# FLORIN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

7090 McComber Street Sacramento, CA 95828 Monday, October 30, 2023 7:00 p.m.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

President Baliel called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Timothy Baliel	President	Present
Gary Schopf	Director	Present
Judi Johnson	Director	Present
Leonard Heimericks	Director	Present
Cindy Russell	Director	Present
Edmond Leggette	General Manager	Present

## 2. ESTABLISH QUORUM/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Quorum established.

Director Baliel said he is not approving the second part of the agenda.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Member of the Public asked if the odor found in the water at the Diana Well had been resolved. Director Heimericks said at this time the Board is not able to comment on public comment but will happy to address at the next Board Meeting when it is on the Agenda.

No further public comment.

#### 4. PRESENTATION FROM CalPERS REPRESENTATIVE ON CalPERS INVESTMENT:

During the presentation Director Baliel stated that this is a poor District and he does not see how the District can afford retirees long term health care. He is concerned these investment programs will bankrupt the District and/or negatively affect the rate payers.

Director Russell also stated that she does not agree the District should pay for health care past a certain age. Since the retirees already receive a pension, which she states is more than generous, the District should not pay for long term healthcare for retired employees. With their retirement money employees should apply for and pay for Medi-Care like the rest of the population.

Director Johnson asked the CalPERS rep for information regarding GASB – 75.

Member of the Public said he did not think the District can take away the health benefits of current and retired employees, but maybe the Board can consider possibly removing this benefit for new employees.

Director Baliel stated the City of Sacramento was under CalPERS for over 30 years and now they transitioned to CalSTERS because his brother is on that pension. The CalPERS rep as well as Director Heimericks clarified that the CalSTERS pension is for teachers only and asked if his brother is a current or former teacher and Director Baliel said, "No."

Director Heimericks recommend the Board review the information presented tonight, figure out what the Board is actually doing and then the Board can proceed with deciding from there. Director Heimericks questioned whether the Board can implement a change to benefits for current retired employees but for future employees then the Board can alter the new employee package.

When CalPERS presentation was over the Board did not act at this time.

#### 5. REVIEWING DRAFT RFP FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS AGENCY – WATER METERS:

Director Baliel said he is not discussing meters because the Board said at the last meeting that meters was going to be put off for three years. Director Heimericks clarified that it was discussed and approved at a previous meeting that the Board will discuss and hire a PR Firm to notify and gather rate payer input on meters and possible fluctuation in rates.

Director Baliel made a comment about not receiving his Board Packet on time. Director Heimericks asked Director Baliel if his packet should be delivered to his house instead of his business since he seems to have an issue receiving his packet. Director Baliel was opposed to this suggestion since he states he lives at his business 80% of the time.

Director Johnson raised concern that Director Baliel has not put a drop box at this business on McComber Street to receive his Board Packet as he said he would do in previous meetings. Director Baliel said a box is there behind the fence. Director Baliel asked Attorney Bernadett if she can spare 10 minutes after the meeting so he can show her the drop box at his business. That request was denied.

Director Russell said she would like to take more time to review the information given regarding this topic and does not want to review the information at the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:09 PM** 

Respectfully submitted by:

**Edmond J. Leggette** 

General Manager/Secretary to the Board

<sup>\*</sup>Next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 13, 2023. Proposed agenda items must be received by 4:00PM on November 1, 2023. Meeting audio available upon request.