

# CALAVERAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT Legal Affairs Committee Meeting

# MINUTES AUGUST 6, 2024

The following Committee Members were present:

Director Davidson\*
Director Ratterman

#### Staff Present:

Michael Minkler, General Manager
Kate Jesus, Human Resources Technician
Kelly Gerkensmeyer, External Affairs Manager
John Coleman, Water Resources Manager
Mark Rincon-Ibarra, District Engineer\*
Bana Rouson-Gedese, Water Resources Specialist\*
Haley Arola, Engineering Coordinator\*
Tiffany Burke, Operations Administrative Technician\*

#### Others Present:

Mia O'Connell, O'Connell & Dempsey\* Kylie Wright, ACWA State Relations Analyst

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### **CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### 1. ROLL CALL

Director Ratterman called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m. Director Davidson was unable to attend the meeting in person. His participation was conducted virtually, and his attendance was primarily for informational purposes only.

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3a Approval of Minutes for the June 6, 2024, Committee Meeting (Rebecca Hitchcock, Clerk to the Board)

The approval of the minutes was tabled to the next committee meeting.

<sup>\*</sup>Attended Virtually

## 4. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

#### 4a Federal Legislative Update

(Mia O'Connell, O'Connell & Dempsey and Michael Minkler, General Manager)

- Army Corps of Engineers' Discussions
- FY 2025 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill and Other Appropriations Bills
- Addition Federal Updates

**<u>DISCUSSION:</u>** Mia O'Connell, O'Connell & Dempsey gave an update on Federal Affairs and responded to questions from the Committee.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was heard.

#### 4b State Legislative Update

(Kelly Gerkensmeyer, External Affairs Manager)

- SB1255 Public Water Systems: Needs Analysis: Water Rate Assistance Program (Kylie Wright, ACWA State Relations Analyst)
- Climate Resiliency Bond
- SB 1088 Cal OES: State Matching Funds: Water System Infrastructure Improvements
- AB 2257 Local Government Property-related Water and Sewer Fees and Assessments: Remedies
- AB 1827 Local Government: Fees and Charges: Water: Higher Consumptive Water Parcels
- SB 1072 Local Government: Proposition 218 Remedies
- AB 173 Transportation Budget Trailer Bill

<u>DISCUSSION:</u> Kylie Wright, ACWA State Relations Analyst, gave an update on SB1255 Public Water Systems and responded to questions from the Committee.

**<u>DISCUSSION:</u>** Kelly Gerkensmeyer gave a update on other State Legislation and responded to questions from the Committee.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comment was given by Ralph Copeland.

#### 5. GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS

Michael Minkler had nothing additional to report.

# 6. <u>DIRECTOR COMMENTS OR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS</u>

<u>Director Ratterman</u> would like a Federal update on the Bureau of Reclamation and the Washington, D.C trip.

## 7. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

# 8. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Hitchcock

Clerk to the Board