

Ballico Cortez Water District

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Ballico Cortez Water District Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Chairman Dirk Ulrich called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Cortez Hall, 12937 North Cortez Avenue, Turlock, CA.

Present Directors: Jay Fiorini, Scott Severson, Dirk Ulrich, Victor Yamamoto, and Dennis Yotsuya

Others Present: Melanie J. Aldridge and Michelle M. Errecart, Law Office of Melanie J. Aldridge, Karen Whipp, Board Secretary

ITEM 2 There were no public comments. SO NOTED.

ITEM 3 It was moved by Jay Fiorini, seconded by, Dennis Yotsuya and **carried unanimously** to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2018 board meeting.

ITEM 4 It was moved by Jay Fiorini, seconded by, Scott Severson, and **carried unanimously** to pay the January bills (*KL Whipp and Co., and Law Office of Melanie J. Aldridge*) and accept the financial report that showed a balance of \$62083.39 as of January 17, 2019.

ITEM 5 **Old Business**

a Landowner Assessment Next Steps

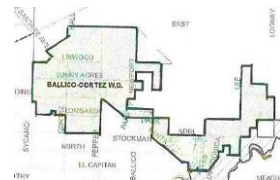
- a It was moved by Scott Severson, seconded by Victor Yamamoto and **carried unanimously** hire Melanie J Aldridge as legal counsel for the district.

Legal Counsel, Melanie J. Aldridge gave her opinion on BCWD having a Prop 218 landowner vote for its own water projects. This gives the district more control of funds and projects vs letting the GSA make the decision of what projects to have in the GSP. Her advice is to watch out for our own water interests because no one is going to give up any to BCWD.

She also said if the district:

- a. Uses the Prop 218 voting process for assessments, the landowner vote would be all those in **favor** of the assessment.
- b. Uses the Prop 218 voting process for a water project, the landowner vote would be a **protest** vote meaning—only those landowners that vote no would be counted. Landowners who do not submit a protest vote are considered to vote yes.

- b There was discussion on the current Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) actions, which included an update on the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).
- c There was a brief discussion on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and future GSA action.



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New Business

- a It was moved by Dennis Yotsuya, seconded by, Victor Yamamoto, and **carried unanimously** to adopt Resolution 2019-01 appointing Rodney Voumard and Taj Samron to the Ballico Cortez Water District Board.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a full and correct copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors of the Ballico Cortez Water District of Merced County, California.

January 23, 2019

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