treasurer & TC-4 District Alternate.  
Kevin Spesert, Rob Thomson, Joe Trapasso, Sites Project Authority.  
Yolanda Tirado, Clerk.

Others Present: Juleah Cordi, Assemblyman Gallagher's Office.  
Ed Horton, PCWA.  
Jeff Herrin, Mike Forrest, Brian Pearson, AECOM.  
Jeriann Alexander, Farid Motamed, Fugro.  
Dave Zuber, Christina Romano, BC.  
Alicia Forsythe, Forsythe Group, LLC.  
Scott Brown, LWA.  
Kim Floyd, KF Comm/Katz & Associates.  
Brian Bullock, PSOMAS.  
Rob Tull, Jacobs.  
Laura Nicholson, Senator Nielsen's Office.  
Logon Dennis, GCID.

Pledge of Allegiance.

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

Chairman Durst asked those present to introduce themselves.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

It was moved by Director Sutton, seconded by Director Marsh to approve the May 20, 2019 Sites Project Authority Agenda, as corrected. Motion carried: All Directors present voted yes.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

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

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Chairman Durst announced Closed Session would be heard after the Regular Meeting as follows:

Conference with legal counsel regarding significant exposure to litigation or adjudicatory proceedings (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and (4)(2 items).

**PERIOD OF PUBLIC 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:**

Chairman Durst provided an update of a meeting with Deputy Secretary of Resources Crowfoot regarding the permitting process. Brief discussion followed with no action taken.

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&B***)

Mr. Watson provided an overview of project activities performed in the month of April 2019, i.e., formally started work on Phase 2, effective April 1, 2019 under the new Reservoir Committee Agreement, work progressing on the business systems and management controls needed to advance environmental permitting and reservoir operations, April 1, 2019 meeting with the Pacific Coast Federated Fisherman's Association regarding water concerns on the Trinity and operations on the Sacramento River, April 2, 2019 met with North State Building Trades and provided a progress update and stated they have been very supportive of the project.

He also stated in the month of May the ACWA conference was held and spoke to matters discussed and meetings held. He noted the AWCA reception was sponsored by the Sites Project consultants (HDR, Brown & Caldwell, Katz & Associates, Jacobs, Fugro, ICF, Bender Rosenthal, AECOM and expressed his appreciation, closure of Phase 1 and effective May 1, 2019 implemented a revised Work Plan which factors in a potential delay in getting WIIN Act funding. Discussion followed with no action taken.

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

Mr. Watson provided an update regarding Proposition 1 WSIP application activities, i.e., finalized the work plan which supports the early funding agreement.

Mr. Trapasso provided an update regarding the invoicing process. Discussion followed with no action taken.

- 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 of ongoing Reclamation activities as follows: Reclamation MP Region staff continue to support development of the environmental assessment and initial study for the Feasibility Geotechnical Investigation, Deputy Commissioner Polumbo will be in Sacramento on May 21, 2019 and Reclamation's continued support of the project. Brief discussion followed with no action taken.

5. 2019 FINANCE & BUDGET AD HOC COMMITTEE:

- 5.1 Accept the Treasurer's Report. (**Attachment 5-1A**)

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

- 5.3 Consider approval of the revised 2019 Work Plan as presented in summary form for inclusion to the revised 2019 Reservoir Project Agreement's, Exhibit B. (**Attachment 5-3A**)

Mr. Watson provided an update on the revised 2019 Work Plan. He stated the Reservoir Committee discussed the work plan at their May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting but felt they needed to discuss it further before making a recommendation to the Authority Board. Brief discussion followed with no action taken.

- 5.4 Consider approval of the disbursement of the Reservoir Committee's Phase 1 unspent funds and associated revision to the remaining balance of contributed credit. (**Attachment 4-4 A, B&C**)

**Action:** It was moved by Director Marsh, seconded by Director Schmitz to approve disbursement of the Reservoir Committee's Phase 1 unspent funds and associated revision to the remaining balance of contributed credit. Motion carried: All Directors present voted yes.

6. 2019 RESERVOIR COMMITTEE:

- 6.1 Report on the May 17, 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 May 17, 2019 Phase 2 (2019) Reservoir Committee meeting. Discussion followed with no action taken.

- 6.2 Consider approval of the Early Funding Agreement with the California Water Commission (CWC) and authorize the General Manager to sign the Agreement. **(Attachment 6-2A)**

**Action:** It was moved by Director Sutton, seconded by Director Alpine to approve the Sites Reservoir Project Water Storage Investment Program-Early Funding Agreement with the California Water Commission (CWC) and authorized the General Manager to sign. Motion carried: All Directors present voted yes.

- 6.3 Consider approval to cancel the section of RFQ No. 18-04 that is applicable to Service Area H: Engineering Services and proceed with a new RFQ for Service Area H.

**Action:** It was moved by Director Schmitz, seconded by Director Bransford to cancel the section of RFQ No. 18-04 that is applicable to Service Area H: Engineering Services and proceed with a new RFQ for Service Area H. Motion carried: All Directors present voted yes.

7. 2019 POLICY & GOVERNANCE AD HOC COMMITTEE:

- 7.1 Consider approval of a contract with Forsythe Group, LLC for Environmental Planning and Permitting (EPP) Manager Services. **(Attachment 7-1A)**

**Action:** It was moved by Director Sutton, seconded by Director Bransford to approve a contract with Forsythe Group, LLC for Environmental Planning and Permitting (EPP) Manager Services, effective June 1, 2019 and authorized the General Manager to sign. Motion carried: All Directors present voted yes.

- 7.2 Consider approval of a delegation to the Reservoir Committee's Ad Hoc Environmental & Permitting Work Group to approve and publish the revised Draft Initial Study and related permit applications for the North of Delta Off-stream Storage/Sites Reservoir Feasibility Geotechnical Investigation.

Consider approval of the expenditure of funds needed to submit the necessary permit applications for the North of Delta Off-stream Storage/Sites Reservoir Feasibility Geotechnical Investigation.

**Action:** It was moved by Director Bransford, seconded by Director Sutton to delegate authority to the Reservoir Committee's Coordinating Committee/ Ad Hoc Environmental & Permitting Work Group to approve and publish the revised Draft Initial Study and related permit applications for the North of Delta Off-stream Storage/Sites Reservoir Feasibility Geotechnical Investigation **and** further approve expenditure of funds needed to submit the necessary permit applications for the North of Delta Off-stream Storage/Sites Reservoir Feasibility Geotechnical Investigation. Motion carried: All Directors presents voted yes.

8. 2019 LEGISLATIVE & OUTREACH AD HOC COMMITTEE:

Director Sutton updated the Authority Board members on Senator Feinstein's letter in support of Governor Newsom's single pipeline tunnel project, support of Colorado Senator Gardner's water infrastructure bill and WIIN

Acting funding.

- 8.1 Consider approval of a delegation to the 2019 Ad Hoc Legislative & Outreach Committee for the approval and release of the Federal Advocacy Services RFQ.

**Action:** It was moved by Director Sutton, seconded by Director Schmitz to approve a delegation to the 2019 Ad Hoc Legislative & Outreach committee for the approval and release of the Federal Advocacy Services RFQ. Motion carried: All Directors present voted yes.

9. 2019 LAND MANAGMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE:

- 9.1 Consider approval of the Sites Project Authority Real Property & Land Management Policy (**Attachment 9-1A**).

**Action:** It was moved by Director Evans, seconded by Director Marsh to approve the Sites Project Authority Real Property and Land Management Policy. Motion carried: All Directors present voted yes, with the exception of Director Parker who abstained.

**RECESS:**

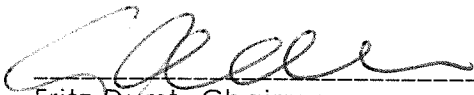
Chairman Durst declared a recess at 2:35 p.m. to convene into Closed Session, adjourned Closed Session at 3:13 p.m., and reconvened into Regular Session.

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION:**

Chairman Durst stated as to conference with legal counsel regarding significant exposure to litigation or adjudicatory proceedings (Government code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and (4)(2 items), there was no reportable action taken.

Chairman Durst stated he would not be attending the June 24, 2019 Sites Project Authority Board meeting.

Chairman Durst adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m., to reconvene on June 24, 2019 at the hour of 9:00 a.m.



Fritz Durst, Chairman



Yolanda Tirado, Clerk