

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LA HABRA HEIGHTS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
July 26, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of La Habra Heights County Water District ("District") was held on July 26, 2022, at 4:03 p.m., by telecommunication and in person.

Item 1. Roll call of Directors by Secretary/General Manager, Michael Gualtieri.

PRESENT: Directors Cooke and Crabb, in District office. Director Baroldi, McVicar and Perumean, by telecommunication.

ABSENT: None

Item 2. Staff members and others present. Staff: Michael Gualtieri, Secretary/General Manager and Joe Matthews, Superintendent, in office. Others present Michael Silander, Attorney, in office.

Item 3. Public Communications – None

Item 4. Directors Report –

Director Cooke indicated the Well 12 sub-committee meet with the consultants to discuss Well 12.

Item 5.a.b. & c. Minutes of Regular meeting for June 28, 2022, Financial Reports for June 2022 and Status of Investments, June 2022. After discussion, there was a motion by Director McVicar and seconded by Director Perumean to approve the minutes, financials and status of investments. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Directors Baroldi, Cooke, Crabb, McVicar and Perumean
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Item 6. Approval of warrants and authorize signatures per warrant list. After discussion, there was a motion made by Director McVicar and seconded by Director Crabb that the warrant numbers 45400 through 45453 in the amount of \$288,540.31 and EFT transfers in the amount of \$11,646.73 be approved and signatures be authorized. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Directors Baroldi, Cooke, Crabb, McVicar and Perumean
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Item 7. Report of Superintendent. The Superintendent informed that as a temporary repair Ultra Welding welded over a small leak on our La Mirada Reservoir. Harper and Associates will perform underwater installation of an epoxy coating on the

inside to replace any coating that may have come off during the welding process.

Ms. Belleau at 513 Avocado Crest reported that she had air in her line. She informed me that the suspected air appeared around 7 a.m. She told me the air was gone by the time she contacted the District. I informed Ms. Belleau we still would flush the line and check for air. We found no air in the air vent or her meter service line when we flushed them. I also informed her we found no problems with our pumping trends that would indicate a problem and she seemed satisfied with my answer.

We have been experiencing problems with our communications with SCADA for the past three months. We have been diligently working with our providers Emerson and Verizon to correct these issues. Unfortunately, this has caused our 10A reservoir to overflow three times and we were not notified because the system was down. Two of the three times customers reported the overflow, and we found the third. There has been no property damage with each of these occurrences.

The District is in contact with Verizon Wireless on a continual basis to try and resolve the issues. However, they have yet to find a solution for the problem. On July 19, 2022, Emerson re-programmed our SCADA system to send an alarm notification whenever there is a total communication failure in the network. The previous program which sent out alarms, would send the alarm if we had partial communication failure. This meant SCADA would not be able to talk port-to-port and to the main terminal, which is the office. Under the old program, if port-to-port communication were working when we did not have communication at the main terminal, it would still turn off and on pumps when needed. Our system worked well under that program. Once Verizon and/or Emerson can figure out the issues we hope to go back to the old programming. Due to this new programming our on-call person will receive more calls and the District will pay more overtime.

Currently, our on-call person is manually logging in to check levels and pumps at 9:00 p.m. and making appropriate changes as needed. If the system is down, they will physically check the reservoir levels to make those decisions.

TPX, our landline circuit provider, will give a quote to replace the wireless connections at 10A and Snooks Reservoirs. TPX currently provides our landline communications to Vigil reservoir but is having trouble providing a replacement for Frontier Communications which is no longer supporting their line at Vigil reservoir. Our rep at TPX said the delay in receiving a quote for 10A and Snooks reservoirs stem from the same problem with Frontier. Old phone lines have caused TPX several communication failures in the past and has caused more overtime than our wireless system with Verizon.

Item 8.a. Discuss and Adopt – Resolution 22-11, re: the proclamation of a local emergency, ratification of a state-wide emergency, and authorization of remote teleconference board meetings. After discussion, there was a motion by Director Cooke and seconded by Director Crabb to approve Resolution 22-11. The vote was as follows:

AYES:	Directors Baroldi, Cooke, Crabb, McVicar and Perumean
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None

Item 8.b. Discuss and Approve – Plant 6 generator transfer switch. After discussion,

there was a motion by Director Crabb and seconded by Director Baroldi to approve proposal for Plant 6 generator transfer switch for \$31,055.00 to GJR Electirc. The vote was as follows:


AYES: Directors Baroldi, Cooke, Crabb, McVicar and Perumean
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Item 9. Closed Session: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION: In re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability. Case No. 2:18-mn-2873-RMG, pending in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, Charleston Division. Discussion of existing litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9, paragraph (1) of subdivision (d). No reportable action was taken.

Item 10. There being no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Director Cooke and seconded by Director McVicar that the meeting be adjourned at 5:22 p.m. The vote was as follows:

AYES: Directors Baroldi, Cooke, Crabb, McVicar and Perumean
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Dated: August 23, 2022



Brad Cooke, President

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Michael Gualtieri, Secretary