



Scott Alvord – Roseville (*Vice Chair*)
Bonnie Gore – Placer County (*Chair*)
Shanti Landon – Placer County
Pauline Roccucci - Roseville
James Williams – SPMUD

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING January 25, 2024

The regular meeting of the South Placer Wastewater Authority Board of Directors was called to order at 9:30 a.m. at the City of Roseville Corporation Yard, 2005 Hilltop Circle, Roseville, CA.

Directors Present:

Scott Alvord
Bonnie Gore
Shanti Landon
Pauline Roccucci
James Williams

Staff Present:

Osman Mufti, JPA Counsel
Richard Plecker, Executive Director
Dennis Kauffman, Chief Financial Officer
Pam Walsh, Board Secretary

Roll Call

Present: Alvord, Gore, Landon, Roccucci, Williams
Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Gore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions

The following were in attendance: Bryan Buchanan, Tracie Mueller, Archana Wagley, Teri Quinlan, Dennis Kauffman, Devin Whittington, Keith Schmidt, Brett Kihara, Lori Capasso, Trent Johnson, Jeremy Snyder, George Hanson, Joe Speaker, and Inderpreet Chaggar from the City of Roseville; Kevin Bell and Robin Mahoney from Placer County, Will Dickinson, Herb Niederberger, Erik Nielson and, Carie Huff from SPMUD, Habib Isaac from IB Consulting; Bill Halldin from Rocklin City Council, Jeff Short from State Building Industry Association, and George Phillips from Phillips Land Law, Inc.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

A vote was taken as follows:

MOTION by Director Roccucci, seconded by Director Gore, to elect Director Alvord as Chair.

Vote: Ayes: Alvord, Gore, Landon, Roccucci, Williams
 Nos: None
 Absent: None

No public comments were received on this item.

MOTION by Director Roccucci, seconded by Director Gore, to elect Director Landon as Vice-Chair (Resolution 24-01).

Vote: Ayes: Alvord, Gore, Landon, Roccucci, Williams
 Nos: None
 Absent: None

No public comments were received on this item.

Approval of Minutes, June 29, 2023

A vote was taken as follows:

MOTION by Director Williams, seconded by Director Roccucci, to approve the June 29, 2023, minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Alvord, Gore, Landon, Roccucci, Williams
 Nos: None
 Absent: None

Old Business Items

None

Appointment of SPWA Executive Director

A vote was taken as follows:

MOTION by Director Alvord, seconded by Director Roccucci, to elect Richard Plecker as Executive Director of the South Placer Wastewater Authority (Resolution 24-01).

Vote: Ayes: Alvord, Gore, Landon, Roccucci, Williams
 Nos: None
 Absent: None

No public comments were received on this item.

New Business Items

1. Resolution: Approval of Updated Authority Schedule of Regular Meeting Dates

Executive Director Richard Plecker recommended that the South Placer Wastewater Authority (SPWA) Board adopt the resolution updating the Authority’s regular meeting dates annually, by tradition in January of each year. Staff is also recommending an additional two meetings (for a total of four meetings annually) to be scheduled quarterly.

There was a request by the Directors to have Pam Walsh, Board Secretary, poll the Directors for their availability to determine future meeting dates in June 2024 and September 2024 due to existing conflicts in schedules.

MOTION by Director Landon, seconded by Director Gore, to update the Authority’s regular meeting date of April 22, 2024, (Resolution 2024-02).

Vote: Ayes: Alvord, Gore, Landon, Roccucci, Williams
 Nos: None
 Absent: None

No public comments were received on this item.

2. Resolution: Inflation Reduction Act Overview – Blanket Authority

Chief Financial Officer, Dennis Kauffman, provided information regarding potential tax credits that SPWA may be eligible for under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. Under the act, certain biogas and other types of energy-related projects (similar to the projects recently completed at the Pleasant Grove Wastewater Treatment Plant) may be eligible for tax credits. As a local government, the Act provides direct pay tax credits, which would require the Authority to file annual tax returns.

The IRS has established the website to pre-register for the tax credit program. Mr. Kauffman is asking the Directors to delegate authority to the Chief Financial Officer to take the actions necessary to pursue and apply for any tax credits the Authority may be eligible to receive under the Inflation Reduction Act and to take any related and necessary actions to complete such filings.

MOTION by Director Williams, seconded by Director Alvord, to delegate the Authority’s Chief Financial Officer the authority to investigate and, if eligible, pursue and file for such tax credits on behalf of the Authority (Resolution 2024-03).

Vote: Ayes: Alvord, Gore, Landon, Roccucci, Williams
 Nos: None
 Absent: None

No Public Comments were received on this item.

3. Information: Capital Improvement Projects Update

Tracie Mueller, Principal Engineer for the City of Roseville, provided an update on five Wastewater Capital Improvement projects, including the Treatment Plant Capacity Analysis, the Dry Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Capacity Expansion Project, the Equivalent

Dwelling Unit Evaluation, the Pleasant Grove Wastewater Treatment Plant Electrical Capacity Expansion Project, and the Pleasant Grove Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Energy Recovery Projects.

Director Landon asked if there was a possibility that the Equivalent Dwelling Unit Evaluation would be completed prior to the June SPWA meeting. Mrs. Mueller responded, if the existing effort is not complete, she will provide updates at the April SPWA meeting.

No Public Comments were received on this item.

4. Resolution: Authorization to Approve Funding for the Inflation Reduction Act Support Project

Bryan Buchanan, Wastewater Utility Manager for the City of Roseville, requested authorization to approve a new project, the Inflation Reduction Act Support Project, in the amount of \$100,000, to allow staff to contract with appropriate firms to determine if the Authority is eligible for federal tax credits under the new Inflation Reduction Act.

MOTION by Director Williams, seconded by Director Roccucci, to approve a Project for Inflation Reduction Act Support (the "Project") with an overall Project budget of \$100,000 (Resolution 2024-04).

Vote: Ayes: Alvord, Gore, Landon, Roccucci, Williams
 Nos: None
 Absent: None

No Public Comments were received on this item.

5. Resolution: Approve Funding for the Dry Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations and Laboratory Building Project

Mr. Buchanan requested authorization to approve a new project titled the Dry Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations and Laboratory Building with a total project budget of \$12,300,000.

Directed Williams stated the firm involved with this project was his former architecture firm; however, he has been completely divested for ten years and has no financial interest or conflict.

MOTION by Director Williams, seconded by Director Alvord, to approve a Capital Improvement Project for the Dry Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations and Laboratory Building Project (the "Project") with an overall Project budget of \$12,300,000 (Resolution 2024-05).

Vote: Ayes: Alvord, Gore, Landon, Roccucci, Williams
 Nos: None
 Absent: None

No Public Comments were received on this item.

6. Resolution: Approve Funding for the Corridors Trunk Sewer Capacity Improvement Project

Mr. Buchanan requested authorization to approve a new project titled Corridors Trunk Sewer Capacity Improvement Project with a total project budget of \$5,400,000 to correct future capacity deficiencies in two regional trunk sewers along Cirby Creek.

Director Gore requested, in the future, she would appreciate a spreadsheet which shows a summary of the projects, the cost of the projects, and how the projects are being funded. Executive Director Plecker said staff will be pleased to accommodate this request at future meetings.

MOTION by Director Landon, seconded by Director Williams, to approve a Capital Improvement Project for the Corridors Trunk Sewer Capacity Improvement Project (the "Project") with a Project budget of \$5,400,000 (Resolution 2024-06).

Vote: Ayes: Alvord, Gore, Landon, Rocucci, Williams
 Nos: None
 Absent: None

No Public Comments were received on this item.

7. Resolution: Approve Pleasant Grove Wastewater Treatment Plant Maintenance Administration and Shop Building Project Budget Adjustment

Mr. Buchanan requested authorization to approve a budget adjustment for the Pleasant Grove Wastewater Treatment Plant Maintenance Administration and Shop Building Project in the amount of \$350,000 to complete the full design of the project.

MOTION by Director Rocucci, seconded by Director Alvord, to approve a budget adjustment to the Capital Improvement Project for the Pleasant Grove Wastewater Treatment Plant Maintenance Administration and Shop Building Project (the "Project") with a Project budget adjustment of \$350,000 resulting in an overall Project budget of \$1,100,000 (Resolution 2024-07).

Vote: Ayes: Alvord, Gore, Landon, Rocucci, Williams
 Nos: None
 Absent: None

No Public Comments were received on this item.

8. Resolution: Approve Pleasant Grove Wastewater Treatment Plant Ultraviolet (UV) Disinfection System Addition Project Budget Adjustment

Mr. Buchanan requested authorization to approve a budget adjustment for the Pleasant Grove Wastewater Treatment Plant Ultraviolet (UV) Disinfection Additional Project in the amount of \$350,000 for a total budget amount of \$7,320,000 due to schedule delays and small needed modifications to the design.

MOTION by Director Landon, seconded by Director Williams, to approve a budget adjustment to the Capital Improvement Project for the Pleasant Grove Wastewater Treatment Plant UV Disinfection System Addition Project (the "Project") with a Project budget adjustment of \$350,000 resulting in an overall Project budget of \$7,320,000 (Resolution 2024-08).

Vote: Ayes: Alvord, Gore, Landon, Roccucci, Williams
 Nos: None
 Absent: None

No Public Comments were received on this item.

9. Resolution: Approve Old Auburn Trunk Sewer and Lift Station Improvements Update Budget Adjustment

Mr. Buchanan requested authorization to approve a budget adjustment for the Old Auburn Blvd. Trunk Sewer and Lift Station Improvements Project in the amount of \$1,300,000 for a total budget amount of \$4,900,000 to provide sufficient budget for the remainder of the Project (the pipe bursting portion of the project).

MOTION by Director Roccucci, seconded by Director Williams, to approve a budget adjustment to the Capital Improvement Project for the Olds Auburn Boulevard Trunk Sewer and Lift Station Project (the "Project") with a Project budget adjustment of \$1,300,000 resulting in an overall Project budget of \$4,900,000 (Resolution 2024-09).

Vote: Ayes: Alvord, Gore, Landon, Roccucci, Williams
 Nos: None
 Absent: None

No Public Comments were received on this item.

10. Information: Capacity Fee Update

Devin Whittington, Environmental Utilities Assistant Director for the City of Roseville, and Habib Isacc, from IB Consulting, LLC provided an update on the Capacity Fee Analysis (Nexus Study). Assumptions were based on growth through fiscal year 2060.

This item will be discussed with staff from the partnering agencies and a fee recommendation will be brought to the Board at the following meeting in April.

Public Comments were received by Bill Halldin (Rocklin City Council) and Jeff Short (State Building Industry Association).

11. Information: Discussion Regarding SPWA Funding Agreement and Implementation of a Fee Deferral Program for Affordable Housing

SPWA Counsel, Osman Mufti, discussed the request of Board Member, Bonnie Gore, to amend the SPWA Funding Agreement to allow for fee deferrals for affordable housing projects.

Mr. Mufti explained, the current Funding Agreement currently allows fee deferrals to be the decision of each individual member agency. In order to change the structure, the Funding Agreement between all parties would need to be amended. This would require a unanimous written agreement from each participant member agency's governing body.

It was decided this item should be discussed within each of the member agencies to decide if this is something they would like to move forward with.

Public Comment was received by George Phillips (Phillips Land Law, Inc.), Jeff Short (State Building Industry Association), Joe Speaker (City of Roseville), and Bryan Buchanan (City of Roseville).

12. Information: Receive and File Items

The following items were on the agenda as Receive and File items:

- Regional Connection Fee Report
- Investment Review
- Debt Review

There were no questions or comments from the Directors.

No Public Comment was received on these items.

Reports/Comments – Board Members/Staff

Executive Director Plecker commented, with succession planning, the Board will see more incoming staff present at the SPWA Board meetings.

Director Williams thanked staff for increasing the number of Board meetings annually.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm



Scott Alvord
Chair



Pamela Walsh
Secretary to the Board