MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

Gipson/Schoenberg 3/0/0 - Director Garcia absent, Seat 5 Vacant Minutes Approved on October 27, 2016

1. Call to Order: 6:08pm.

Roll Call of Directors: Garcia, Gipson, and Schoenberg. Director Durso absent.

Director Neyman present as the chairperson. Also present: Jonnie Allison and Tiffany Matte.

- **2. Public Comments** None. Present: Maria Dreier, Gunnar Kuepper, Dee Jaspar, and Patric Hedlund.
- 3. Discussion/Vote/Adjust Agenda if Necessary None.
- 4. Discussion/Vote on Quotes from Advanced Infrastructure Technologies, LLC.

General Manager (GM) Jonnie Allison received a quote for pipe locating equipment. The price was \$8,974.10 with a metal detector, \$7,355.15 without. There is a possibility the cost for equipment can be reimbursed through the Planning Project funding. This item will be carried over to the Regular Pre-Planning meeting so it can be addressed with Dave Warner.

Motion: Move that we table the quote from Advanced Infrastructure Technologies. Schoenberg/Gipson 4/0/0, Motion Passed - Director Durso absent.

- 5. Discussion/Vote on Frazier Park/Lake of the Woods Regional Consolidation Project.
 - a. Update on Proposed System.

Dee Jaspar provided a map, based on a feasibility level, of what the proposed system would look like. The site for the new wells would be located in an area that is known to have a very deep aquifer. The Monte Vista Well and Well 5 are also located in this area. There would be two new wells that would pump into a common pipeline system with Well 5, and then connect to a new tank on Parcel B. The water would then be boosted up Los Padres Drive, to another new tank, that would be located at the Elm Tank site. From there, the water would be boosted up to Bear Court, where a new tank and booster pumping plant would be built. The line from that pumping station would supply Lake of the Woods and the Mobile Home Park. At this time, the estimated feasibility cost is around \$16 million.

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This cost includes engineering, environmental, tieing into the SCADA system, a contingency fund, and any other project costs. Dave Warner indicated to Dee that the District could qualify for up to \$20 million, but it's not known how much it will actually get.

b. Update on Mapping.

Dee Jaspar presented the map with the new District boundary. The map represented every parcel that wanted to be included in the annexation. In the Cuddy Creek area, there were eight parcels that wanted to be included, and three that did not. The District's Cold Springs Cyn property was drawn as a remote island on the map. For this property to be included there would be an extra cost, on top of having the land surveyed. GM Allison doesn't believe it will ever be a viable water source because of the terrain, the need for easements, and small the amount of water coming out of the spring. In the interest of time, Dee Jaspar doesn't recommend including it in the annexation.

Motion: Move that we move forward without annexing the 120 acre Cold Springs parcel.

Garcia/Gipson 3/1/0, Motion Passed. Director Schoenberg no, Director Durso absent.

Motion: Move that we approve the mapping as presented by our engineer, Dee Jaspar, contingent upon the progression and advancement of the whole project. Garcia/Gipson 3/1/0, Motion Passed. Director Schoenberg no, Director Durso absent.

6. Discussion/Vote on Contract with Tom Dodson & Assoc. For Work Related to the Lake of the Woods/Frazier Park Regional Project.

The Board read over the professional service agreement with Tom Dodson & Associates. The two dates on the first page of the contract will be changed to the date of this meeting. The signature block should be changed from the General Manager to the Board President. On page two, under #8 - Compliance with Laws, the County needs to be changed from San Bernardino to Kern.

Motion: Move that we accept the agreement for Tom Dodson & Associates with the changes found and described in this discussion.

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7. Discussion/Vote on Resolution FP-20160915-01 - Resolution Establishing Procedures for a Proposition 218 Majority Protest Hearing and Calling for a Majority Protest Hearing on a Proposed Increase in the District's Base Water Rate and Usage Rate.

This Resolution is what officially starts the Prop 218 process. It was sent to FPPUD attorney Ernest Conant for review, and his suggested changes were made. He stated he would have liked to review the entire Rate Study, but he has confidence that RCAC did a good job. GM Allison would like the Board to entertain that, although the process is continuing, he would like to send the attorney the study to verify that there are no glaring problems.

Motion: Move that we pass Resolution FP-20160915-01. Gipson/Garcia 3/1/0, Motion Passed. Director Schoenberg no, Director Durso absent.

GM Allison will get a quote on the cost for the attorney to review the Rate Study and return it to the Board for vote at the next meeting.

Director Schoenberg wished to state for the record she does not have issues with the way her and Director Neyman did the ad hoc. Speaking as a member of the ad hoc, the public should not feel uncomfortable about the way they proceeded or what was put in the Rate Study. Knowing the numbers it came to, Director Schoenberg expressed she may have fought a little bit harder, for example, to negotiate what year something needed to be replaced. If there had been more time, if things were not as rushed, the results could have come out different. She expressed her hope that if the annexation goes through, that it would considerably change the burden on this community.

Director Gipson responded by saying, she wished she would have had a chance to hear Director Schoenberg's concerns before she cast her vote, and hoped the Board could present a united front. If the community does protest the increase, she will feel good knowing she did what she thought was best for the community.

Director Neyman reiterated that the Board has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure that our water system gets updated and operates at the proper state. The District needs to go forward with the increase so that, if something in the system does fail, there is money to fix it.

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As a member of the community, Director Neyman doesn't want to pay higher rates, but, he does understand the high cost involved in updates to the system, repairs, drilling wells, putting in piping, etc. He stated for the record he is voting for the increase, however, he is not happy about it.

8. Discussion/Vote on Groundwater Basin Authority (SGMA).

Director Schoenberg explained, she received erroneous information that included Lebec and Frazier Park in the high priority White Wolf Basin. The Mountain Enterprise then got involved, and contacted Tejon Ranch about what was said. Self-Help Enterprises, the agency that hosted class where the erroneous information was presented, later called back and apologized for the misinformation. Director Schoenberg expressed that now, she feels it is time to move forward with establishing a Groundwater Basin Authority. All of the little water districts up here need to meet and discuss the information provided by Tejon.

Director Neyman would like to review information regarding SGMA in more depth and report back at the next meeting. He also wished to discuss with Dave Warner the possibility of getting a grant to finance a basin study. If obtaining a grant is not a possibility, the District can then look at other options which might include Tejon Ranch.

9. Discussion/Vote on Future Agenda Items.

Pre-Planning Meeting September 22, 2016:

- A Carry over of the discussion on the quote from Advanced Infrastructure Technologies.
- An Agenda Item for a review of the Rate Study by FPPUD attorney Ernest Conant.
- Continue discussion on SGMA.

Regular Meeting October 13, 2016.

10. Adjournment.

Motion: Move to adjourn.

Gipson/Garcia 4/0/0, Motion Passed - Director Durso absent.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20pm.

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At every special meeting, the legislative body shall provide the public with an opportunity to address the body on any item described in the notice before or during consideration of that item. Taken from the Brown Act Statutes 54954.3(a)

Tiffany Matte, Clerk of the Board

Attest: Rebecca Gipson, Secretary

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