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

Convened at 12:04 a.m. on Thursday February 28, 2024 at 12:04 pm

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by President Waterhouse on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 12.04 p.m., at the offices of the District, 1101 Central Avenue, Wasco, California.

Directors Present:

Dan Waterhouse, Todd Tracy, Tim Thomson, Tom Toretta, David

Daniel, Jeff Fabbri, and Philip Portwood

Directors Absent:

None

Others Present:

General Manager, Jason Gianquinto

District Engineer, Isela Medina District Controller, Bobby Salinas

District Contract Administrator, Becky Ortiz

District Secretary, Laura Gage

District's Legal Counsel, Steve Torigiani

President Waterhouse opened the meeting, welcomed all guests. Attendance was taken and recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

At 12:05 p.m. President Waterhouse adjourned the Regular Board meeting, and it was reported that there was a need for the Board to reconvene in closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

At 12:05 p.m. District's legal counsel, Steve Torigiani, stated that a closed session was needed to discuss various closed session matters, including reporting on the following items of pending and anticipated litigation:

- a. Conference with legal counsel Re: Litigation (Govt. Code § 54956.9(d)
- Various applications filed for Kings River Water by Semitropic WSD, et al.; Petition for Change of Points of Diversion, etc. (License 11521) filed by Kings River Water Assn.; and related matters and proceedings, before the State Water Resources Control Bd.
- Cal. Dep't of Water Res. v. All Persons Interested, "Complaint for Validation" Re: SWP Contract Extension Amendment, Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 34-2018-00246183, Third Appellate District, Case No. C096316
- 3) State of CA Dept. of Trans. v. Semitropic WSD, Kern County Superior Court, Case No. BCV-19- 100326
- 4) State v. Pond Poso Improvement District of Semitropic Water Storage District,

- Kern County Superior Court, Case No. BCV-19-100786
- 5) Sierra Club v. California Department of Water Resources (DWR), etc. Re: Consolidated CEQA Case and "Complaint for Validation" Re: Delta Program Revenue Bonds, Sacramento County Superior Court, Case No. 34-2020-80003517
- 6) Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District v. Kern County Water Agency, et al., Kern County Superior Court, Case No. BCV-21-100418
- 7) KWBA, et al. v. Kern LAFCo, et al., Kern County Sup. Ct., Case No. BCV-21-101310
- 8) Semitropic Water Storage Dist. v. The Dow Chemical Co., et al., Kern County Sup. Ct., Case No.

 BCV-21-102528
- 9) Macut v. Wabash National, et al., Kern County Superior Court, Case No. BCV-22-100318
- **b.** Conference with Legal Counsel Re: Anticipated Litigation: Possible exposure to litigation pursuant Gov't Code § 54956.9(d)(2).
- 1) Two Potential Cases.
- c. Conference with Legal Counsel Re: Anticipated Litigation: Possible initiation of litigation pursuant to Govt. Code § 54956.9(d)(4)
- Two Potential Cases.
- d. Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Govt. Code § 54956.8)

District's Designated Representative: General Manager Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

- 1) Property: State Water Project Supplies
 - a. Negotiation With: California Department of Water Resources, Kern County Water Agency and its Member Units, And State Water Contractors
- 2) Property: Acquisition of Water Supplies
 - a. Negotiation with: Multiple sellers
- 3) Property: Various
 - a. Negotiation with: Nuveen

At 2:40 p.m. the Board reconvened to open session.

President Waterhouse stated that several items were discussed but no reportable action was taken in closed session.

Adjournment

At 2:41 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by President Waterhouse.

APPROVED:

Todd Tracy, Secretary

Daniel Waterhouse, President