

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
DELTA DIABLO
January 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilson at 4:30 p.m., on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, via Zoom. Present were Vice Chair Banales and Director Federal Glover. Also present were Stephen Siptroth, District Counsel; Vince De Lange, General Manager; Cecelia Nichols-Fritzler, Office Manager/Secretary to the Board; Brian Thomas, Acting Business Services Director/District Engineer; and Thanh Vo, Acting Engineering Services Director.

Chair Wilson read the following statement: "In lieu of a public gathering, the Board of Directors meeting will be accessible via ZOOM to all members of the public as permitted by Government Code Section 54953(e)."

Ms. Nichols-Fritzler read a statement regarding the process for receiving public comments with respect to agendized and non-agendized items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jeff Alexander (Electrical/Instrumentation Technician III, Delta Diablo) emphasized the importance of having medical coverage options due to hazardous environments for O&M staff.

Mr. Juan Arevalo (Senior Operator, Delta Diablo) expressed concern regarding working conditions and interest in returning to the prior historical work environment and relationship with the Board.

Mr. Jason Booe (Maintenance Mechanic I, Delta Diablo) highlighted the importance of having medical coverage options and expressed interest in resolving this issue.

Mr. Joe Ciochon (WWTP Operator III, Delta Diablo) noted the onsite role of O&M members during the COVID-19 pandemic, working with the District on pension reform in the past, and his lack of interest in the District imposing terms or O&M members going on strike.

Mr. Ben Huffman (Warehouse Technician I, Delta Diablo) highlighted the praise O&M members received for their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic and the importance of having medical coverage options based on his personal needs.

Mr. Jose Martinez (WWTP Operator III, Delta Diablo) shared that the positive reasons he joined the District no longer exist, and that O&M has to deal with work incidents while keeping the District running.

Mr. Chris Phillips (Senior Operator, Delta Diablo) noted the importance of medical coverage to O&M staff, while highlighting their role in responding to the severe storm event on New Year's Eve. He shared that O&M has worked with the Board in the past, and that he does not want to strike.

Mr. Shawn Redmond (Maintenance Mechanic II, Delta Diablo) shared concerns regarding potential work hazards and his interest in maintaining the best medical coverage.

Mr. Doug Schreiner (Senior Operator, Delta Diablo) noted appreciation for O&M staff, exposure to hazardous working conditions, and the role of O&M staff in responding to the New Year's Eve storm event.

Mr. Ron Slaven (Local One AFSCME Council 57) emphasized the importance of not changing medical benefits and requested that the Board consider a recently developed option to avoid imposition of terms by the District.

Mr. Chris O'Connor (WWTP Operator III, Delta Diablo) expressed concern regarding work environment exposures and receiving reduced medical benefits compared to when he began employment at the District.

Mr. Alonso Rodriguez (Collection Systems Worker II, Delta Diablo) shared concerns regarding work environment exposures and the importance of medical benefits, while noting O&M staff actions in response to the New Year's Eve storm event.

Note: Prior to convening to Closed Session, Chair Wilson reopened Public Comments to receive comments from one additional speaker.

Mr. Lou Velarde (Maintenance Mechanic II, Delta Diablo) highlighted O&M's working relationship with the District in past and the current lack of a family orientation.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Approve Reorganization of the Board of Directors for 2023 and Appoint Board Committee Members, Alternates, and Representatives

Mr. De Lange outlined the recommended traditional rotation of the Board positions, committee members, and representatives for 2023, proposed to take effect on February 1, 2023. Director Glover moved approval; seconded by Vice Chair Banales, and by roll call vote (Ayes: *Banales, Glover, Wilson*; Noes: *None*; Absent: *None*), the Board approved reorganization of the Board and appointment of committee members, alternates, and representatives for 2023.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Glover moved approval of the Consent Calendar; seconded by Vice Chair Banales and by roll call vote (Ayes: *Banales, Glover, and Wilson*, Noes: *None*; Absent: *None*; Abstain: *None*), the following Consent Calendar items were approved: Approve Minutes of the Special Board of Directors Meeting, December 21, 2022; Make Findings and Approve Continuing Teleconference Meetings (AB361, Government Code Section 54953[e]); Receive District Monthly Check Register for November 2022; Authorize General Manager to Transfer Monies to Unanticipated Wastewater Treatment and Conveyance Infrastructure Repair Project from Wastewater Capital Asset Replacement Fund Reserves in the Amount of \$400,000, for a Total Project Budget of \$750,000, and Authorize General Manager to Execute Amendment No. 1 to General Services Contract in the Amount of \$199,989.58, for a New Total Contract Amount Not to Exceed \$263,989.58, APGN, Inc. dba APG-Neuros, Unanticipated Wastewater Treatment and Conveyance Infrastructure Repair, Project No. 23109; and Approve General Manager's Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Baywork, a Nonprofit Corporation, with Modified Indemnification Language, for a Joint Stackable Internship Partnership during the Period January 16, 2023, through December 31, 2023.

DELIBERATION ITEMS

None.

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

None.

MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Mr. De Lange clarified that the Board appointments will take effect on February 1, 2023. He also noted that the Integrated Financing Corporation Meeting will immediately follow the adjournment of the regular Board of Directors meeting.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Receive Monthly Lobbyist Report Dated December 2022, Key Advocates, Inc., Western Recycled Water Coalition

The Board received and filed the report.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (GOV. CODE, SECTION 54957.6)

Agency Negotiators: Vince De Lange, Michael Jarvis

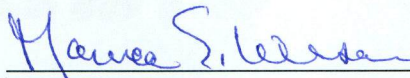
Employee Organizations: Operations and Maintenance Unit, Public Employees Union, Local One; Professional & Technical Unit, Public Employees Union, Local One; Management Association

Unrepresented Employees: All unrepresented employees

Before adjourning to Closed Session, the Secretary to the Board asked if there were any public comments on the Closed Session item; no public comments were received. At 5:17 p.m., Chair Wilson convened the Board of Directors Meeting to Closed Session. Director Banales joined the meeting for Closed Session. Chair Wilson reconvened the Board of Directors Meeting at 5:54 p.m. and stated there was nothing to report from Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 5:54 p.m. and noted that the Delta Diablo Integrated Financing Corporation Board of Directors Meeting will begin immediately following adjournment of the regular Board of Directors Meeting.



Monica Wilson
Board Secretary

(Recording Secretary: Cecelia Nichols-Fritzler)

cc: District File No. BRD.01-MINS