# MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VALLECITOS WATER DISTRICT WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019, AT 4:30 PM AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 201 VALLECITOS DE ORO, SAN MARCOS, CALIFORNIA

President Martin called the Special meeting to order at the hour of 4:30 p.m.

District Engineer Gumpel led the pledge of allegiance.

Present: Director Elitharp

Director Evans
Director Hernandez
Director Martin

Absent: Director Sannella

Staff Present: General Manager Pruim

Legal Counsel Gilpin District Engineer Gumpel

Operations & Maintenance Manager Pedrazzi Capital Facilities Senior Engineer Morgan Development Services Senior Engineer Scholl

**Executive Secretary Posvar** 

Others Present: Kevin Ross, Vice President, TerraVerde Energy

## ADOPT AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 6, 2019

19-11-01 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Evans, seconded by Director Elitharp, and

carried unanimously, with Director Sannella absent, to adopt the agenda for the

Special Board Meeting of November 6, 2019.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

## **ACTION ITEM**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE DISTRICT WIDE SOLAR PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A COST REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SOLAR PROVIDER

General Manager Pruim stated the Special meeting was scheduled to clarify minor issues concerning the notification of the November 6, 2019 Regular Board meeting. The Board would be considering two items during the Special meeting related to the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA); adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and authorization of the General Manager to enter into a Cost Reimbursement Agreement (CRA).

District Engineer Gumpel stated staff would present information on the MND and a summary of the information that was presented at the October 31, 2019 Board Workshop. The PPA would be addressed at the Regular Board meeting today at 5:00 p.m.

Development Services Senior Engineer Scholl provided background information on the MND. On August 21, 2019 the Board approved the public circulation of the Draft MND. The District received ten comment letters during the public review period which ended on October 16. He briefly reviewed the letters in which the comments were for the most part very minor. The letters are included in the Final MND which was made available to the public on the District's website on November 1.

Development Services Senior Engineer Scholl stated that a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) was also prepared. The purpose of the MMRP is to demonstrate how the District proposes to mitigate any significant effects on the environment.

District Engineer Gumpel stated that in addition to the MND and MMRP, the Board would be asked to act on a Cost Reimbursement Agreement (CRA) associated with the PPA. The CRA sets forth the terms and provisions contained in the PPA under which the solar provider will reimburse the District for its development costs such as inspection, consultants, staff time, and legal costs. Total costs are approximately \$300,000.

General discussion took place regarding any conditions the City of San Marcos may impose with regard to solar panels being installed at the Lift Station 1 site. District Engineer Gumpel stated the City's main concern is the view from the street; however, since there are no residences facing that site, the District may be required to install privacy slots or screening on the front gates only. Even if block walls, fencing, or other conditions are imposed, the cost would be covered under the PPA and would not be the District's responsibility.

General Manager Pruim stated staff was requesting the Board to authorize the General Manager to enter into the CRA contingent on the Board approving the PPA.

Staff recommended the Board adopt the proposed resolution to adopt the Final MND for the District Wide Solar Program and approve the District Wide Solar Program Final MND Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and authorize the General Manager to enter into a CRA with SSA Solar of CA 5, LLC, subject to the Board's approval of the PPA.

19-11-02 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Evans, seconded by Director Hernandez, and carried unanimously, with Director Sannella absent, to adopt the resolution.

Resolution No. 1559 - The roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: Elitharp, Evans, Hernandez, Martin

NOES: ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Sannella

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, President Martin adjourned the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors at the hour of 4:46 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the Vallecitos Water District Board of Directors has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at the District office, 201 Vallecitos de Oro, San Marcos, California.

Hal J. Martin, President Board of Directors

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ATTEST:

Glenn Pruim, Secretary

**Board of Directors** 

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