

Minutes of Wednesday, October 23, 2024
North Delta Water Agency Special Board of Directors Meeting
3050 Beacon Blvd., Ste 203, West Sacramento, CA

Call to Order

Chairman Mello called the special board of directors meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. on Wednesday, October 23, 2024. Pursuant to Government Code section 54953(b)(3), Directors Justin van Loben Sels, and Mark van Loben Sels attended remotely via publicly accessible teleconference locations identified on the agenda. A quorum was determined at that time. Those present:

Directors

Steve Mello, Division 1
Justin van Loben Sels, Division 2
Jack Kuechler, Division 3
Mark van Loben Sels, Division 4
Tom Slater, Division 5

Staff

Melinda Terry, Manager
Cindy Tiffany, Assistant Manager
Kevin O'Brien, Downey Brand
Austin Cho, Downey Brand
Anne Williams, MBK Engineers
Gary Kienlen, MBK Engineers

Closed Session

The board adjourned into closed session at 9:34 a.m. with legal counsel to discuss the following three items:

- i. Existing Litigation (Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(1)) (Two Cases):
 - a. SWRCB Hearing on Petition of Water Rights Permits for the Delta Conveyance Project.
 - b. Arsenith v. 3M Company, Alameda Superior Court Case No. 24CV089313
- ii. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT – Appointment of public employee pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) (One Item).

Closed Session Report

The Board reconvened in open session at 11:30 a.m. and Chairman Mello announced the board took no reportable action during closed session.

Succession Planning

Director Slater reported that the succession ad hoc committee is still working on finding a qualified candidate to replace the retiring Manager. The committee submitted a job description to the consultant for him to finalize and publicly post. If anyone has any ideas on where to post the advertisement for this position, please share with Director Slater.

Director Slater presented the Administrative Service Agreement with MissionSquare. This is the company that the joint ad hoc succession committee is recommending be the administrator for the new 401(a) retirement plan that will replace CalPERS in January 2025. This Agreement with MissionSquare needs to be approved by the board and signed by the Chairman to move forward with the process.

MOTION by Director Mark van Loben Sels to approve and sign the Administrative Service Agreement with MissionSquare authorizing it to create a 401(a) retirement plan and be the administrator on behalf of the North Delta Water Agency. Seconded by Director Slater and unanimously approved by a roll call vote. (AYES: Mello, Slater, Kuechler, J. van Loben Sels, and M. van Loben Sels)

Cindy inquired whether the board wanted to agendaize the proposal to adopt an Agency policy to provide health insurance benefits to retirees at a future meeting or drop the issue. The board discussed and decided not to move forward with this policy.

Announcements

No additional announcements.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Chairman Mello adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Tiffany, Assistant Manager