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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

**BOARD MEETING OFFICE
1720 N. CHEROKEE TR.
LANDERS, CALIFORNIA 92285**

**February 27, 2024
Time – 6:00 P.M.**

**MEETING ROOM IS OPEN FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE
PUBLIC WISHING TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY**

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CALL TO ORDER

President McKenzie called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Randy West Led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Directors present:

John R. Burkhart	JoMarie McKenzie
	Megan Close-Dees
	John Burkhart

Directors Absent: Director Chapman

Staff present: Marina West
Daniel Best

Public Present: Following Roll Call, 1 member(s) of the public indicated they were participating via teleconference. 4 members of the public were present in the meeting room

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Burkhart made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Close-Dees seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Discussion and Action Items - The Board of Directors and Staff will discuss the following items and the Board will consider taking action, if so inclined. The Public is invited to comment on any item on the agenda during discussion of that item. When giving your public comment, please have your information prepared. If you wish to be identified for the record, then please state your name. Due to time constraints, each member of the public will be allotted three-minutes to provide their public comment.

1. Board of Directors to Complete Selection Process and Appoint a New Board Member to Fill the Current Vacancy

That the Board considers taking the following action(s):

1. Conduct candidate interview(s) while in a public, open session; and Candidate who receives a majority of three (3) votes will be appointed. Subsequently, Candidate will be sworn in and officially seated as a Board member.

GM West presented the staff report and discussed previous Board actions and that this would be a "short" term as he is up for election in November 2024 for a 2 year term. Staff received 1 application by the deadline and no further inquiries regarding vacancies. Introduced William Aldridge and verified his voter status.

President McKenzie called Aldridge up and asked to tell us about himself. Long time plumber carpenter and wants to give back to his community and mentioned his plumbing background would make him a good fit for the Board. Pres MC made sure he has the time to attend BOD meetings and make himself available to be an involved member of the board. Aldridge mentioned that he is experienced in water systems and maintenance related tasks, drip irrigation systems and relevant experience of family members who served on other Agencies' Boards.

President McKenzie asked if he has any questions for the board. Aldridge asked that he would ask for advice to get up to speed and become familiar with how things work. He is willing to travel and be an engaged Director. He mentioned he has knowledge of water banking and aquifers and utilizing additional recharge to keep a healthy water table. Aldridge also mentioned being prepared for natural disasters.

Director Close-Dees mentioned the importance to learn and attend conferences and gain knowledge education, especially on politics. She has enjoyed her time as a Board Member.

Public Comment: Tom Floen made comment on Mr. Aldridge`s ability to problem solve and has been a great person in the community to help out and assist community members. Mr. Floen mentioned Brown Act, Senate Bills, changing regulations and there is a steep learning curve, but he is confident that Mr. Aldridge will be a wonderful candidate.

Motion No. 24-009

Director Close-Dees made motion to appoint William Aldridge and Director Burkhart seconded.

Roll Call: John Burkhart Y
 Megan Close-Dees Y
 JoMarie McKenzie Y
 Vacant Seat

MSC¹ (Close-Dees/Burkhart) unanimously approved.

GM West swore in William Aldridge following the unanimous vote.

2. CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)

One potential case

President McKenzie adjourned to closed session at 6:22

3. Closed Session Report

6:50 back in session.

No Reportable Action

4. Public Comment Period

None

5. Adjournment

President McKenzie adjourned the meeting at 6:51pm.

Approved by:

John Burkhart, Committee Chair

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