

SOUTH BAY IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

January 19, 2023

The Board of Directors of South Bay Irrigation District held a Special meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2023. Pursuant to provisions provided for by Assembly Bill 361, this meeting was held via teleconference. President Martinez-Perez called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

*(*Note: After calling the meeting to order, President Martinez-Perez stated that, due to technical issues identified by the District following the January 11, 2023 regular Board meeting, all of the items from that meeting were rescheduled for this meeting out of an abundance of caution and that any written public comments submitted for the January 11th meeting would be read as part of this meeting. President Martinez-Perez also established for the record that all Directors were able to hear the proceedings, that all members of the Board were able to hear the Directors participating by teleconference clearly, and that all votes would be taken by a roll call vote pursuant to the provisions of the Brown Act. President Martinez-Perez further established for the record the process by which public comments would be received by the Board, which process was also described in the Agenda for the meeting.)*

• **ROLL CALL**

Directors Present: Josie Calderon-Scott, Steve Castaneda, *Manny Delgado (7:11 p.m.), Hector Martinez, and Paulina Martinez-Perez.

Directors Absent: None

Others Present: General Manager Carlos Quintero, Legal Counsel Nicholaus Norvell, and Assistant Board Secretary Michael Garcia. Staff present: Director of Finance Rich Stevenson, and Director of Administrative Services Dina Yorba. Others present: Greg Cox, John Earl, Gabe Gutierrez, and Raul Tellez.

ACTION AGENDA

1. Findings to Continue Holding Remote/Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361

Director Martinez made a motion, seconded by Director Castaneda, that the Board make the following findings:

- 1) The Governor-declared COVID-19 State of Emergency remains in effect and the Board has reconsidered the circumstances of the COVID-19 State of Emergency; and
- 2) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing; and
- 3) For the next thirty (30) days, the meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held pursuant to the provisions of Government Code section 54953(e), allowing legislative

body members and members of the public to participate in meetings remotely in accordance with that section.

The motion carried unanimously.

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

- **PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Earl commented on the sound in the Board room; thanked the Board for cancelling and redoing the January 11, 2023 Board meeting; the allowances and limits of AB 361 and AB 2449 and offered suggestions for future meeting formats.

- **PRESIDENT'S PRESENTATION**

2. ITEMS TO BE ADDED, WITHDRAWN, OR REORDERED ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting of December 14, 2022

Director Martinez made a motion, seconded by Director Castaneda, that the Board approve the minutes of the December 14, 2022 Regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS AND WARRANTS

Director Castaneda made a motion, seconded by Vice President Calderon-Scott, that the Board approve warrants 12041 through 12047. The motion carried unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment to Fill Vacancy in Board of Directors Division 3

Below are the public comments for this agenda item from the January 11, 2023 meeting:

David Bejarano submitted written comments encouraging the Board to support the appointment of Raul Tellez to fill the vacancy for Division 3, which were read onto the record by the Secretary pursuant to the Authority's established process for public comments.

The Board of Directors interviewed the following applicants for the Division 3 vacancy: Greg Cox, Manny Delgado, Gabe Gutierrez, and Raul Tellez.

President Martinez-Perez called a recess at 6:04 p.m. The meeting resumed at 6:09 p.m.

Director Martinez made a motion, seconded by Director Castaneda, that the Board select Manny Delgado to fill the vacancy for Division 3.

Vice-President Calderon-Scott made a substitute motion, seconded by President Martinez-Perez, that the Board select Gabe Gutierrez to fill the vacancy for Division 3.

The Board concurred to withdraw both motions on the floor and have a discussion.

Director Martinez made a motion, seconded by Director Castaneda, that the Board select Manny Delgado to fill the vacancy for Division 3. The motion carried unanimously.

President Martinez-Perez called a recess at 7:06 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:10 p.m.

New Director Manny Delgado was sworn-in as Director for Division 3 of the South Bay Irrigation District. *(Note: Director Delgado entered the meeting at 7:11 p.m.)*

- B. Consideration of Replacement of the South Bay Irrigation District Representative to the San Diego County Water Authority's Board of Directors, and Adoption of Resolution 652, Approving the Designation and Appointment as Representative to the San Diego County Water Authority

Upon a motion by Vice President Calderon-Scott, seconded by Director Martinez, the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 652

APPROVING THE DESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT OF STEVE CASTANEDA AS REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY FROM JANUARY 19, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

was passed and adopted by the following vote to wit:

Ayes: Directors Calderon-Scott, Castaneda, Delgado, Martinez, and Martinez-Perez

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

6. APPROVAL OF DIRECTORS' ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

REPORTS AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7. NOVEMBER 2022 FINANCIAL REPORTS

The report was provided for information only.

8. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS ON EVENTS ATTENDED

A. Other Events Attended

There were none.

9. REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

There was none.

10. REPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL

There was none.

11. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Vice President Calderon-Scott commented about her excitement for new leadership going in this new year and is looking forward to a strong, hardworking agenda.

Director Martinez congratulated Director Manny Delgado on his appointment to the South Bay Irrigation District.

Director Castaneda thanked the Board for their support on his appointment to the SDCWA; and welcomed and congratulated Director Delgado on his appointment to the Board.

Director Delgado thanked the Board for its vote of confidence and he looks forward to working with other Directors, staff, and the community to get work done.

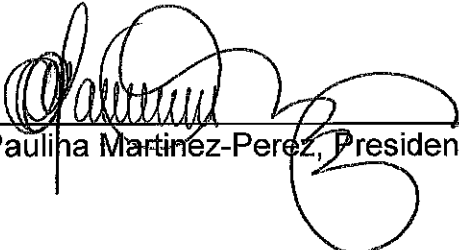
President Martinez-Perez thanked the Board for their work during the appointment process; and welcomed Director Delgado.

12. CLOSED SESSION

There was none.


13. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, President Martinez-Perez adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.



Paulina Martinez-Perez, President

Attest:



Michael Garcia, Assistant Board Secretary