Minutes

Special Meeting

Aliso Water District

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Board members present:

President Roy Catania	Treasurer Michael Logoluso	Secretary Bernard Puget
Director Matthew Toste	Director Jeremy Seibert	

Public present or by telephone:

Joe Hopkins Dave Holland

1. Call to Order:

President Roy Catania called the meeting to order at 11:02 A.M.

2. Appointment of Demand Management Ad Hoc Committee:

As a follow up to the January 23, 2024 board meeting, Hopkins has requested the development of an ad hoc committee to develop demand management strategies. Holland recommended that the committee be structured with two board members and that they may recruit volunteers as needed to seek input on the demand management strategies to be developed. President Catania and Director Toste volunteered to be on the committee. Hopkins reported that a notice was sent to all growers in their groundwater extraction invoices inviting the grower or their representative to participate in the committee. Hopkins then followed up directly with multiple growers to invite them to participate. Hopkins will coordinate with the committee and volunteers to begin the committee meetings. The expectation is that five meetings will occur between now and the April board meeting, with a plan to be presented to the full board at the April 23, 2024 board meeting.

M/S Mike Logoluso and Bernard Puget to establish the Demand Management Strategies Ad Hoc Committee, and appoint Director Catania and Director Toste the committee.

Director Mike Logoluso	Aye
Director Jeremy Seibert	Aye
Director Roy Catania	Aye
Director Bernard Puget	Aye
Director Matthew Toste	Aye

The President then publicly announced the motion passed.

3. NRCS Grant Update

Hopkins reported that in our efforts to secure NRCS grant funds, the District had to obtain a Government Information Letter from the IRS. The letter is general in nature, but is believed to satisfy the NRCS request. However, the IRS presented an option in the letter to prepare a Ruling Letter on our tax exempt status. The Ruling Letter essentially consists of an IRS evaluation and preparation a more specific version of the letter provided. It is being brought to the board for their awareness. Hopkins and Holland recommended that since the Ruling Letter is not believed to be a requirement for grant funding, that the District not pursue at this time.

- 4. Other Business to come before the Board None.
- 5. Public Comment There was no public comment.
- 6. Next Meeting April 23, 2024.
- 7. Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 11:21 A.M.

SUBMITTED BY:

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Bernard Puget, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Roy Catania, President