

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
ARVIN-EDISON WATER STORAGE DISTRICT  
March 29, 2021**

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, and guidance by the California Department of Public Health dated March 16, 2020, this meeting was conducted at 20401 East Bear Mountain Blvd., Arvin, CA 93203 with Board Members and limited staff only, and the public participated via WebEx.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Edwin Camp called to order the special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District at the hour of 8:00 a.m. with a quorum of the Board being then and there present and remotely, to wit:

Edwin Camp, President (departed at 9:45 a.m.)  
Jeffrey Giumarra, Vice President  
John C. Moore, Secretary-Treasurer  
Catherine Fanucchi  
Kevin Pascoe  
Catalino Martinez  
Derek Yurosek (via WebEx)  
Dennis Johnston

There was one absent Director:

Ron Lehr

District staff present:

Jeevan Muhar, Engineer-Manager  
David Nixon, Deputy General Manager  
Fernando Ceja, District Engineer

District consultants present:

Scott Kuney, Esq., Law Offices of Young Wooldridge, LLP  
Brett Stroud, Esq., Law Office of Young Wooldridge, LLP (via WebEx open session only)  
Randy Hopkins, Provost & Pritchard Engineering Group (Via Webex open session only)

Visitors and Guests (Via WebEx):

Jason Phillips, Friant Water Authority (8:30 to 9:30 closed session only)  
Andrew Enstrom, Wonderful (open session only)

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA OF ITEMS, AS AUTHORIZED BY GOVERNMENT CODE §54950 et seq.**

There were no additions or changes to the posted Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:05 A.M.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Anticipated Litigation

Legal Counsel Kuney then advised the Board he would like to discuss Initiation of Potential Litigation (Two Items); and based upon advice from Legal Counsel, discussing such matters in open session would cause prejudice to the District; therefore, the Board adjourned into closed session in accordance with Government Code Section §54956.9(d)(4) at 8:05 a.m. and upon returning to open session at 9:30 a.m., there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

ACTION ITEMS

Consider Approval of "Cost Share Agreement" between Friant Water Authority and United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation regarding Friant-Kern Canal Construction.

No action was taken on this item.

President Camp left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Consider Approval of Proposed Proposition 218 Election General Project & General Administrative Charges (GA&GP)

Mr. Nixon and Mr. Hopkins provided an update of the proposed Proposition 218 Election scenarios of cost increase(s) for all parcels within the District, which included: the process and/or schedule (i.e., Engineer's Report, notification to landowners, and required hearings); average depth to groundwater illustrating District benefit of up to \$408 per acre; budget projections; historic surface water vs. groundwater use; summary of future GA&GP needs; proposed rate increases; and comparison of other district charges. There was a brief discussion, and Director Johnston motioned, seconded by Director Fanucchi and by the following vote to wit approved staff direction to pursue the Proposition 218 Election proposing an initial 2021 increase of Irrigated Ag parcels of \$32 per acre and up to \$50 per acre (or an additional \$18 per acre or maximum of \$164.57 per acre) over the next five years and similar percent increases to both sub-acre parcels (maximum of \$33.57 per parcel) as well "Non-Ag" acreage less than 10 acre parcels (maximum of \$117.49 per acre).

Ayes: Giumarra, Moore, Martinez, Pascoe, Yurosek, Fanucchi and Johnston

Noes: None

Absent: Camp and Lehr

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OTHER ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION §54954.2 (RELATING TO ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE POSTED AGENDA); AND ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Giumarra then asked if there were any further matters that needed to be brought before the Board of Directors, and there being none, Director Moore motioned, seconded by Director Yurosek, and by unanimous vote, adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.



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David A. Nixon, Deputy General Manager/  
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer