

SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT

Board of Director's Special Workshop Minutes
August 15, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ted Costa	President (absent)
Pam Tobin	Vice President (late)
Marty Hanneman	Director (absent)
Ken Miller	Director
Dan Rich	Director

SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

Teri Grant	Board Secretary/Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Buckman	Legal Counsel

OTHER ATTENDEES

Amber Beckler	SJWD Customer
Cheryl Berkema	SJWD Customer
Sandra Harris	SJWD Customer
Suzanne Jones	SJWD Customer
Jane Negri	SJWD Customer
Clovis Miller	SJWD Customer
M. O. Stinson	SJWD Customer
Joanna Gin	Legal Counsel, Citrus Heights Water District

AGENDA ITEMS

- I. Public Workshop**
- II. Adjourn**

Director Miller called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and a quorum was declared at 10:15 a.m. when Vice President Tobin arrived and assumed the chair.

I. PUBLIC WORKSHOP

1. Transition to Division-Based Elections (W & R)

Legal Counsel Jennifer Buckman explained that this is a public workshop to answer questions about the process of transitioning to division-based elections. Representatives of the Granite Bay Community Association and members of the public raised concerns regarding mapping requirements, criteria and how to draw the boundaries on a map, fair and equitable representation for Granite Bay, and identifying SJWD Retail as a community of interest. In addition, the group inquired about reorganizing to form a separate retail water district, which Ms. Buckman explained was a separate issue related to long-term governance and would require undertaking a separate process wholly independent of the District's transition to by-division elections. Ms. Buckman suggested that discussion of the District's organization be deferred until after the District completes its transition to by-division elections through the California Voting Rights Act process. Ms. Buckman and Director Miller provided a brief overview of the wholesale and retail service areas.

Director Miller explained how the transition to division-based elections came about with the letter from the law firm and, in addition, he provided some information on a case in southern California which is fighting the same type of claim. Ms. Buckman explained the California Voting Rights Act and its requirements to avoid vote dilution. Ms. Buckman noted that the maps show that the District does have a series of contiguous census blocks with a high concentration of Latino voters, which the board will have to take into account when it is considering where to place the division lines. Ms. Buckman explained how the directors' terms will work while transitioning to division-based elections. After hearing discussions from the group, Director Miller stated that he will ask the Board to give direction to staff to determine the requirements for separating out the retail entity, by composing a staff report which would include action items to the proper agencies, determine costs, and list the number of employees and their wholesale/retail allocation.

II. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned 11:37 a.m.

ATTEST:

PAMELA TOBIN, Vice President
Board of Directors
San Juan Water District

TERI GRANT, Board Secretary