



Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Carmichael Water District
7837 Fair Oaks Boulevard
Carmichael, CA 95608

MINUTES

The Carmichael Water District Board of Directors met in Regular Session this 19th day of March at 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Directors: **Ronald Davis, Mark Emmerson, Jeff Nelson, Paul Selsky**
Staff: **Cathy Lee, Gaby Padilla**
Public: **Thirty Four (34) Members of the Public**

CALL TO ORDER: President Selsky called the meeting to order at: **6:00 p.m.**

PRESIDENTS COMMENTS:

No comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Public Comment

Mrs. Hanscom commented that she is looking for some closure on the previous management case and she believed that the case was finally closed. She inquired if the County of Sacramento won.

The General Manager informed Mrs. Hanscom that the case has not been closed yet and the closed session on tonight's agenda is to discuss the case with the attorney.

Mrs. Hanscom inquired if the District has received the money back.

The General Manager informed Mrs. Hanscom that the District currently has not and, unfortunately, this case will take a lot more time until it closes.

Mrs. Hanscom inquired if when the case is finally done and if anyone is charged with embezzlement and the stealing of tax payers funds within CWD if is there any chance we can get our attorney's fees back as well.

The General Manager informed Mrs. Hanscom that this was under consideration and would need to be discussed with the attorney to see what the final strategy is.

Mr. York, General Manager from Sacramento Suburban Water District, commented that the night prior, Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) had their Board meeting and on their agenda they had two items on the potential combination. The first was the outreach materials summary report which was accepted by the Board and the second was the draft resolution to review the comments that was submitted by CWDs Board which was discussed heavily between the Board and legal counsel. Based on the direction he received, SSWD asks, respectfully, that the CWD Board conduct a joint Board meeting with SSWD to go over the resolution because SSWD Directors feel it is more efficient to have everyone present during the discussion.

Directors informed Mr. York that they will ask staff to get back to them.

Ms. Corder inquired if CWD has put the committee meetings and the 2x2 meetings on YouTube so the public, who is in Carmichael, can listen in to what is going on if they cannot make it to the meeting. She also commented that she believes SSWD's meetings are on YouTube. She also inquired if the oak tree was taken out at the Barret well site and if the new pipes that were just put in were too close to the existing trees and SMUD's line that could potentially cause damage.

10. Sacramento Suburban Water District 2x2 Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

Director Selsky moved this informational item up after the Public Comment section to accommodate members of the public.

Director Nelson reported that at the last 2x2 committee meeting there was a public outreach report that summarized the information that was conveyed to them during the last workshops. The 2x2 Committee recommended that the Boards accept this report.

Director Emmerson reported that at the last 2x2 Committee meeting there was quite a few people in attendance and a lot of them spoke about their concerns and issues. Another topic that was discussed was CWD's template and draft resolution which included CWD's water rights and place of use.

Director Nelson commented that the resolution also included language about the existing labor union and how it would survive the consolidation. He then mentioned that, based off of Mr. York's request from his Board to respectfully request that both Boards meet to discuss CWD's draft resolution, any detail that needs to be updated can be done in the moment versus having the 2x2 committee go back and forth.

Directors commented that they reviewed CWD's draft resolution and the potential changes to the resolution that was suggested by SSWD and they prefer the original language.

Mr. York commented that SSWD did not submit a draft resolution because it has not been finalized.

The General Manager informed the Board of Directors that the attached amended resolution was at the direction of the 2x2 Committee.

Mr. Patterson commented that he has some concerns that he would like to express and consider it going forward. One concern is that when he moved in 2002 to Carmichael he wanted to make sure the water quality was good. He mentioned that he brews his own beers and CWD's treatment with the water taken from the American River and this was a big selling point for him. He moved from southern California and they have 700 parts per million of dissolved solids and in Carmichael it's about 75 which means that the quality is way better. He is concerned that if they mix water with SSWD the quality will be reduced significantly. He mentioned that he read an article titled "What's so special about special districts?" and that it stated that special districts have focused service. If the consolidation happens and we get really big, it is much harder to keep focus. He commented that they need to focus on these types of details when putting anything out that has the benefit of this process and it's not always about saving money all the time.

Ms. Stone commented that she just moved into Carmichael a few months ago and she realizes that this process started years before she moved here and she has yet to read anything that says how this would be good for Carmichael as opposed to SSWD. She suggested that, before the Board even attempts to move forward, they need to identify clearly what that advantages would be.

Mr. Simmons commented that he has been a resident of Carmichael since 1978 and they have been blessed with the finest quality of water in Sacramento. He mentioned that he owned an office in the SSWD area and the water was not as tasty as it is in Carmichael. He also commented that when there is a merger and it is to reduce overhead that rarely happens. He is a chiropractor and he was in a merge that put five offices together and their overhead increased dramatically. He complimented the Board and staff on a marvelous job and mentioned that CWD has one of the least expensive water and has one of the most state of the art filtration systems. He suggested that the Board weigh the fact of what is the balance between getting cheaper water and losing quality or resources of being able to sell the water to other people.

Mrs. Christian commented that she has live in Carmichael on and off since she was about 10 years old. She inquired what the combined Board's plan is if the merger happens for the staff and what would happen to the existing building in Carmichael. She also commented that she stands in opposition of the merger.

Directors informed Mrs. Christian that there have been no decisions made for that and they would have to decide to move forward before they really got into those details.

Mr. Hanscom commented that he is against the merger. He also inquired about how Mr. York commented in a past meeting how the contamination around McClellan was contained around McClellan and then in another meeting SSWD's Director Locke mentioned that there is a chrome 6 coming off of there. He is looking for an honest and correct answer about this contamination.

Ms. Allison commented that she has lived in Carmichael for ten years and she is a part of the Carmichael Creek Neighborhood Association (CCNA) Board which has submitted a letter to the CWD Board where they made a stance against the merger. She also mentioned that she looked through all the outreach materials and although Carmichael is almost 75 percent white population it leaves a 25 percent of other ethnic families and people. All the materials that was put out was in English. She commented that at her children's school they have translators so everyone can be reached

so she thinks that by not having a diverse outreach not everyone in the area is being reached. She also mentioned that she loves CWD's customer service. She knows that she can always call and CWD will show up immediately and everyone she has interacted with has always been very helpful.

Ms. Corder commented that she saw in the materials stating benefits of the merger and some of the benefits are to enhance water supply reliability, long term savings, economies of scale, efficiencies, cost savings, and financial stability. In all the reports that have been sent out and have been given to the public, there is no dollar amounts on anything. She mentions that CWD has the most sufficient and superior water treatment plant on the American River in northern California; meaning CWD has quality water that is by far better than anyone else's that she has heard of. She commented that rates have only gone up and has practically doubles in the last few years because of the changes in billing, but this doesn't show that we are efficient and she doesn't know if this was to cover attorney's fees. She then mentioned that these discussions started in 2021 which was during the pandemic. So she doesn't think anyone's mind was dealing with this at that time so she doesn't believe that CWD has given the community enough time to absorb what the Board is trying to do with moving forward with it. She mentions that there has been publications sent out but, as she stated again, nowhere does it state how much money is going to be saved and she is concerned that CWD is going to lose the small stability that CWD is. And why CWD is not increasing the capabilities of the groundwater which they have all been shut off ever since CWD started pulling water out of the American River. She suggested that instead of wasting the all the money that will be used on this merger why not use it to get all of the wells back up and running.

Mr. Christian commented that he has met with all the Board members individually and thanked them for being so gracious with him. He has a major appreciation for all of them and he recognizes that their intentions are in the best interest of CWD whether the public agrees with them or not. He then inquired about the language in the agreement finalized between both districts.

Directors informed Mr. Christian that the language is not finalized.

Mr. Christian then inquired if CWD does not really know what they are moving forward into until there is a finalization of the language in the agreement.

Directors agreed with Mr. Christian's statement.

Mr. Christian then commented that in the reports he had found that the main office would be relocated to an office in Marconi and Fulton and that this building would be a service yard and wanted to confirm that this was correct.

Directors confirmed that in one of the reports this was stated but no decisions have been made. This would decide if they decide to move forward with the potential combination.

Mr. Christian commented that one of the Directors mentioned to him that CWD does not have established first rights of water from where we get it now; and if this would be included in the agreement to state that Carmichael will get the first rights before it is given to anyone else.

Directors informed Mr. Christian that it was included in the proposed resolution to have exclusive rights to CWD's licensed water and first priority to the permit water.

Mr. Christian commented that this is not for sure because it is just in the proposed language and it has not been finalized. He mentioned that this section was really relevant to the Carmichael residents. It's like saying to a mom the taste of the water that you are going to give your baby in the formula isn't going to be the same and it is going to be more expensive.

Directors inquired if Mr. Christian was for or opposed the potential combination.

Mr. Christian informed the Board of Directors that he is opposed.

Dr. Poirier commented that he has lived in Carmichael for about 33 years and is a retired physician. He spoke in the last meeting that he has concerns about contamination of their water with heavy metals which have been correlating with different illnesses that people are exposed to. He then commented that he is against the merger and he informed the Board that he bought the signs that have been posted around the area. Mr. Christian and himself passed them out while canvassing the community. He found out that almost all of the people that he spoke to have not heard about the merger and were pretty upset when they learned about it. He stated that the little notices that the Board sent out have not been enough to inform the community. He commented that, in his opinion, the way the Board is speaking about the merger sounds like it is a done deal. He then mentioned that the Board has a big responsibility and he hopes they do not take it lightly, and that they should think about the impact that they are going to have over the lives of over 48,000 people in Carmichael.

Directors informed Mr. Poirier that the Board has not made any formal decisions.

Mr. Riley commented that he is against the proposed combination. He mentioned that the only reason he became aware of this and is in attendance of the meeting is because it popped up on his Facebook feed from people that were against the merger. He has seen nothing from CWD and he doesn't understand how it went this far with the majority of Carmichael not having a clue that this is going forward. He stated that he believes that even with all the statements that have been made, saying that this will be saving money, after the merger happens there will be a rate increase.

He mentioned that he has lived in Carmichael since 1962. At that time Pacific Bell was their phone company and they were local. When Pacific Bell merged with AT&T, there was no money saving and the service declined significantly.

Mr. Ayres commented that he moved to Carmichael four years ago and he agrees with several of the people that have spoken. He mentioned that he looks at his bill every time it comes in; and not once did he see anything about this merger until Mr. Christian called him and informed him about it. He stated that in his lifetime he has seen a lot of mergers that have increased the cost and decreased the quality. He mentioned that as he read through the reports it seems like it already has been approved. He asked his daughter who works for the Department of Interior, and is in charge of the water on the Delta so she is pretty familiar with this. She was asking him so many questions that he could not answer. He stated that at this point he is against the merger until he can find evidence that this will be beneficial to CWD because he has been happy with the quality of water and service that CWD provides standing alone.

Ms. Mattos commented that she has been a resident of Carmichael for 26 years. She stated that she is a registered civil engineer and has been practicing for the last 39 years and has designed and processed plans for all the water purveyors in the area. She has found that it is easier to process through CWD than SSWD. She also stated that she is against the merger and she has been to the outreach meetings. And one of the points that was brought up at the last meeting was that we might want to consider combining so that we have more say when the goliath of the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) comes after us. There is some wisdom in that but she believes that if that time comes we can form alliances with other water districts and get together to go after that goliath and maintain our great quality water that we have in Carmichael with our outstanding water rights, great service, and great representation. She also mentioned that she has not seen a compelling reason for CWD to combine and she understands the economy of scales and some cost savings. She is hearing that the rate payers are to pay more for the Carmichael water because it is so great.

Ms. Helland commented that the biggest thing that really drew her into this is the lack of knowledge given to her community and it breaks her heart that there is not more education and participation. She mentioned that she went to the funeral of her dear friend Sharon Ruffner and there was close to 1,000 people that showed up. Because of her leadership to draw people and we need to do more of that with CWD. It is crucial because when you look at how people live and what they are faced with, just making a living or maintaining their house so their house doesn't leak, it takes education and being neighborly. She commented that when she read the online study several weeks ago she was in shock that there was no pros or content with factual support.

Mr. Cadena commented that he has been a Carmichael resident since the pandemic. He saw the signs that were put up which stated there was a meeting so this is the first time that he has heard about this potential combination. He expressed that he is against the merger and he believes the operations of CWD have been smooth and he would like to see it stay that way. He commented that water is a necessary resource and we cannot take it lightly what can happen to our water sources. He mentioned that he has spoken to several gentlemen that work for CWD and they told him that they have to drill down quite a ways in order to get well water and that we also get water from the river. He commented that he believes we should keep things the way they are and if need be merge in order to protect our rights.

Ms. Corder commented that she plans to be a pillar on the Board's side because she opposes this so immensely. She thinks that what they just heard and what she has spoken to Director Davis about at the last meeting is that the Board has not done sufficient amount of educating this community. The Directors can do their jobs which is to protect this community and their voice and they have been telling the Directors that they have not been informed. She stated that plenty of people have informed the Directors that they have not seen a compelling reason to merge. If the Board cannot give the rate payers these figures then they should listen to the people of this community. She also stated that they are on this Board to be responsible for this community and that's what everyone expects from them.

Dr. Poirier inquired from everyone in attendance to see who was in favor of the merger and no one raised their hands.

Mr. Romano commented that he has lived in Carmichael for 50 years. He also commented that most of the people who have spoken have said what he wanted to say but wanted to include that bigger is not always better. And if you do not believe that, go talk to the fire victims of PG&E. He mentioned that CWD has great water quality and water rights and those water rights are gold. He has learned that recently because he has a cabin up in the hills and he has been fighting the SWRCB and knows what water rights are like, so why would CWD jeopardize that.

Mr. Patterson commented that there were some comments that he has heard this evening that were about cost savings that were interesting to him. Because, by law, water districts are to have a certain number of certified water technicians on call or working and if the merger happens the amount of these technicians will not decrease. CWD has staff who are very valuable so he does not see how this will lower the overhead. The only savings that is going to happen would

be for the buildings which could be sold. He mentioned that there are risks as well, like contaminants in the SSWD well at McClellan, which in the future all the rate payers including CWD would have to pay to contain and treat. He commented that with all the risks and not much room to for overhead reduction, there is not much cost savings.

Ms. Skinner inquired how many people came to this meeting with an open mind and five people raised their hands. She mentioned that it is beneficial to record this because these people came to learn more about the merger and yet are now opposed. She also mentioned that there is a meeting coming up next week where a decision might be made and inquired as to what the decision would be.

Mr. Christian inquired the Board to state what was said at the 2x2 committee meeting about what the decision would be for the merger at the upcoming meeting.

Directors commented that the Board is either "to fish or cut bait" and the meeting next week is to determine if we should continue this process or not.

Mr. Scholocker inquired if all five Board members would be present next week. And if there was an inference that if the majority of the public who show up at that meeting are against the consolidation that the Board may decide to not go forward.

Directors informed Mr. Scholocker that all five Board members will be present and that it was the sense of the Board that this could be a possibility.

Mr. Christian commented that he only heard about this 16 days ago and since then he has read everything that the Board has put out about this merger; and he is trying to reach out to everyone about this so they are aware. He mentioned that he felt offended at first; but once he started reading about everything, the facts overcame his feelings. But at the end his decision to oppose is based on both facts and feelings because Carmichael is embedded into everyone, because of the long time that most people have been here and because of the community that was built. He commented that the Board made a mistake by making the water quality so good that no one wants it to go away, even if they have to pay more money to keep it. He also commented that the reason the Board is up there today is because the community put them there since they want what the community wants and it is their duty to show this.

Mr. Hanscom commented that this discussion has been going on for over two and a half years and it is clear that there has not been a good job in letting everyone know what is going on. He then commented that, at this point in time, with all the studies and 2x2 meetings the Board should have a pretty good idea on whether or not to go forward with this. He then suggested to add one more option for next week's meeting. And the options are to determine whether we need more study or we do not need more study and it needs to be justified on both sides. The third option would be to toss this in the trash can. He also reiterated what everyone has been saying that bigger is not better and it really is time to fish or cut bait.

Mr. Riley commented that he came in with an open mind because he really did not have the information to choose side; but he thinks it is unfathomable that it has been two and a half years and nothing has been sent out to him or his neighbors, either. He mentioned that he is not claiming that this is being done in the dark but it is also not being done in the daylight and there is an opportunity every month to contact everyone in the bills and yet nothing has been done.

Ms. Corder commented that she has seen some paperwork about the merger but it has always been vague. It has never been specific enough to include the exact amount of savings this would do. She also mentioned that CWD has the quality and the Board members need to pay attention to the quality. She commented that there has been no mention of how they can revitalize the 16 CWD wells and since CWD already sells water how much this could potentially save CWD rate payers in the future. She believes that the money that is being put into the merger can be put in other places to help CWD thrive on its own. She then mentioned that these meetings should be placed on YouTube for people to be able to watch instead of read the many pages of comments; and by watching the videos you can see the sincerity and heart of each person when you are listening to them.

Mr. Brown commented that he is an employee of CWD for 19 years, he is the union president for the Carmichael chapter, and he is also a rate payer of SSWD. He mentioned that the union has sent a letter to all the Board members and General Managers of CWD and SSWD informing them that they are not in support of this combination. He commented that he cannot speak for the rest of the employees but from what his sense is that 95 to almost 100 percent of the employees of CWD do not support this. He wanted to make the union's stance known to everyone.

ANNOUNCED CLOSED SESSION AND ADJOURNED OPEN SESSION TO CLOSED SESSION: 7:35 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

**2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION; Government Code sections 54954.5(c) and 54956.9(a) and (d)(1);
Carmichael Water District v. Nugent, et al., Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2021-00299134.**

ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION AND OPENED REGULAR SESSION: 7:57 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Discussed items with legal counsel and the General Manager.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 3. Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting – February 20, 2024**
- 4. Minutes for the Special Board Meeting – February 27, 2024**
- 5. Paid Expenditure Report – February 2024**
- 6. Budget to Actual Report – January 2024**

No comments.

M/S Nelson / Davis to approve the consent calendar.

ACTION ITEMS

7. Dugan Management & Engineering (DME) Agreement Amendment for Claremont Road Pipeline Replacement Project

Replacement Project Staff recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to execute an amendment to the existing agreement between DME and the District that increases the contract's value from \$198,929 to \$270,488 to include the additional costs of design and management services.

Directors inquired about when Fair Oaks Blvd was repaved was this pipeline not replaced then.

The General Manager informed the Board of Directors that the pipelines were not replaced entirely, but a portion of was replaced with the La Vista bond.

Directors inquired if this is the first project we will be using Dugan Management & Engineering.

The General Manager informed the Board of Directors that Mr. Dugan was a principle at Domenichelli and Associates and he recently went out on his own with another principle and formed their own firm.

Directors commented that the rates look very competitive.

M/S Nelson / Emmerson to approve staff's recommendation.

8. November 5, 2024 Election

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve Resolution 03192024-01 – A Resolution of the Board of Directors of The Carmichael Water District Calling The November 5,2024 District Election, Requesting Consolidation of Elections, and Designating Payment for Publication of Candidate Statements.

Directors inquired if this was typically how the District does this.

The General Manager informed the Board of Directors that this is how the elections have always been done in CWD.

M/S Davis / Emmerson to approve staff's recommendation.

Mark Emmerson	Aye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Nelson	Aye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ronald Davis	Aye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ron Greenwood	Aye	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nay	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paul Selsky	Aye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nay	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>
Board Totals:	Ayes:	4	Nays:	0	Absent:	1	Abstain:	0

Passed Unanimously:

9. Legal Service Agreement with Banks and Watson Attorneys

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve the Legal Service Agreement with Banks and Watson Attorneys and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement.

Directors inquired how this firm was selected.

The General Manager informed the Board of Directors that this firm was recommended by CWD's legal attorney who is working on the La Vista case. The firm cannot work on this issue because of conflict with one of its clients.

Directors inquired as to why we could not work with our current attorney Aaron.

The General Manager informed the Board of Directors that we could work with him but we want to know on a litigation stand point how to move forward.

Directors inquired if the goal is to recover costs for our filters based upon volumetric.

The General Manager informed the Board of Directors yes and that this is not just for the filters. It will include the Ranney Collectors and the filter skid replacement. Right now they are only paying for volumetric for electricity and chemicals.

Directors inquired if CWD is going to bill them on the Ranney Collector rehabilitation that was just done.

The General Manager informed the Board of Directors that we will be billing them for that but right now we can only bill them for 20.5 of the capacity.

Directors inquired if it was ultimately concluded that the iron or manganese was related to the low levels of the river. The General Manager informed the Board of Directors that according to DuPont, the manufacturer who did the autopsy of the membranes, there was iron specs but when staff took samples of the water during CWD curtailment, the water was not determined to have more iron than usual.

Directors inquired if there was a not-to-exceed amount.

The General Manager informed the Board of Directors that the contract amount is for 20 hours for the initial review of the District's three way agreement.

Directors inquired if this was just for the new attorney(s) to take a look at our contract and to look at the prospects we would have to open up the contract to have a conversation about moving from capacity to volumetric.

The General Manager informed the Board of Directors that this was correct.

Directors commented that they support the General Manager in doing this because there might be somethings in the contract that are not as fair as it once was.

M/S Nelson / Davis to approve staff's recommendation.

Mark Emmerson	Aye	✓	Nay		Absent		Abstain	
Jeff Nelson	Aye	✓	Nay		Absent		Abstain	
Ronald Davis	Aye	✓	Nay		Absent		Abstain	
Ron Greenwood	Aye		Nay		Absent	✓	Abstain	
Paul Selsky	Aye	✓	Nay		Absent		Abstain	
Board Totals:	Ayes:	4	Nays:	0	Absent:	1	Abstain:	0
Passed Unanimously:								

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**10. Sacramento Suburban Water District 2x2 Ad Hoc Committee Meeting**

The General Manager informed the Board that there was still a recommendation to accept the Summary Report, Public Outreach and Engagement as recommended by the 2x2 Ad Hoc Committee and discuss the changes to the draft LAFCo Resolution as requested by the 2x2 Ad Hoc Committee.

Directors commented that they want to stick with their original language in the resolution and SSWD can submit all the proposed changes.

Directors suggested that the resolution revisions to include a date so they know when changes are being made and by who.

Directors inquired if the idea was always to expand and use the permit water, or to consider using our permit water outside of our boundaries and consider changing the place of use regardless of whether the merge happens or not.

Directors commented that this was considered at first but then they learned that there is an operational possibility that Carmichael customers may lose the use of American River water based on operational scenarios.

The General Manager informed the Board of Directors that in the current proposed resolution from CWD it states that there would be exclusive usage to Carmichael residents for the licensed water. As written, the permit water would potentially be used for anything else but Carmichael has the first priority.

Directors agrees to accept the Summary Report, Public Outreach and Engagement as recommended by the 2x2 Ad Hoc Committee

11. Policy 5000 – Authorized Leave & Policy 5041 – Sick Leave – Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014 Update

Directors commented that these updates look good.

12. SWRCB – Notice of Public Availability of Changes to Proposed Regulation Regarding Making Conservation a California Way of Life

Directors commented that the requirements have not changed and the requirements to track is onerous and there is penalties if you do not comply. They contacted the working group that's on this with ACWA and they asked them to put in a public records request in for the excel spreadsheet that they have developed on how they would calculate this for every District.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**13. Sacramento Groundwater Authority Board Meeting**

Director Selsky Reports Out.

No report.

14. Regional Water Authority Executive Committee and Regular Meeting

Director Greenwood Reports Out.

With the absence of Director Greenwood, the General Manager reported that the items that were addressed were the strategic plan and that the state offered two million dollars to do a watershed assessment that would be the next iteration of the IRWM. In the watershed assessment they need to look at forest health, flood, water supply, disadvantage communities, environmental justice, urban growth, and many more. There was a long debate for this project because RWA members believe that 2 million dollars would not be enough. They are also concerned that if they do not do this, DWR may not provide additional money for the next phase. The final decision was that RWA will

accept this grant money but letting DWR know that the money is not enough to do the scope of work that they are requiring in detail. RWA would also have to work with Valley Vision to help conduct this assessment.

15. Other Committee Report

Directors Report Out.

Director Nelson reported attending the COTP Meeting. He reported that SMUD does not want to re-enter into a purchase agreement so we are working with San Juan to package up our 1 megawatt and their 2 megawatt in order to sell it.

STAFF REPORTS:**16. General Manager and District Activity Report – February 2024**

Discussed with the Board.

17. Director's Expense Reimbursement Summary – February 2024

No comments.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION:**18. Director's Written and/or Oral Reports**

Director Nelson

1. Carmichael Rotary Club Meeting/ Presentation with Jay Boatwright
 - a. He will be attending and presenting at this meeting
 - b. Asking if any other Board member would like to join him.

ADJOURNMENT: President Selsky adjourned the meeting at: **9:03 p.m.**


Paul Selsky, Board President
Cathy Lee, Board Secretary

