

CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 19, 2022

MINUTES

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Calleguas Municipal Water District was held in-person at 2100 E. Olsen Road, Thousand Oaks CA 91360 and telephonically and via videoconference in accordance with the State of Emergency Declaration issued on March 4, 2020 by the Governor of the State of California, Government Code §54953(e), and Calleguas Resolution No. 2031.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Blois, President of the Board, at 5:00 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Directors at District Headquarters and Participating via Videoconference:	Steve Blois, President Raul Avila, Secretary Scott Quady, Treasurer Andy Waters, Director
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Directors Present via Videoconference:	Andres Santamaria, Vice President
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Staff Present at District Headquarters and Participating via Videoconference:	Anthony Goff, General Manager Fernando Baez, Senior Project Manager Grant Burton, Manager of Human Resources Dan Drugan, Manager of Resources Henry Graumlich, Associate General Manager Rob Peters, Manager of Operations and Maintenance Dan Smith, Manager of Administrative Services Steve Sabbe, IT Coordinator Kara Wade, Clerk of the Board
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Staff Present via Videoconference:	Susan Molen, Administrative Assistant
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Legal Counsel Present at District Headquarters and Participating via Videoconference:	Robert Cohen, Cohen & Burge, LLP, District Counsel
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J. ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION

1. Change Order Report for Q3 2022

The Project Manager said that the Change Order summaries were provided for the following projects:

- Oxnard-Santa Rosa Feeder, Las Posas Feeder, and Miscellaneous Valve Improvements (Project No. 442) (project complete)
- Calleguas-LVMWD Interconnection (Project No. 450)
- Lindero Pump Station No. 2 (Toe of Dam or TOD) Rehabilitation (Project No. 590)
- Lake Sherwood Pump Station Rehabilitation (Project No. 591)

There are no change orders to date on East Portal Isolation Enhancements (Project No. 601). No action was taken.

2. Discussion regarding approval of a capital project budget allocation in the amount of \$3,930,000 for Calleguas-Ventura Interconnection (Project No. 562)

The Project Manager said that the Calleguas-Ventura Interconnection would provide a means of conveying water between the City of San Buenaventura (City) and Calleguas, allowing the City, Casitas Municipal Water District, and United Water Conservation District to receive delivery of their State Water Project allocations by wheeling it through the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and Calleguas systems. The Calleguas-Ventura Interconnection would also provide a means for Calleguas to receive up to 13 cubic feet per second of potable water from the City during an outage of imported supplies.

This additional water could be critical under outage conditions, particularly in a lengthy outage when Lake Bard has run dry. Unlike the interconnection with Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, the water would be available when imported water supplies are interrupted. The interconnection could also facilitate various projects identified as leading contenders from the Water Supply Alternatives Study.

The portion of the pipeline that Calleguas will design and construct will be a total of approximately 18,760 feet of 30-inch welded steel pipe from the District's Springville Reservoir and Hydro area to Santa Clara Avenue; the City will design and construct the remainder of the facilities, which will connect to Calleguas' pipeline at Santa Clara Avenue and terminate at the City's existing pipeline in Henderson Road between South Saticoy Avenue and South Wells Road. A connection will be made upstream of Springville Hydro to deliver water to the City and a connection will be made at Springville Reservoir to receive water; this approach avoids the need for a pump station. The general alignment for the pipeline is shown in the map enclosed in the packet.

A draft four-party agreement has been prepared, but, for various reasons, not all parties are ready to commit to signing it at this time. While staff is confident an agreement will ultimately be executed (even if it includes fewer project partners), staff also believes it is critical to move forward with design so that the project is sufficiently developed to take advantage of anticipated grant funding opportunities in the next few years. The City of Ventura is also nearing completion of their preliminary design. They have performed surveying; completed geotechnical investigations at locations along their pipeline alignment, including on each side of the Santa Clara River, which they will cross using horizontal directional drilling; and are proceeding with right-of-way acquisition.

The previous budget covered preliminary design. Preliminary design is now complete and additional budget needs to be allocated to move forward with design and right-of-way acquisition. For the purpose of requesting the capital project budget allocation, staff has estimated the anticipated cost for acquiring temporary construction easements and permanent easements for the pipeline and valve vaults at \$1,445,500, which is based on an estimated \$100,000/acre in agricultural land (as documented in the State Water Interconnection Alignment Study), plus additional anticipated costs for each acquisition (including title reports, appraisals, escrow fees, legal descriptions, and the right-of-way consultants' fees); the actual right-of-way costs will be determined during design and will be based on appraisals for each easement to be acquired. More detail is provided in the attached Capital Project Information and Evaluation Sheets.

It was noted that, due to staff's efforts, the project has been selected to be included in the suite of projects by the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County for funding under Round 2 of the Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant Program. Because a cost sharing arrangement has been agreed to among the three regions in the funding area, it is anticipated that the full funding request (\$2,515,909) will be received. Staff is also exploring additional potential grant funding opportunities.

On a motion by Director Waters, seconded by Director Avila, the Board of Directors voted 5-0 to approve the budget allocation.

AYES: Directors Waters, Avila, Quady, Santamaria, Blois
NOES: None

3. Discussion regarding approval of professional services by Perliter & Ingalsbe to perform design services for the Calleguas-Ventura Interconnection (Project No. 562), for an amount not-to-exceed \$1,693,601

The Project Manager said that the Calleguas-Ventura Interconnection is described in the agenda item above. The design services include:

- Surveying.
- Performing geotechnical evaluations at two anticipated trenchless casing installation locations: one where the pipe will cross beneath Beardsley Road and the Beardsley Channel north of Central Avenue, and another where the pipe will cross beneath West Ponderosa Drive and an adjacent drainage channel north of Central Avenue.
- Performing utility search and plotting the utilities on the survey maps.
- Identifying required permanent and temporary easements and preparing exhibits and legal descriptions, which are needed for right-of-way acquisition.
- Designing the 30-inch welded steel pipeline with required appurtenances, including trenchless installation in two locations and pipeline connections at existing facilities, which include the connection to the City of Ventura's portion of the pipeline near Santa Clara Avenue, the connection to the District's 39-inch Oxnard-Santa Rosa Feeder Unit 7 pipeline upstream of Springville Hydro Station (where the District will deliver water to the City), and the connection to Springville Reservoir (where the District will receive water from the City).
- Preparing plans and specifications for the interconnection pipeline and site improvements, including civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, instrumentation, traffic control, and asphalt pavement replacement elements.
- Assisting with obtaining permits from Ventura County Watershed Protection District, Ventura County Public Works, the City of Camarillo, California Department of Industrial Relations for Tunnel Underground Classifications, and the State Water Resources Control Board.
- Preparing a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.
- Preparing an estimate of probable construction costs.
- Coordinating with District staff and necessary consultants, jurisdictions, and agencies throughout the design, permitting, and right-of-way acquisition efforts.

Perliter & Ingalsbe (P&I) has relevant experience and expertise and is extremely familiar with the District's facilities. P&I's work on other projects, including several phases of the Salinity Management Pipeline, has been of good quality and the cost for professional services is reasonable for the work required.

On a motion by Director Quady, seconded by Director Avila, the Board of Directors voted 5-0 to approve the professional services.

AYES: Directors Waters, Avila, Quady, Santamaria, Blois
 NOES: None

K. WATER POLICY AND STRATEGY

None

L. DISTRICT COUNSEL

District Counsel said that the Phase 2 Trial for the Las Posas Basin Adjudication litigation has been in session and is scheduled to conclude on October 28, 2022. Judge Anderle will give his tentative ruling before the end of the trial. A Closed Session concerning the Adjudication will be scheduled for the November 2, 2022 Calleguas Special Board Meeting.

Bob Cohen, of Cohen and Burge, announced that beginning in January 2023 a reorganization will take place and Walt Wendelstein will be the lead counsel for Calleguas while Bob will be Of Counsel. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as General Counsel for many years. No action was taken.

M. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Oral reports on meetings attended by Board members

Pursuant to Government Code Section 53232.3(d), Board members will provide oral reports on meetings attended at the expense of the District.

2. Discussion regarding upcoming meetings to be attended by Board members

The table of upcoming meetings was provided as a packet insert.

3. Metropolitan update

Director Blois informed the Board of the election of Metropolitan's new chair. Adan Ortega was elected chair of the Metropolitan Board with a two-year term commencing in January 2023.

4. Designation of a Board Member to vote on behalf of Calleguas at the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) General Session Membership Meeting at the 2022 Fall Conference

The General Manager said there will be a General Session Membership Meeting at the 2022 Fall Conference in Indian Wells, California, on Wednesday, November 30. The purpose is to conduct a vote by the membership on proposed Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Association of California Water Agencies as recommended by the Board of Directors at its meeting on September 23, 2022.

On a motion by Director Quady, seconded by Director Avila, the Board of Directors voted 5-0 to select a Board member to vote on behalf of Calleguas at the ACWA General Membership Meeting and authorize the General Manager to sign and submit the proxy designation form accordingly.

AYES: Directors Waters, Avila, Quady, Santamaria, Blois
NOES: None

N. CLOSED SESSION

None

O. OTHER BUSINESS

None


P. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Closed Session November 2, 2022 4:00 pm

Q. ADJOURNMENT

Director Blois declared the meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Raul Avila, Board Secretary