MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

September 29, 2021

An Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Directors of Vista Irrigation District was held on Wednesday, September 29, 2021, convening at the offices of the District at 1391 Engineer Street, Vista, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Sanchez called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors present: Vásquez, Dorey, Sanchez, and MacKenzie.

Directors absent: Miller.

Staff present: Brett Hodgkiss, General Manager; Lisa Soto, Secretary of the Board; Don Smith, Director of Water Resources, and Mark Saltz, Water Resources Specialist.

Other attendees: Kevin Muno and Juan Carlos Villalpando of Landscape Function Management (LFM) joined the meeting at the Warner Carrillo Ranch House and the Mataguay pasture.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT TIME**

No public comments were presented on items not appearing on the agenda.

5. TOUR OF LOCAL WATER SYSTEM FACILITIES

President Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 8:15 a.m. for the Board and staff (Group) to drive to the first stop on the itinerary. At 9:38 a.m., the meeting reconvened at the Warner Carrillo Ranch House where Kevin Muno and Juan Carlos Villalpando of LFM joined the meeting to present an overview of their cattle grazing operation in the Mataguay pasture. With the use of a large map, Mr. Muno showed the Board the interior and exterior fencing that LFM has installed. He discussed the need for additional perimeter fencing, noting that it is very costly (about \$9.00 per linear foot). Mr. Muno stated that LFM would be desirous of a longer-term license with the District so that further capital investments could be made.

The Group departed the Warner Carrillo Ranch House at 10:05 a.m. and arrived at the Mataguay pasture shortly thereafter. Messrs. Muno and Villalpando rejoined the meeting, and showed the Board the new water tanks and interior fencing installed by LFM. Messrs. Muno and Villalpando also discussed the concept of regenerative grazing, which is the method LFM uses in its operation. The Group departed the Mataguay pasture at 10:45 a.m. and Messrs. Muno and Villalpando left the meeting at this time.

At 11:10 a.m., the Group arrived at the south end of the wellfield canal/ditch system. The Board inspected the newly replaced sections of the ditch which had been damaged by heavy rains and flooding in 2019. The Board expressed its appreciation for the good work done on the ditch system.

At 11:40, the Group traveled to Santa Ysabel where it adjourned for lunch at 12:15 p.m. Janice Mendenhall, the Lake Henshaw Resort concessionaire joined the Group for lunch at Farmhouse 78. At 1:30 p.m., the Group departed Farmhouse 78 and arrived at the Lake Henshaw boat ramp at 1:45 p.m. Director of Water Resources Don Smith presented a brief overview of issues pertaining to the harmful algal blooms (HABs) in the lake. He stated that staff's work with the District's consultant on this matter has been focused on short-term solutions thus far; in the next few weeks, the emphasis will shift toward developing longterm solutions for addressing HABs in Lake Henshaw.

At 1:57 p.m., the Group departed the Lake Henshaw boat ramp, arriving at the San Pasqual Indian Reservation at 2:27 p.m. The Board viewed the alignment for the San Pasqual Undergrounding Project, and Mr. Smith provided an overview of the project components, including the desilting basin, the portions of the canal that will be replaced in place with an underground pipe and the portions that will be abandoned in favor of an all new underground alignment.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, at 2:40 p.m., President Sanchez adjourned the meeting.

Patrick Sanchez, President

ATTEST:

Lisa R. Soto, Secretary **Board of Directors** VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT



Board of Directors 2021 Fall Tour Itinerary

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Meet at VID offices at 8:00 am

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Pre-order lunch
- 3. Have refreshments
- 4. Depart at 8:15 am

Arrive at Warner Carrillo Ranch House (WCRH) about 9:45 am

5. Use restroom facilities; depart about 10:00 am

Tour the Mataguay grazing license premises

- 6. Enter through gate across Highway S-2 from WCRH
- 7. Drive by new water tanks installed by Landscape Function Management (LFM)
- 8. Follow alignment of new pipeline to the Mataguay Scout Reservation
- 9. Depart via main gate on Highway 79 at about 10:45 am

Inspect replaced sections of the Ditch

- 10. Enter via Fink Road; travel to south end of ditch replacement project
- 11. Drive by replaced ditch sections; leave via the Main Gate about 12:00 pm

Arrive at the Farmhouse 78 Café about 12:20 pm

- 12. Have Lunch; Lake Henshaw Resort concessionaires invited
- 13. Depart about 1:20 pm

View Lake; Discuss Issues pertaining to Harmful Algal Blooms

- 14. Arrive at Henshaw Boat Ramp about 1:35 pm
- 15. Depart about 1:50 pm

Arrive at San Pasqual Indian Reservation about 2:30 pm

- 16. Review project components: desilting basin; replace-in-place; pipeline in new alignment; and abandonment
- 17. Depart about 3:15 pm

Return to VID offices ~ 4:00 pm

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