

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Friday, March 8, 2024

1:00 p.m.

(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 in person, by teleconference, and remotely - Conference Access Information: Phone Number: (669) 444-9171, Code: 84370256189#, <https://dcdca-org.zoom.us/j/84370256189?from=addon> at 1:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Board members in attendance from the DCA Boardroom were Sarah Palmer and Gary Martin. Martin Milobar participated from Kern County Headquarters Boardroom, Miguel Luna participated from Metropolitan Water District Conference Room, Robert Cheng participated from Coachella Valley Water Admin. Conference Center, Alternate Director Dennis LaMoreaux sitting in for Adnan Anabtawi participated from Palmdale Water District Boardroom and Tony Estremera participated from Valley Water Headquarters Boardroom.

Alternate Directors in attendance remotely were Russel Lafevre, Bob Tincher and John Weed.

DCA staff members in attendance were Graham Bradner and Josh Nelson.

3. CLOSED SESSION

a) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

(Government Code Section 54957)

Title: Executive Director

b) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency designated representatives: Robert Cheng, Tony Estremera, Gary Martin

Contractor: Executive Director

c) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2):

Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District v. DWR, Sacramento Superior Court, Case No. 24WM000006 (and related cases Nos. 24WM000008, 09, 10, 11, 12, 14, 17); *South Delta Water Agency v. DWR*, San Joaquin Superior Court, Case No. STK-CV-UCP-2024-0000816

4. OPEN REGULAR MEETING & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 15, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

Recommendation: Approve the February 15, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve Minutes from February 15, 2024, as

Noted: Estremera
Second: Martin
Yeas: Palmer, Milobar, Martin, Luna, Estremera, Cheng, LaMoreaux
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Recusals: None
Absent: None
Summary: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. (Motion passed as MO 24-02-01).

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a) Adopt Resolution Approving the Executive Director Services Agreement

Approve Resolution

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution Approving the Executive Director Services Agreement

Motion to Adopt Resolution Approving the Executive Director Services Agreement, as

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Second: Martin
Yeas: Palmer, Milobar, Martin, Luna, Estremera, Cheng, LaMoreaux
Nays: None
Abstains: None
Recusals: None
Absent: None
Summary: 7 Yeas; 0 Nays; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent. (Motion passed as Resolution 24-03).

DCA General Counsel, Josh Nelson stated that the draft resolution and agreement were not included in the packet as it was conditioned on the Board’s discussion and closed session. As a result of this discussion, the Board is prepared to move forward this item to adopt a resolution to approve an agreement with Bradner Consulting LLC for Executive Director Services. A copy of the agreement and resolution is on the screen and will be posted online and physical copies are available in the Board Chambers.

President Palmer stated that DCA has reappointed Graham Bradner as the Executive Director of the DCA through a unanimous vote on March 8th, 2024. The Board has been overly impressed by Mr. Bradner's leadership and work throughout the years. He has led a team to design a constructible project that supports water security goals. Mr. Bradner has been effective in guiding the team to find creative engineering responses to Delta Community concerns. Mr. Bradner has been selected through the public Procurement Process.

Mr. Bradner thanked the Board for their support.

No further comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requests received.

7. STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

a. General Counsel's Report

DCA General Counsel, Josh Nelson, informed the Board that the annual Form 700s are due by April 2, 2024.

Director Martin asked if he would be notified if the form had not been submitted.

Ms. Rodriguez stated that she would notify members of the form.

No comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requests received.

b. Verbal Reports

President Palmer stated that she has attended the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Conference in Washington D.C. and represented Zone 7 and DCA. While at ACWA president Palmer connected with staff and officials. President Palmer was able to provide information to the ACWA attendees of the DCA project.

DCA Treasurer Katano Kasaine stated that it has been very critical and important to have Mr. Bradner work with their team.

Mr. Bradner stated that he appreciated Ms. Katano's comments.

President Palmer stated that there was an Ad Hoc Committee with Director Martin, Director Estremera and Director Cheng. This group worked hard and brought a great

recommendation. President Palmer also recognized Nina Hawk, Claudia Rodriguez and Mike Wuflestad for preparing everything for the board to consider.

No further comments or questions were received from the Board, nor were any public comment requests received.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

No future agenda items requested.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment requests.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

President Palmer adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m., remotely-Conference Access Information: Phone Number: (669) 444-9171, Code: 84370256189#, <https://dcdca-org.zoom.us/j/84370256189?from=addon>