

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, November 19th, 2020

2:00 PM

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Authority (DCA) Board of Directors was called to order remotely - Conference Access Information: Phone Number: (916)262-7278 Access Code: 1480542176# <https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1480542176>.

2. ROLL CALL

Board members in attendance were Richard Atwater, Tony Estremera, Sarah Palmer, and Steve Blois constituting a quorum of the Board.

DCA staff members in attendance were Kathryn Mallon, Joshua Nelson, Nazli Parvizi, Phil Ryan, and Katano Kasaine.

DWR staff member in attendance was Carrie Buckman.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Richard Atwater convened the open session at approximately 2:01 p.m. and led all present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

President Atwater opened Public Comment, limiting speaking time to three minutes each.

No public comment request were received for non-agendized items.

President Atwater closed Public Comment.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and October 26, 2020 Special Board Meeting

Recommendation: Approve the October 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and October 26, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Move to Approve Minutes from October 15, 2020 and October 26, 2020 as

Noted: Palmer

Second: Estremera

Yeas: Estremera, Palmer, Blois, Atwater

Nays: None

Abstains: None
Recusals: None
Absent: None
Summary: 4 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 0 Absent. (Motion passed as MO 20-11-01).

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. DCA FY 20/21 Budget Amendment

Recommended Action: Motion to Approve Budget Amendment

Ms. Mallon proposed the DCA annual budget for the current fiscal year be reduced from 34M to 27M. Once approved by the Board, the DCA will take the steps to modify the budget in our reporting and modify contracts accordingly.

Ms. Palmer commended the DCA for the efforts made in trimming the budget.

Motion to Adopt the DCAFY 20/21 Budget Amendment

as Noted: Estremera
Second: Palmer
Yeas: Estremera, Atwater, Palmer, Blois
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Recusals: None
Absent: None
Summary: 4 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 0 Absent. (Motion passed as MO 20-11-02).

b. November DCA Monthly Report

Ms. Mallon noted this will be the last report with the original budgeted scope of services. Over the next month the DCA will be modifying budgets, commitments, and the schedule to reflect the budget changes that were approved.

c. DCA Leadership Spotlight – Phil Ryan, Engineering Design Manager

Mr. Ryan provided an overview of his educational background, receiving a BS and MS in Agricultural Engineering, as well as having 37 years of professional experience both nationally and internationally. While working for one company (CH2M/Jacobs) most of his career, he was selected as the Global Technology Leader for Conveyance Design before he became the Intakes Lead for the DCA in 2019. Mr. Ryan has worked on different iterations of the Delta Conveyance Project and is presently the Engineering Design Manager.

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Mr. Ryan was the Project Manager for the Freeport Regional Water Project, similar to the type of configurations to be used on the Delta Conveyance Project. Mr. Ryan was also the Project Manager for the Natomas Mutual Water Company (Sankey Division) and the Sacramento Regional Sanitation District (Echo Water Program). Mr. Ryan worked as the Design Manager for the Southern Nevada Water Authority (Raw Water Pumping System) and Tarrant Regional Water District (Lake Intakes and Pump Stations). Additionally, Mr. Ryan was the Senior Technical Consultant for the Great Lakes Water Authority (Transmission Pipeline Relocation). Mr. Ryan emphasized the importance for an Engineering Design Manager to be well rounded in many disciplines, including administrative and project management.

Mr. Ryan provides technical management for the DCA EDM team and offers technical leadership and consistency for the project. He participates in leadership meetings and workshops to give support for the entire DCA/DCO team. Mr. Ryan is key in the delivery of SEC technical presentations about the engineering, having the details be at a level for public consumption. Additionally, Mr. Ryan supports the Executive Director with external technical communications. Mr. Ryan led the delivery of the DCA's draft conceptual engineering for the Central and Eastern Corridors, including over 50 TMs and 300 drawings. Currently, he is also leading the DCA's preparation of similar materials for the Bethany Reservoir Alternative. Mr. Ryan assisted in developing innovative solutions for the DCA to help reduce the cost and effects of the project and maximize the potential for success as the project moves forward.

Mr. Atwater thanked Mr. Ryan for his hard work on the DCA.

Mr. Blois was impressed with Mr. Ryan's resume and what he has accomplished in his career.

Ms. Palmer commented on Mr. Ryan's ability to deliver information in a way that is easy to understand. Ms. Palmer referenced the detailed map book Mr. Ryan made possible for the SEC and the public. This has been instrumental in promoting the project and being able to receive critical input.

In response to technical issues with the RingCentral platform, the Board ratified its prior action items 5 and 7a. For Item 5, motions was made by Ms. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Estremera. The vote was 4-0. For Item 7a, motion was made by Ms. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Estremera. The vote was 4-0.

d. Stakeholder Engagement Committee Update

Ms. Parvizi gave an update on the November 5th SEC meeting which included a presentation about the logistics for the Bethany Alternative. The future of the SEC was discussed with topics relating to a community benefits framework, Geotech studies, and potential design changes. Ms. Parvizi noted the DCA has recently made an effort for the presentations to be less dense in order to receive productive and fruitful feedback from the SEC and this was accomplished at this last meeting. Ms. Parvizi referenced letters sent to the Board by Karen Mann, the Delta Counties Coalition, and the Whaley's. There has been mounting frustration from different groups about the narrow parameters of the SEC. Unfortunately, we are unable to change the mandate of the SEC. Ms. Parvizi clarified anything outside of the SEC purview, including other alternatives, must be done by DWR in another forum. The DCA appreciates the SEC forum and the ways the feedback has been implemented in the design.

e. Stakeholder Engagement Report Out

None.

8. STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. General Counsel’s Report

A written report was provided in the Board package. Mr. Nelson noted that the DCA continues to comply with the State and County Covid-19 health orders as Sacramento County moves into the “purple” tier.

b. Treasurer’s Report

A written report was provided in the Board package. Ms. Kasaine stated that as of November 10th, the DCA has a cash balance of approximately 2.5M. Additionally, the auditors will present the DCA financials at the December Board meeting.

c. DWR Environmental Manager’s Report

A written report was provided in the Board package. Ms. Buckman highlighted the continued work for the CEQA documentation with the EIR and the main activities right now are describing the existing conditions and identifying the methods to be used to analyze impacts associated with the different alternatives. The Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) received 90 scoping comment letters and emails that they are processing to start preparation for the EIS. DWR is working on soil explorations along with the DCA. Ms. Buckman mentioned the geophysical surveys done and soil borings on Bouldin Island and are completing geotechnical activities on public Right of Way (ROW) and other areas and working to obtain temporary entry permits on private property. Ms. Buckman noted the Environmental Justice Survey due date has been extended to December 11th and they should have information on results around the end of the year. Additionally, DWR is working on developing a conceptual approach to form a community benefits program. This will be presented at the SEC meeting in December. DWR wants to work collaboratively with the community as the part of the development of this effort.

d. Verbal Reports

Ms. Palmer indicated that at the recent Zone 7 Board meeting, they authorized the General Manager to inform DWR that they would like to participate in the Delta Conveyance Project at a 2.2% participation level. They have committed 2 years and \$2.8M in funding. The General Manager will execute the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) and Zone 7 Water Agency will remain a member of the DCA.

Ms. Osha Meserve, Local Agencies of the North Delta, expressed her frustration that the CEQA process would not look at other alternatives, including Alternative 9. Ms. Meserve previously recommended intakes should be located away from the Delta communities and towards high flow locations in the west. Ms. Meserve was concerned with the limited scope of the SEC and said this needs to be made clear and not overstated in other venues. Ms. Meserve referenced the recent Santa Clara Board meeting and felt there were disrespectful comments made by Board members about the Sierra Club. She also felt the Board was not fully aware of the various groups concerned

with the project, aside from the environmental groups. Ms. Meserve recommended there be better communication with the Board about what is happening in Sacramento.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

President Atwater adjourned the meeting at 3:02p.m., remotely - Conference Access Information:

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