

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
STATE AND FEDERAL CONTRACTORS WATER AGENCY**

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REGULAR and ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

***October 15, 2015
11:30 a.m.***

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

- 1-1 The Board will Consider Corrections or Additions to the Agenda of Items Requiring Immediate Action that have come to the Attention of the Board after Posting the Agenda
- 1-2 Public Comment – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Agency on matters within the Agency’s jurisdiction (as required by Gov. Code Section 54954.3(a))

2.0 ACTION ITEMS (45 MIN)

- 2-1 Consider Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of September 17 – Attachment (Peltier)
Recommendation: Adopt the Board minutes for September 17 by minute order
- 2-2 Consider Authorization for the Executive Director to Negotiate a Contract with GEI Consultants, Inc. to Provide Strategic Planning Services for the SFCWA Science Program – Attachment (Buck)
Recommendation: Authorize the Executive Director to Negotiate a Contract with GEI Consultants, Inc. to Provide Strategic Planning Service for the SFCWA Science Program for an amount not to Exceed \$100,000 annually
- 2-3 Consider Draft Revisions to the SFCWA Strategic Plan – Attachment (Buck)
- 2-4 Consider Election of Officers of the State and Federal Contractors Water Agency (Peltier)
Recommendation: That the Board approve the Slate of Nominees for Officers of the SFCWA Board of Directors

3.0 INFORMATION REPORTS (30 MIN)

▶ **ADMINISTRATION (10 MIN)**

- 3-1 Board Chair’s report (Peltier)

- 3-2 Executive Director Report – Attachment (Buck)
- 3-3 General Counsel’s Report – Attachment (Miller)
- 3-4 SFCWA Income/Expense Report for September 2015 – Attachment (Wallace)

▶ **COORDINATED SCIENCE (10 MIN)**

- 3-5 Science Program Report – Attachment (Fong)

▶ **HABITAT PROGRAM (10 MIN)**

- 3-6 Manager’s Habitat Committee Report - (Buck)

4.0 Identification of Upcoming Major Agenda Topics; next meeting date

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2015**

Directors Present: Frances Brewster, Santa Clara Valley Water District
Jill Duerig, Zone 7/DSPC
Dan Nelson, San Luis & Delta Mendota Water Authority
Randall Neudeck, Metropolitan Water District
Jason Peltier, San Luis Delta & Mendota Water Authority
Susan Ramos, Westlands Water District
Craig Wallace, Kern County Water Agency

Staff Present: Byron Buck, SFCWA Executive Director
Tara Beltran, SFCWA Staff
Stephanie Fong, SFCWA Staff (by phone)
Reachel Ramsay, SFCWA Staff
Nancy Miller, Miller Owen

Others Present: Robert Cheng, Coachella Valley Water District
Forest Halford, Western Land Company
Steven Inn, Alameda County Water District
Greg Sutter, Westervelt Ecological Services
Ramona Swenson, ESA
Brent Walthall, Kern County Water Agency
Donnell Wilcox, Coachella Valley Water District

CALL TO ORDER

Call to order: Acting President Wallace called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

1-1 *The Board will Consider Corrections or Additions to the Agenda of Items Requiring Immediate Action that have come to the Attention of the Board after Posting the Agenda*

There were none.

1-2 *Public Comment – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Agency on matters within the Agency’s jurisdiction (as required by Gov. Code Section 54954.3(a))*

There were no comments.

2.0 ACTION ITEMS

2-1 *Consider Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of July 16.*

Upon a motion made by Director Brewster, seconded by Director Duerig and unanimously passed, the Board approved the July 16 board minutes with the following vote:

Aye: Brewster, Duerig, Nelson, Neudeck, Peltier, Ramos, Wallace

Nay: None

2-2 *Consider Proposed SFCWA Habitat Program Strategy*

Byron Buck summarized the written agenda item. His presentation included a discussion on lessons learned, partnering with others to hold land and work on restoration projects and the anticipation of the DWR RFP. Mr. Buck also discussed ongoing discussions between the State Water Contractors. A board discussion ensued. The Board discussed the schedule for the Tule Red Project. A question was posed as to how much restoration has cost DWR per acre. Rather than quoting a figure from memory, Mr. Buck

referred to a memo to the State Water Contractors comparing costs. Staff will resend the memo to the board.

2-3 Consider Authorization for the Executive Director to Negotiate a Contract to Provide Strategic Planning Services for the SFCWA Science Program

Byron Buck corrected the contract amount as it was listed incorrectly on the agenda item. The correct maximum billable amount for services through FY-16 is \$100,000. A question was posed from the board as to what professional firm Val Connor would contract with to provide professional services to SFCWA. The firm has not been confirmed by Val Connor. The board recommended continuation of this agenda item until the firm has been established. There was no board action taken on this agenda item.

2-4 Consider Approval to allocate funds to the Coordinated Science Program in the amount of \$113,686

Stephanie Fong presented this agenda item discussing the Cache Collaborative expansions and the Sea Grant Fellowship. She presented a PowerPoint presentation explaining the budget details and what funds have been previously allocated. Ms. Fong reported on the technical committee discussions of this proposed allocation. The board discussed science priorities and inquired if there would be a loss in opportunity if the project work was not completed now. Ms. Fong provided additional information giving the board project timelines. A request was made from the board for staff to provide a summary in October on Prop 1 funds, the process and what funds are available for Science.

Upon a motion made by Director Nelson, seconded by Director Brewster and unanimous passed the Board approved the Kimmer project titled "Dynamics of Zooplankton in the Cache Slough Complex" in the amount of \$35,186 and the Don Weston project titled "Integrated Chemical and Genomic Assessment of Contaminant Effects on Invertebrate Fish Prey in Cache Slough" in the amount of \$27,500. There was no action taken on approval of the Sea Grant Fellowship.

3.0 INFORMATION REPORTS

▶ **ADMINISTRATION**

3-1 Chair's Board Report

Acting President Wallace noted that Brenda Burman would be leaving the board as Board President. The position will be filled the following month in officer elections.

3-2 Executive Director's Report

Byron Buck provided an oral summary of activities of last month.

3-3 General Counsel's Report

Nancy Miller presented the general counsel's report.

3-4 SFCWA Income/Expense Report for July/August 2015

Byron Buck presented the income expense report as written. He noted that budgets were running behind projections, though expenditures for the Tule Red project will be increasing in the next few months.

3-5 Significant Correspondence

Byron Buck presented the correspondence as written.

▶ **COORDINATED SCIENCE**

3-6 Science Program Manager's Report

Stephanie Fong summarized the written Science Program report. She reported on significant meetings from the past month including the letters of recommendation and working with Dr. Richard Connon. Ms. Fong discussed the Prop 1 proposal.