

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SEMITROPIC, BUTTONWILLOW, POND-POSO AND
WILDLIFE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS OF
SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

Convened at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday
June 7, 2017

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Wegis on Wednesday, June 7, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. at the offices of the District, 1101 Central Avenue, Wasco, CA 93280.

Directors Present: Phil Portwood, Tim Thomson, Tom Toretta, Todd Tracy,
Dan Waterhouse and Fredrick A. Wegis;

Directors Absent: Jeff Fabbri;

Others Present: General Manager, Jason Gianquinto;
District Controller, Bobby Salinas;
District Engineer, Isela Medina;
Staff Engineer, Craig Wallace;
District Contract Administrator, Becky Ortiz;
District Executive Secretary, Marsha Payne;
District Consultant, Will Boschman; and,
Various District Landowners and Representatives, including
John Etchamendy, Sim Baath, Dale Arthur, Terry Chicca, Brent Starrh,
Keith Starrh, Pete Romanini, Mike Goyenette, Jim Grundt, Chris Grundt,
Curtis Creel, Ted Page, Larry Frey, Noe Gonzales, Arnoldo Barajas, Mark
Palla and John Wedel.

President Wegis welcomed all guests and self-introductions were made.

Update and Discussion on Cal Water Fix

General Manager, Jason Gianquinto, reported that Governor Brown made a recent announcement that he wants the Delta tunnel project to get done! Known as the Cal WaterFix, the \$15 billion project consists of building two 40-foot diameter tunnels 30 miles long to move Sacramento River water south from the Delta to the rest of the State.

Representatives from Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Westlands Water District and the Kern County Water Agency, along with agencies from the Silicon Valley and East Bay, must decide by September whether they are in or out and whether they'll pay their proportionate share.

The Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) holds the Master Agreement for Kern County water agencies and has requested that each agency's Board give an indication soon on its plan for participation. Curtis Creel, General Manager of KCWA, reported that all the environmental documentation has been done. Changes have been made on the environmental assessments and permits which may allow more conveyance. The Agency's share of cost is 24% of the State Water Projects share of the California Water Fix, or approximately \$1.8 Billion to \$2.4 Billion depending. Semitropic's share will be \$287 million to \$376 Million with an annual cost, assuming simple project financing, between \$14 to \$18 Million per year. Metropolitan Water District will carry about 47% of State Water Projects Share of the California Water Fix costs at approximately \$3.5 Billion.

Further discussion followed. The Board stated that there will be continued regular meetings with landowners on water management issues.

Adjournment

At 6:45 p.m. President Wegis adjourned the meeting. No action was taken by the Board. The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Todd Tracy, Secretary

APPROVED:

/s/ Fredrick A. Wegis, President