

## Board Minutes

### Regular Meeting

Thursday, August 8, 2024

Camrosa Board Room

5:00 p.m.

**Call to Order** The meeting was convened at 5:01 p.m.

**Present:** Eugene F. West, President  
Andrew F. Nelson, Vice-President  
Jeffrey C. Brown, Director  
Timothy H. Hoag, Director  
Terry L. Foreman, Director

**Staff:** Norman Huff, General Manager  
Tamara Sexton, Deputy General Manager/Finance (via teleconference)  
Jozi Zabarsky, Customer Service Manager  
Kevin Wahl, Director of Operations  
Art Aseo, Engineering & Capital Projects Manager  
Keith Lemieux, Legal Counsel

**Guest:** Veranica Piszczek, Resident  
Barbara Brenner, Special Legal Counsel

### Public Comments

Veranica Piszczek addressed the Board regarding a water waste complaint.

### Consent Agenda

1. **Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 25, 2024**

2. **Approve Vendor Payments**

A summary of accounts payable in the amount of \$406,342.86 was provided for Board information and approval.

3. **Annual Disclosure of Director/Employee Reimbursement**

The Board accepted the Annual Disclosure Report of Director/Employee Reimbursements for FY2023-24.

4. **Access License Agreement – Southern California Edison Company**

The Board authorized the General Manager to execute a 5-year License Agreement with SCE.

**Motion to approve the Consent Agenda:** Nelson. **Second:** Brown.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

## Primary Agenda

### 5. Recognizing the Hathaway Law Firm for 60 Years of Dedicated Service

The Board adopted Resolution 24-18 Recognizing the Hathaway Law Firm for 60 Years of Dedicated Service.

**Motion:** Hoag. **Second:** Brown.

**Rollcall:** Nelson-Yes; Brown-Yes; Hoag-Yes; Foreman-Yes; West-Yes

### 6. Fiscal Year 2023-24 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Budget Status Report (Preliminary)

The Board received a report from staff regarding the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter budget report and reserves.

**No action was necessary, for information only.**

### 7. Benefits Ad-hoc Committee Report

The Board received a report from the Benefits Ad-hoc Committee on the progress of exploring retirement benefit options and discussed the CalPERS termination valuation (“buy-out”) communication.

**No action was necessary, for discussion only.**

## Comments by General Manager

- Announced the Master Plan Workshop will be held at the District office on August 22, 2024.

## Comments by Directors

- Director Nelson commented on the Edison contract. He also provided a report on his participation at the recent CASA Conference.
- Director Hoag shared information on ultrasonic algae control and clarified his position on the 3.1% inflationary adjustment approved at the last Board meeting.

**Closed Session** The Board entered into Closed Session at 6:09 p.m. to confidentially discuss legal matters as authorized by Government Code 54956.9.

### 8. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Gov. Code, §54956.9(d)(1)): NAME OF CASE: OPV Coalition et al v. Camrosa Water District, Santa Barbara County Superior Court Case No. VENCI0055357.

### 9. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION (Gov. Code, §54956.9(b)): One case

### 10. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Gov. Code, §54956.9(c)(d)(4)): One case

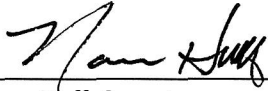
**Open Session** The Board reconvened Open Session at 7:25 p.m.

### 11. Announcement of reportable action taken during Closed Session

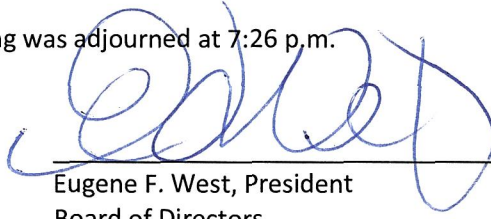
The Board met in Closed Session to discuss the item identified as anticipated litigation. After a discussion with District Counsel, the Board unanimously directed District Counsel to initiate a legal action against William Dundas. No further action was taken.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



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Norman Huff, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Camrosa Water District



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Eugene F. West, President  
Board of Directors  
Camrosa Water District

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