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GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM OF MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MARCH 27, 2020

Executive Order N-25-20 and N-29-20, issued by the Governor of the State of California, in which portions of the Ralph M. Brown Act are suspended and allows, all Board members, staff and the public to participate by telephone.

The Board of Directors (Board) of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) met in regular session via audio conference, on Friday, March 27, 2020, at 10:05 a.m., President Pahre presiding.

- (1) **CALL TO ORDER:** President Barbara L. Pahre.
- (2) **ROLL CALL:** Secretary of the District Amorette M. Ko-Wong.

Directors Present (15): Directors Arnold, Belforte, Fewer, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Moylan, Sears and Sobel; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

Directors Absent (2): Directors Rabbitt and Yee.

[Note: On this date, there were two vacancies on the Board of Directors.]

Staff Present: General Manager Denis Mulligan; Auditor-Controller Joseph Wire; District Engineer Ewa Bauer-Furbush; Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong; Attorney Kimon Manolius; Attorney Molly Kaban; Deputy General Manager/Administration and Development Kellee Hopper; Deputy General Manager/Bridge Steve Miller; Division Deputy General Manager/Bus Transit Mona Babauta; Deputy General Manager/Ferry James Swindler; Executive Assistant to the General Manager Justine Bock; Senior Board Analyst Elizabeth Eells.

Visitors Present: Manuel Gamboa, Sacramento County Resident.

- (3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Director Patricia Garbarino
- (4) **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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(A) Public Comment

Manuel Gamboa, Sacramento County Resident, thanked the District for its support of the Suicide Deterrent System (SDS) construction project. He said his son jumped off the Golden Gate Bridge in September 2013, and the barrier will save lives. He expressed his appreciation for the District's efforts. He wished everyone good health and well-being.

(5) CONSENT CALENDAR:

Directors THERIAULT/COCHRAN moved and seconded to approve the Consent Calendar. All items were approved by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Belforte, Fewer, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Moylan, Sears and Sobel; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (2): Directors Rabbitt and Yee.

(A) Approve the Minutes of the following Meetings

- (1) Building and Operating Committee of February 27, 2020
- (2) Finance-Auditing Committee of February 27, 2020;
- (3) Rules, Policy and Industrial Relations Committee of February 28, 2020; and,
- (4) Board of Directors of February 28, 2020. **Carried**

(B) Ratification of Previous Actions by the Auditor-Controller

Resolution No. 2020-012 (as detailed in the March 27, 2020 Finance-Auditing Committee meeting)

- (1) Ratify Commitments and/or Expenditures
- (2) Ratify Previous Investments
- (3) Authorize Investments
- (4) Accept Investment Report February 2020

Adopted

(6) REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

(A) General Manager

(1) Report of the General Manager

Mr. Mulligan stated that all items contained in the written General Manager's Report are informational only. A copy of the General Manager's Report is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

Mr. Mulligan stated that staff has postponed the in-person employee recognitions and *What We Do* videos to future Board meetings but the written recognitions will continue to be included in his written report. He stated he would review the effects of COVID-19 on the District under Special Order of Business, Item No. 10.A.

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Mr. Mulligan thanked all the Directors for participating in the tele-conference meeting and facilitating a new approach to a public meeting. He expressed his appreciation for the contributions of Secretary of the District Amorette Ko-Wong, Executive Assistant to the General Manager Justine Bock and Information Systems staff Joseph Leong and Edward Fong for helping to make the meeting more effective.

(B) Attorney

(1) Report of the Attorney

Attorney Kimon Manolius stated that all items contained in the written Attorney's Report are informational. A copy of the Attorney's Report is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

(2) Closed Session

Attorney Manolius reported that a Closed Session will take place just prior to the conclusion of this meeting to discuss the following matters, listed on the Board Agenda as Item No. 6.B.2.a and 6.B.2.b:

(a) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

Report of Athens Administrators, Inc.

- (i) Tony Trujillo v. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District.

(b) Conference with Labor Negotiator

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Report of Hanson Bridgett, LLP

- (i) Negotiations with the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local No. 1575
- (ii) Negotiations with various Labor Coalition Unions

(C) District Engineer

(1) Report of the District Engineer

Ms. Bauer-Furbush stated that all items contained in the Engineer's Report are informational only. A copy of the Engineer's Report is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

Ms. Bauer-Furbush provided a status report on the Suicide Deterrent System (SDS) construction. She noted that under Governor Newsom's Order, construction is exempt, and as a result, the SDS contractor is continuing with its work.

Ms. Bauer-Furbush added that staff is in close contact with the contractor who has expressed some concern about the lack of supplies and materials in the supply chain.

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She said that the painting subcontractor may also have difficulties obtaining sufficient supplies, and would have to stop work if the supplies are delayed beyond a short time frame.

Ms. Bauer-Furbush reviewed the current status of the SDS construction work. She noted that staff has given contractors two extra hours in which to work at night because of the low traffic on the Bridge. She added that staff may also allow construction work on the Bridge during the day depending on traffic, and the additional work hours will speed up the work. She said the contractor is installing work platforms on north approach viaduct, and has installed 214 of 260 net supports. She added there is a delay with the net fabrication. The net fabricators have had to suspend fabrication due to restrictions related to COVID-19 and dense working quarters. She stated that staff anticipates that the delay of the net fabrication will not affect the work progress because the contractor is not hanging the net yet. She said staff will keep the Board informed.

(7) OTHER REPORTS:

There were no "Other Reports" to discuss.

(8) REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

**(A) Meeting of the Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole
March 27, 2020
Chair Brian Sobel**

(1) Budget Increase in FY19/20 Bus Division Capital Budget for Zero Emission Bus (Zeb) Fleet/Infrastructure Analysis, Project # 1932

Directors SOBEL/FREDERICKS

Resolution No. 2020-013 authorizes a budget increase in the amount of \$110,082.54 to the FY 19/20 Bus Division Capital Budget for Project #1932, *Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) Fleet/Infrastructure Analysis* in order to fully fund Contract No. 2019-BT-079, ZEB Transition Rollout Plan and Analysis Services for a total project budget of \$235,082.54.

Adopted

AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Belforte, Fewer, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Moylan, Sears and Sobel; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (2): Directors Rabbitt and Yee.

(2) Authorize Execution of the Second Amendment to Contract No. 2017-B-4, Replacement Toll Collection System, With Kapsch TrafficCom USA Inc. and Actions Relative to Capital Project #1525, Toll System Upgrade

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Directors SOBEL/FREDERICKS

Resolution No. 2020-014 authorizes the General Manager, or his designee, to take actions relative to Contract No. 2017-B-04, *Replacement Toll Collection System* with Kapsch TrafficCom IVHS, Inc., and actions relative to Contract No. 2018-B-05, *Consultants to Provide Technical Support for Toll Operations* and Capital Project 1525, Toll System Upgrade as follows:

- (i) Amends Contract No. 2017-B-04 to add system design services, hardware, software, and implementation services for interim toll collection system in the existing toll plaza at a cost of \$1,734,673;
- (ii) Amends Contract No. 2017-B-04 to add maintenance and operation services for the interim toll collection system, beginning November 2020, at a rate of \$36,881 per month, for 24 months;
- (iii) Amends Contract No. 2017-B-04 to allow for a ten percent contingency of \$17,347 for hardware and \$3,688 per month for maintenance and operation services (\$88,512 in total for a 24-month period);
- (iv) Amends Contract No. 2018-B-05 to increase the not-to-exceed contract amount by \$300,000 to the new amount of \$3,300,000 to allow for continued and additional consultant support for the interim toll collection system implementation; and,
- (v) Authorizes a budget increase of \$2,538,848 in the FY 19/20 Bridge Division Capital Budget for Project #1525, to be funded with 100% District funds, for a revised total project budget of \$8,480,848.

Adopted

AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Belforte, Fewer, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Moylan, Sears and Sobel; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (2): Directors Rabbitt and Yee.

(3) Approve Actions Relative to IFAS Financial Management System Upgrade

Directors SOBEL/FREDERICKS

Resolution No. 2020-015 approves actions relative to IFAS Financial Management System upgrade as follows:

- (i) Authorizes the General Manager to execute the Tenth Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Superior, LLC (Superior), Lake Mary, FL, relative to Contract No. 2003-D-1, *Financial Management System and Other Related Items*, in the amount of \$531,040, and to establish a contract contingency in the amount of \$41,208, for the migration of the District's Financial, Human Resources, and Payroll system, IFAS version 7.9, to Superior's cloud-based solution, Finance Enterprise;

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- (ii) Finds and determines that it is in the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District's) best interest to waive the competitive solicitation requirements, and authorizes the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Koa Hills Consulting LLC of Reno, NV, relative to Contract No. 2020-D-019, *IFAS Upgrade Consulting Services*, for the provision of technical and project management support for the migration of IFAS to Finance Enterprise for a one-year term in the amount of \$348,528, and to establish a contract contingency in the amount of \$69,706; and,
- (iii) Establishes a new capital project, *Financial Management System Upgrade* (Project #2018), for the upgrade of IFAS, with a budget total of \$700,000, which amount comprises the professional services component, contingency amounts, and 5% for general project expenditures.

Adopted

AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Belforte, Fewer, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Moylan, Sears and Sobel; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (2): Directors Rabbitt and Yee.

- (4) **Receive the Independent Auditor's Engagement Letter for the Annual Financial Audit for the Year Ending June 30, 2020, as Submitted by Eide Bailly, LLP, Formerly Known as Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP**

Directors SOBEL/MOYLAN

Resolution No. 2020-016 receives the independent auditor's engagement letter for services related to the annual financial audit for the year ending June 30, 2020, as submitted by Eide Bailly, LLP, formerly known as Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP.

Adopted

AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Belforte, Fewer, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Moylan, Sears and Sobel; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (2): Directors Rabbitt and Yee.

- (9) **ADDRESSES TO BOARD:**

There were no "Addresses to Board" to discuss.

- (10) **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

- (A) **Authorize Actions to Address the Impacts of COVID-19 on District Operations, Including Ratification of Temporary Actions**

- (1) **Presentation of the Staff Report**

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Mr. Mulligan spoke about the District's activities in response to COVID-19, how it and the Shelter-in-Place (SIP) Orders have affected the District's operations, reviewed some positive news, and outlined next steps. He reported that on March 3, staff activated the District's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and since then, staff has kept in close contact with other EOCs in the region including county emergency services and public health officials. He noted that staff is deferring to the experts including the counties and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on how to respond.

Mr. Mulligan reviewed the information the District is disseminating about COVID-19 and stated staff has sent out a number of communications to employees, customers, and the Board.

Mr. Mulligan said that pursuant to the Department of Homeland Security and state guidance, organizations and workers engaged in mass transit and supporting critical infrastructure such as Bridges are considered to be providing essential services. On March 16, when the SIP Orders were issued, District staff had already anticipated the Orders and planned for decreased ridership. Management identified those workers who would be involved in providing essential services and the next morning, reduced transit service, and took steps to facilitate social distancing.

Mr. Mulligan reviewed the changes in the District's operations including:

- No shifts to the Moveable Medium Barrier and leaving the Bridge in a three northbound and southbound configuration;
- Suspension of all expressive activities on the Bridge's sidewalks; and,
- Modifications to enhance worker safety by making available N-95 masks and gloves available to staff upon request, and deployment of a large supply of hand sanitizer and cleaners, staggering breaks and posting signs to promote social distancing, sanitizing patrol vehicles after members of the public have been transported in them.
- Significantly reduced bus and ferry service.

Mr. Mulligan noted that Bus Operators have six-feet of safe space around them, and have the seats behind them roped off, and the riders are encouraged to practice safe distancing techniques.

Mr. Mulligan said that staff believes the buses and ferries must continue to operate in the event they are required for emergency evacuations and so that essential services workers can reach their jobs. He stated that the Larkspur ferry route has three morning, two mid-day and three afternoon trips back to Larkspur. He also stated the Sausalito and Tiburon ferry routes have been combined and have two morning and two afternoon trips. The route begins in Tiburon, stops in Sausalito and ends in San Francisco with a return trip that reverses the route. He noted staff has cancelled the weekend and Chase Center ferry service.

Mr. Mulligan reviewed the effects of COVID-19 on employees. He said 45 out of 830 employees are not at work due to COVID-19. He noted that some employees are out because they are self-isolating while others are out as a result of a household member who has been exposed. He said management is grateful to employees for coming to work or working remotely. He stated the EOC staff are performing extensive scenario planning on how to respond in the event many employees become ill.

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Mr. Mulligan spoke about the effects of the SIP Orders on the District's finances. He said the District has experienced a decline in bus ridership of 90%, decline in ferry ridership of 95%, and a decline in southbound vehicle traffic on the Bridge of 70%. As a result, the District is collecting \$3 million per week less in revenue, which represents an 84% decline. He pointed out the District's Adopted Budget shows the District Reserves in Appendix A. He stated the District has \$25.4 million in reserves for emergencies. He noted the District does have other reserves, but if staff uses the reserves, there could be a negative effect on District projects in the future.

Mr. Mulligan highlighted that Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, that will provide \$25 billion for public transit. He said the CARES Act is good news and will help the District recover some of its lost revenue. However, the aid will not backfill the District's lost tolls, nor solve the District's revenue issues. Within seven days, the CARES Act aid will be appropriated and distributed to the State and local metropolitan planning organizations, which in the Bay Area is the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. He said that there have been numerous discussions about how the funds are distributed, and staff is advocating the CARES relief should be allocated proportionate to an agency's losses. He emphasized that an agency should not receive more than it has lost. He reported that last week, staff sent information to the press about how the SIP was affecting its financial position and how staff will continue its advocacy efforts for assistance with state and federal officials.

Mr. Mulligan reported that he will continue to send COVID-19 updates to staff and the Board.

(2) Discussion by the Board

Director Arnold encouraged staff to keep up the good work.

Director Belforte asked how the SIP was affecting the businesses of the District's vendors. Mr. Mulligan responded that the SIP is affecting many of the District's partners and vendors. He said the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy has closed its visitor services, and pointed out that Ms. Bauer-Furbush outlined some of the effects on the SDS construction project. He said the District is still procuring goods, and as a result, Procurement and Accounting staff are still working, and paying bills to help keep money in the economy.

Director Fewer asked if the District is enforcing social distancing on the Bridge. Mr. Mulligan responded that staff has posted signage about social distancing. He said so far staff has not seen any social distancing issues, but staff is ready to enforce the social distancing if necessary.

Director Fewer stated she would like to verify that people are remaining safe. She inquired about any additional possible suicide threats and increased Bridge patrols. Mr. Mulligan responded that staff are being vigilant and continuing with their intervention efforts. He noted there are fewer people on the sidewalks, and the people on the sidewalks are getting a lot of scrutiny. He emphasized that staff would close the sidewalks if too many people are on the sidewalks making social distancing for the staff and public too difficult, or if employees become ill as a result of COVID-19, and are unable to patrol the sidewalks.

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Director Fredericks asked if staff would be ramping down shorter term operations and projects, lose workers and then, have difficulties recruiting eligible workers. Mr. Mulligan responded that the District has not laid anyone off. He said the management team is focused on maintaining the workforce. He said the District cannot stop its operations, lay people off for eight weeks, and then, restart operations. He said people could leave the area or find another job. He pointed out that the Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) contracts for its ferry service with the Blue & Gold Fleet, and the Blue & Gold Fleet laid off 100 ferry employees on March 17. He said management does not want to lay staff off because the layoffs create issues in the community, and make it more difficult to resume all operations. In addition, management wants to have transit service in order to have the vehicles, vessels and staff ready in the event they are required for an emergency. He said that staff have reduced their use of casual workers. However, they want to retain the District's regular work force so they are ready for the time after the SIP has ended.

Director Garbarino agreed the SIP will end. She expressed her appreciation for Mr. Mulligan's and other staff communications regarding the District's response to COVID-19, and stress reduction. She noted that they have not had to lay off anyone at Marin Sanitary Service; however, they have had six employees stay home. She noted she shared some of the information from Mr. Mulligan's communications tips with her own staff.

Director Hernández extended her thanks to all staff for rising to the challenge of responding to COVID-19 in a sensitive and deliberate way.

Director Hill commented that the SIP requirements are scheduled to end on April 7, but could continue through June 2020. He asked if staff is prepared for a SIP that could extend past April 7. Mr. Mulligan responded that staff is prepared for the SIP to extend past April 7 and pointed out the schools may have a SIP until May. He articulated that when the SIP is lifted, staff anticipates there will be some residual effects, and traffic and ridership may not return to normal right away. He said that in their advocacy efforts, staff is sharing the District's reduced ridership numbers, and pointing out that revenues could continue to decline for a while. He also said that staff is outlining how COVID-19 could affect employees and services the District provides.

Director Mastin expressed appreciation for staff's efforts and the information staff provided to date. He agreed the SIP would end at some point.

Director Moylan expressed appreciation to management for all that they were doing. He expressed his hope that the pandemic would end soon.

Director Sears expressed appreciation for management's focus on employees and keeping staff working. She also expressed her appreciation for staff's collaboration with other EOCs. She noted planning is a challenge, and the District may be affected by the SIP for some time. She suggested staff maintain its focus on how to manage the effects of the SIP, and she thanked staff for their contributions.

Director Sobel requested more information about the transit service changes. He asked if the bus and ferry rotations are based on seniority, and if the staff who are not working on buses or ferries, are waiting for a role.

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Mr. Mulligan responded that management is keeping staff busy. He said on the bus side, staff has organized some Bus Operator vehicle transit training (VTT), which is required by the California Department of Motor Vehicles. However, management does not have as much latitude on how it handles the Bus Operator shift changes because of the District's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU). The Bus Operators bid for their shifts and they are paid for those shifts. On the ferry side, Deckhands are performing vessel maintenance including painting the vessels.

Director Sobel asked how COVID-19 was affecting people who might come to the Bridge to commit suicide. Mr. Mulligan responded that staff has not seen a change in the number of people who attempt to commit suicide off the Bridge. He noted there are fewer people on the Bridge sidewalks, and as a result, staff's prevention efforts are assisted by the reduced numbers.

Director Cochran commended the Executive Team for keeping the Board informed.

Director Theriault inquired about the staff recommendation and proposed resolution. Mr. Mulligan responded that the staff recommendation is for the Board to ratify all the actions he has taken and authorizes him to temporarily take actions that are outside of the *Rules of the Board*. He reviewed some of the actions he had already taken including:

1. Closure of the Administration Building main doors which are supposed to be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
2. Implementation of bus and ferry service changes, which usually requires a public hearing before service changes are made.

He noted that he thought both these actions and others were necessary because otherwise, employee health could have been at risk, and the District would have been operating unused transit for a few months. He said this item is meant to ratify what he has done, and authorize him to take any and all appropriate actions. He noted that he would report out on actions he has taken at each subsequent and regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Director Theriault expressed his appreciation for keeping the Board well-informed about its response to COVID-19 and management's support of employees. He commented that delegating to staff is appropriate. However, he noted the time frame is open-ended. He recommended that the delegation be related to the SIP Order, and asked if staff could include an agenda item to terminate the delegation at each Board meeting. He said he would look to Mr. Mulligan and Attorney Manolius for guidance on when to conclude the suspension of the *Rules of the Board*. Mr. Mulligan responded that staff's intent is to have the delegation occur as long as the pandemic is in effect. He noted the sunset date could be related to the state and county officials lift the SIP Orders, or staff could include an item on each Board agenda to undo the suspension of the *Rules of the Board*.

Director Theriault stated that he would prefer that staff include an item on each Board agenda to undo the suspension of the *Rules of the Board*. He commented that the agenda item would be a regular check-in with the Board to continue the delegation to the General Manager, and in addition, Mr. Mulligan could give a report about his actions each month. Mr. Mulligan responded that staff supports Director Theriault's addition.

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President Pahre commented that she agreed with the amendment. She said she appreciates staff's willingness to share with the Board and management's support of employees. She added that she would guess that Mr. Mulligan was contacting elected officials and requesting support for the District within three hours of the SIP Orders being issued. She expressed her gratitude for staff's proactive approach and actions. She expressed her appreciation for the work done by the Board and staff creating relationships with public officials.

Director Fewer requested clarification on the amendment to the staff recommendation. She asked if the amendment would require the Board to reapprove today's staff recommendation or would it be for the Board to terminate the authority granted the General Manager. Director Theriault commented the amendment would require an agenda item at each regularly Board meeting to terminate the authority granted the General Manager.

Attorney Manolius commented that the amendment works well.

Director Hill requested that the recommendation to cease the delegation to staff be ready for any Board meeting which is held. He expressed appreciation for how much staff has kept the Board informed, and he requested staff continue to keep the Board informed.

President Pahre asked if Director Theriault concurred with the alteration to his proposed amendment. Director Theriault responded that he would like staff to have the recommendation to terminate the delegation to staff ready for any regular Board meeting. He noted the recommendation would not be required for special meetings such as the one to approve the District's MOU with ATU. He said that if it were the pleasure of the body, he would not object to the elimination of the term regular before Board meetings.

Director Hill stated that he was satisfied with Director Theriault's response.

(3) Motion by the Committee to Amend the Staff Recommendation

Directors THERIAULT/ARNOLD moved that the staff recommendation be amended to approve the suspension of Board procedural rules and policies with a report by the General Manager, and a separate agenda item for the Board to consider terminating the suspension of the Board procedural rules and policies at each subsequent regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

Carried

AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Belforte, Fewer, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Moylan, Sears and Sobel; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (2): Directors Rabbitt and Yee.

(4) Action by the Board

RECOMMENDATION

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Directors HERNANDEZ/ARNOLD

Resolution No. 2020-017 approves actions to address the impacts of COVID-19 on District operations, as follows:

- (i) Ratifies the necessary, immediate actions taken by the General Manager in response to the impacts of COVID-19 on District operations as outlined in the attached resolution;
- (ii) Approves the suspension of Board procedural rules and policies to allow timely execution of emergency actions during the COVID-19 pandemic, consistent with federal, state, regional and local public health mandates, and requires an agenda item to terminate the suspension of the Board procedural rules and policies at each subsequent regularly scheduled meeting;
- (iii) Authorizes the General Manager to take all necessary and appropriate actions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (iv) Authorizes the General Manager, or his designee, to prepare and submit applications on the District's behalf to federal, state, and local government entities for funding and/or reimbursement related to the fiscal impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the District's operations; and,
- (v) Requires the General Manager to provide reports to the Board of Directors, at each regularly scheduled Board meeting, regarding the impacts on District operations and the actions taken by the District in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and for the Board to consider terminating the suspension of the Board procedural rules and policies at each of those meetings.

Adopted

AYES (15): Directors Arnold, Belforte, Fewer, Fredericks, Garbarino, Grosboll, Hernández, Hill, Mastin, Moylan, Sears and Sobel; Second Vice President Cochran; First Vice President Theriault; President Pahre.

NOES (0): None.

ABSENT (2): Directors Rabbitt and Yee.

At the conclusion of the item, Mr. Mulligan expressed his appreciation for the Board's support. He pledged to not overuse his authority during the COVID-19 pandemic.

(11) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

(A) Closed Session

Attorney Kimon Manolius, at the request of President Pahre, stated that the Board would convene in Closed Session, as permitted by the Brown Act, to discuss the matters listed on the Board Agenda as Closed Session, Item Nos. 6.B.2.a., and 6.B.2.b.

(B) Open Session

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After Closed Session, President Pahre called the meeting to order in Open Session with a quorum present. Attorney Manolius reported that the Board had met in Closed Session, as permitted by the Brown Act, regarding the items outlined above. He reported that the Board provided its litigator with guidance regarding Agenda Item No. 6.B.2.a., and he noted that there was nothing to report regarding Agenda Item No. 6.B.2.b.

(12) NEW BUSINESS:

(A) Report on Meetings/Conferences Attended by Director(s)

President Pahre stated that Directors Theriault and Cochran had written a summary of their legislative meetings in Sacramento on March 9, 2020, and the summary was included in the Board packet. She commented that the legislative meetings are very valuable.

A copy of Board Agenda Item No. 12.A., "Report on Meetings/Conferences Attended by Director(s)", is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

(13) COMMUNICATIONS:

A copy of Board Agenda Item No. 13, "Communications", is available on the District's web site or upon request from the Office of the District Secretary.

President Pahre thanked everyone who attended the meeting. She also thanked staff for their efforts to run a smooth Board meeting under the new conditions imposed by the SIP Orders.

(14) ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been concluded the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m. in honor of Neil W. Currie.

Respectfully submitted,



Amorette M. Ko-Wong
Secretary of the District

AMK:EIE:mjl