

January 26, 2023
Fremont, California

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of ALAMEDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT was held on January 26, 2023, at the hour of 6:03 P.M. Due to COVID-19 and in accordance with Assembly Bill 361, which modifies Government Code Section 54953, this meeting was conducted virtually by Zoom Webinar and Teleconference, and members of the public were invited to participate.

Present: Directors Gunther, Huang, Weed (arrived at 6:10 P.M.), and Sethy
Absent: Director Akbari

Staff members present: General Manager Ed Stevenson, Acting Director of Operations & Maintenance Mike Wickham, Director of Engineering Girum Awoke, Director of Finance & Administration Jonathan Wunderlich, Director of Water Resources Laura Hidas, Public Affairs Supervisor Sharene Gonzales, Financial Analysis Supervisor Sydney Oam, Senior Financial Analyst Martin Koran, Administrative Analyst Ethan Burch

President Sethy presided.

2 – PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

3 – COMMUNITY MEETING ON PROPOSED INCREASES TO WATER RATES AND DROUGHT SURCHARGES

The Community Informational Meeting was conducted as a Special Board Meeting as a quorum of the Board of Directors was present.

Mr. Stevenson provided an overview of the District, the rate setting process and why rate increases are necessary, as well as the steps the District takes to be efficient and control costs.

Mr. Wunderlich presented the District's budget overview, the proposed water rates and charges, considerations in determining whether the drought is over and when the District will rescind its Drought Emergency Declaration, and available customer assistance and conservation programs.

The public hearing regarding rate proposals will occur at the February 9, 2023, Board meeting, at 6:00 P.M. at District headquarters and via webinar.

Staff responded to comments and inquiries from the Board and members of the public.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:22 P.M.



Ed Stevenson, General Manager

Attest:



Paul S. Sethy, President