

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, April 15th, 2021

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: 1494608189# <https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1494608189>

2. ROLL CALL

Board members in attendance were Richard Atwater, Martin Milobar, Tony Estremera, Sarah Palmer, Gary Martin, Robert Cheng, and Dennis LaMoreaux constituting a quorum of the Board. Director Adnan Anabtawi was absent.

DCA staff members in attendance were Graham Bradner, Joshua Nelson, and Katano Kasaine.

Department of Water Resources (DWR) staff member in attendance was Carrie Buckman.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Richard Atwater convened the open session at approximately 2:00 p.m. and led all present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment requests were received for non-agendized items, President Atwater closed Public Comment.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 9, 2021 Special Board Meeting and March 18, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

Recommendation: Approve the March 9, 2021 Special Board Meeting

Motion to Approve Minutes from March 9,2021 as

Noted: Palmer

Second: Martin

Yeas: Atwater, Milobar, Estremera, Palmer, Blois, Martin, Cheng, LaMoreaux

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Recusals: None

Absent: None

Summary: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 0 Absent. (Motion passed as MO 20-4-01).

Recommendation: Approve the March 18, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

Motion to Approve Minutes from March 18, 2021 as

Noted: Palmer

Second: Martin

Yeas: Atwater, Milobar, Estremera, Palmer, Blois, Martin, Cheng, LaMoreaux

Nays: None

Abstains: None

Recusals: None

Absent: None

Summary: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstains; 0 Absent. (Motion passed as MO 20-4-02).

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a) Interim Executive Director Introduction

Mr. Graham Bradner provided an overview of his professional background, with 20 years of engineering experience. He began working for the DCA in February 2019 as the Levees and Forebay Lead and soon after transitioned to the Deputy Engineering Design Manager. Mr. Bradner is now the Interim Executive Director of the DCA, although will still be involved in the engineering work.

Ms. Palmer expressed her support for Mr. Bradner in his new role.

b) April DCA Monthly Report

Mr. Bradner highlighted the DCA's engineering latest progress. Additionally, the next SEC meeting is scheduled for April 28th and we continue to stay engaged with the public via social media. The proposed project virtual tours and map book have been uploaded to the website for the public to view. Mr. Bradner noted that we are approximately 1.5M under our current FY 20/21 budget and will continue to monitor.

c) DCA FY 21/22 Draft Budget Discussion

Mr. Bradner presented the DCA project schedule and the draft FY 21/22 budget that is estimated at 21.5M. Included in the budgeted items for the next upcoming fiscal year are retaining core staff, support to the environmental team, complete engineering work that was deferred, monitor our incoming geotechnical data to validate many of our design assumptions and continue our commitment to community engagement. Mr. Bradner also briefly described proposed activities for FY 22/23 with an estimated budget of 33M.

Mr. Cheng asked for clarification on the additional budget costs for the next year regarding groundwater testing.

8. STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. General Counsel's Report

A written report was provided in the Board package. Mr. Nelson noted the Governor's announcement of a June reopening for California and how this may affect Board meetings going forward. The Legislature has three pending bills that may make changes to the Brown Act to allow for continuation of the remote meetings.

Mr. Martin asked if the pending bills will be permanent. Mr. Nelson responded that two of the bills will make permanent changes to all meetings. One would allow agencies to do remote meetings, the other will require there be a virtual platform, and lastly, the third bill will allow these types of meetings to continue remotely during any declared emergency.

b. Treasurer's Report

A written report was provided in the Board package. Ms. Kasaine noted as of April 11, the DCA has a cash balance of approximately \$670K.

c. DWR Environmental Manager's Report

A written report was provided in the Board package. Ms. Buckman noted the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for Soil Investigations will begin again now that the wet season is over. Site locations and the schedule of these investigations is being updated on the DWR website. The Environmental Justice (EJ) survey results have been completed and will be presented at the April SEC meeting. Ms. Buckman highlighted the upcoming Community Benefits Workshops.

Ms. Osha Meserve, Local Agencies of the North Delta, expressed concern about the format of the first Community Benefits Workshop and felt it was not inclusive. Ms. Meserve provided recommendations for improving the upcoming Workshops scheduled.

Mr. Martin confirmed with Ms. Buckman that these workshops are public, and details can be found on the DWR website.

d. Verbal Reports

None.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

President Atwater adjourned the meeting at 2:40p.m., remotely - Conference Access Information:
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