MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

March 16, 2021

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District was held on Monday, March 16, 2021 at the offices of the District, 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The virtual meeting was called to order by President Sanchez at 9:01 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors present: Miller, Vásquez, Dorey, Sanchez, and MacKenzie.

Directors absent: None.

Staff present: Brett Hodgkiss, General Manager; Lisa Soto, Secretary of the Board; Don Smith, Director of Water Resources; and Marlene Kelleher, Director of Administration.

Other attendees: Attorneys to be interviewed from the following law firms: Somach Simmons & Dunn, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, and Nossaman.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board forwent the pledge of allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

21-03-34 Upon motion by Director Vásquez, seconded by Director Dorey and unanimously carried (5 ayes: Miller, Vásquez, Dorey, MacKenzie, and Sanchez), the Board of Directors approved the agenda as presented.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No public comments were presented on items not appearing on the agenda.

6. INTERVIEWS FOR DISTRICT SPECIAL COUNSEL

At 9:01 a.m., the Board commenced with the first interview with Mr. Stuart Somach and Theresa Barfield of Somach Simmons & Dunn. At 10:05 a.m., the interview concluded, and Mr. Somach and Ms. Barfield left the meeting.

A brief break was taken from 10:05 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

At 10:15 a.m., the Board began the second interview with Ms. Stephanie Hastings and Messrs. Scott Slater and Ryan Smith of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck. At 11:15 a.m., the interview concluded, and Ms. Hastings and Messrs. Slater and Smith left the meeting.

A brief break was taken from 11:15 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.

At 11:25 a.m., the Board began the third interview with Messrs. Alfred Smith, Fred Fudacz, and Robert Thornton and Ms. Gina Nicholls of Nossaman. At 12:25 p.m., the interview concluded, and Messrs. Smith, Fudacz, and Thornton and Ms. Nicholls left the meeting.

7. CLOSED SESSION

President Sanchez adjourned the meeting to closed session at 12:26 p.m. to discuss the following closed session items:

- a. Consider Selection of Special Counsel pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1) to consider selection of Special Counsel-Indian Water Rights Settlement Implementation.
- b. Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(a), (d)(1) and (e)(1) to consider potential exposure to litigation, one case.

At this time, the virtual meeting was cleared of all in attendance. The Board immediately assembled in person in the Boardroom of the District headquarters with only General Manager Brett Hodgkiss, and Director of Water Resources Don Smith in attendance.

Director Miller left the meeting at approximately 1:50 p.m. At 2:00 p.m., the meeting reconvened in open session and President Sanchez declared that no reportable action had been taken related to Closed Session Items 7.a and 7.b.

Upon motion by Director MacKenzie, seconded by Director Dorey and unanimously carried (4 ayes: Vásquez, Dorey, MacKenzie, and Sanchez; 1 absent: Miller), the Board of Directors continued closed session Items 7.a and 7.b to the March 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Board meeting, to follow agenda Item 13.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 2:00 p.m. President Sanchez adjourned the meeting.

Patrick Sanchez, President

ATTEST:

Lisa R. Soto, Secretary Board of Directors

VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Special Counsel Proposals were provided to the Vista Irrigation District Board of Directors under separate cover.

NOTICE OF ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT, HELD ON MARCH 16, 2021 WAS ADJOURNED UNTIL 9:00 AM, MARCH 17, 2021 AT THE OFFICE OF THE VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 1391 ENGINEER STREET, VISTA, CALIFORNIA.

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AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING ORDER OF ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

STATE OF CALIFORNIA) COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO)

I, Lisa R. Soto, hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified Secretary of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District; that the foregoing is duly noted in the Minutes of said Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District; that said Regular Board Meeting was ordered adjourned to the time and place above specified; and that I posted a copy of this order of adjournment near the public entrance to the Board Room at the offices of the District.

Lisa R. Soto, Secretary

Board of Directors

Vista Irrigation District

POSTED: March 16, 2021