

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
SIERRA LAKES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

**Date:** Wednesday March 17, 2021 / **Time:** 6:00 p.m. / **Place:** 7305 Short Road, Serene Lakes, CA

The meeting was teleconferenced as provided by Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-25-20 (“Executive Order”), declared on March 12, 2020. The Executive Order temporarily granted state and local agencies certain powers to aid in the implementation of social distancing measures recommended by state and local public health officials that suspended certain Brown Act requirements.

**I. Open Meeting:**

Roll Call: No Directors were in attendance at the Sierra Lakes Boardroom

Directors in attendance by teleconference:

Director Dan Stockton  
Director Bob McCormick  
Director Karen Heald  
Director Michael Lindquist  
Director Jon Harvey

Staff members present: Anna Nickerson, Financial Consultant

Staff present by phone: Paul Schultz P.E. Inc., General Manager  
Olivia Clark, Kronick Mosckovic Tiedeman & Girard

Guests present by Zoom: Dick Simpson

Minute Recorder: Anna Nickerson, Financial Consultant

**II. Public Forum:** An opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on items that were not on the agenda. There were no comments

**III. Approve Agenda:** The agenda was presented to the Board for approval.

**A motion was made by Director Heald and seconded by Director McCormick to approve the agenda.** The motion passed by a unanimous rollcall vote: Directors Stockton, McCormick, Heald, Lindquist and Harvey.

**IV. Public Comments:** An opportunity for the Board to consider comments received from the public after the agenda was posted, regarding items on the agenda. No comments were received.

**V. Old Business:**

The Board was presented with the University of Nevada, Reno Contemporary Water Quality Assessment of Serene Lakes project contract for consideration and possible action. Mr. Schultz said the purpose of the meeting was to continue the discussion from the March 12, 2021, Regular Board Meeting. He said the math issue in the memo was corrected and he added 10% to the budget for a District controlled contingency. However, the contingency was not added to the contract. He said he was asking that the Board authorize the President to execute the contract. He also said Sam Stuart, Academic Intern, would be heading up to Cascade Lake in April to receive sampling training.

Director McCormick asked how the Board could be sure that the price was reasonable and representative of the value to be received. Mr. Schultz said he believed the District would be receiving much more value because a lot of the work was being done at less than minimum wage. The work was being done as part of an academic program through the University that would be overseen by several professors and an advisor from the Desert Research Institute. He was confident in the quality of work. The work would provide training for biologists and environmental scientists that were working on their master's and PhD Degrees. Finally, he said the University made a commitment to do all the work within the proposed budget.

Director Harvey said it was a high value proposition for the District. The cost works out to be about \$200.00 per property. Director McCormick said he wanted to get something on the record to show the Board was doing their fiduciary duty by considering the broad aspects to determine there was real value in the work to be done.

Director McCormick asked Mr. Schultz how optimistic he was about obtaining the \$50,000 grant and if it was a one-time grant or could the District apply annually. Mr. Schultz said it was rare to give multiyear grants for the same project but the same grantors would consider grants for multiple projects to the same potential grantee. He confirmed that the District could reapply next year if the application was unsuccessful and that he would be applying for other grants.

Director Heald said she thought the project was a great idea and was appreciative of the work that Mr. Schultz put into finding what she believed was very economical given what the project would cost in the private sector. She said she thought they were experts and clearly saw a need to do something to protect the water. She didn't see anything that would be problematic.

Mr. Simpson said to go out to private industry for this kind of project you would need to know the questions to be answered and the measurements to be made in order to compare costs from one professional to the other. He said in this case, the District would be dealing with academia and although the work was more open ended the potential for payoff was much higher. He said the value was there and the project looked good to him.

**A motion was made by Director Lindquist and seconded by Director Heald to approve recommendations within the staff report.** The motion passed by a unanimous rollcall vote: Directors Stockton, McCormick, Heald, Lindquist and Harvey.

**VI. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Director Lindquist and seconded by Director McCormick to adjourn the meeting.** The motion passed by a unanimous rollcall vote: Directors Stockton, McCormick, Heald, Lindquist and Harvey.

The minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting held on April 9, 2021, as part of the Consent Items Calendar. A motion was made by Director McCormick and seconded by Director Lindquist to approve the Consent Items Calendar. The motion passed by a unanimous rollcall vote: Directors Stockton, McCormick, Lindquist and Harvey. Director Heald was absent.