

June 2, 2025
Special Meeting
5:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District convened in special session on Monday, June 2, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the San Benito County Water District office at 30 Mansfield Road, Hollister, California. Members present were: President Doug Williams, Vice President Mark Wright and Directors Sonny Flores, John Freeman and Joe Tonascia. Also present were General Manager Dana Jacobson, District Counsel Jeremy T. Liem, Assistant General Manager Brett Miller, and Executive Assistant/Board Clerk Barbara Mauro. Jeff Cattaneo participated via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

President Williams called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

a. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

President Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Roll Call

Mrs. Mauro called roll. Members present were: President Williams, Vice President Wright and Directors Flores, Freeman and Tonascia.

c. Approval of the Agenda

With a motion by Director Flores and a second by Director Tonascia, the Board approved the Agenda with 5 affirmative votes, Williams, Wright, Flores, Freeman and Tonascia.

d. Speakers will be limited to 5 minutes to address the Board

There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Consider Approval of Ordinance Establishing Capacity Fees within the District's Zone 6 Service Area, First Reading

Mr. Miller reviewed this item for the Board. At our last board meeting on May 28th, the Board asked that the payment structure for the capacity fee be revised. The wording has now been changed to have the payment paid in full when the permit is pulled. (The Board waived the reading of the Ordinance) The Board's action would be to approve the 1st reading and agree to have the 2nd reading and approval at the June 25, 2025 Board meeting. If there are any questions Russ Frink, from Kronick, Moscovitz, Tiedemann and Girard, is participating via Zoom.

With no questions from the Board, a motion was made by Director Freeman and seconded by Director Flores, the Board of Directors approved the first reading of the Ordinance Establishing Capacity Fees within the District's Zone 6 Service Area with 5 affirmative votes, Williams, Wright, Flores, Freeman and Tonascia.

2. **Consider Approval of Four Well, Pumping Plant, and Easement Agreements for the Accelerated Drought Response Project (ADRoP), and Authorize the General Manager to Sign**
a. 1490 Fallon Road
b. 880 Fallon Road
c. 350 Scagliotti Road
d. E/L Scagliotti Road & S/L Fallon Road

Mr. Cattaneo reviewed this item for the Board. He reviewed the properties and easements and stated how the payment for the easements were based on the value. The easements for the well sites, including access, will be permanent. There will also be temporary easements for construction, likely for 18 months. Mr. Cattaneo, using a map of the area, explained how the wells would be drilled and where. There will be a slight change from what is being presented tonight.

Discussion ensued about if the District is ready to drill two wells, how will it affect the project if a new ag well is needed by the property owners. Mr. Cattaneo stated it would have no effect, as long as the Ag well is away from the ASR, there would be no limitations. A few years ago, the state tried to implement changes to well locations, but due to the opposition it received, it never went through.

Director Freeman asked if the District had considered leasing out space in with the pipeline, such as a fiber optic line, to help with the overall costs. Mr. Cattaneo stated no, the pipeline is in the road, so the right of way authority belongs to the City of Hollister and San Benito County.

With no further questions, a motion was made by Director Tonascia and seconded by Director Flores, the Board of Directors Approved of Four Well, Pumping Plant, and Easement Agreements for the Accelerated Drought Response Project (ADRoP), and Authorized the General Manager to Sign; a. 1490 Fallon Road; b. 880 Fallon Road; c. 350 Scagliotti Road; d. E/L Scagliotti Road & S/L Fallon Road; with 4 affirmative votes, Wright, Flores, Freeman and Tonascia and 1 recused, Williams.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Minutes were approved at the June 25, 2025 Board meeting and signed by the presiding board member.

/s/Doug Williams
Doug Williams, President

/s/Barbara L. Mauro
Barbara L. Mauro, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk