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North Coast County Water District
Minutes of the Special Board of Directors Meeting
February 6, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.
2400 Francisco Blvd.
Pacifica, CA 94044

1) CALL TO ORDER

President De Jarnatt called the Special Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the District office.

2) ROLL CALL

Present at Roll Call were Director Jack Burgett, Director Ron Ash, Director Joshua Cosgrove, Vice-President Thomas Piccolotti and President Anne De Jarnatt. Also present was District General Counsel Patrick Miyaki, General Manager Adrienne Carr and Management Analyst II Stephanie Dalton.

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Director Cosgrove.

4) PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5) PUBLIC HEARING

President De Jarnatt opened the public hearing and introduced the first agenda item, the conversion from an at-large electoral system for election of members of the Board of Directors to one based on five (5) zones or districts pursuant to the California Voting Rights Act and receive public input.

General Manager Carr introduced Mr. Paul Mitchell of Redistricting Partners, who was later joined by Mr. Jacob Thompson Fisher of Redistricting Partners. Mr. Mitchell began his presentation by stating that this meeting represents the second public hearing in the process of the conversion from an at large to a zone-based election system. He also stated that the purpose of this meeting is to once again receive public input with regards to geography, population and communities of interest to assist the District in drawing the five zones. Mr. Mitchell briefly reviewed some California Voting Rights Act facts, described the districting process and timeline for the North Coast County Water District, with the final hearing scheduled for March 18, 2020. Next, he summarized the districting rules and goals, highlighting traditional redistricting principles and recapped some of the federal laws. Mr. Mitchell discussed the criteria of the drawing districts which included the following: districts must be relatively equal size, districts must be contiguous, district must maintain “communities of interest,” districts should follow city/county/local government lines, and districts should be compact in appearance and function. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Fisher answered questions from the Board members regarding potential map configurations that could be explored at the subsequent public hearings. The Board provided input regarding communities of interest that might be considered when drawing the initial maps. Mr. Mitchell stated that the first maps will be available online for the public no later than seven days before the next public hearing, February 19, 2020.

There were no members of the public present for the public hearing and no public comments were submitted before the public hearing.

President De Jarnatt closed the Public Hearing at 7:52 p.m.

President adjourned the Board into Closed Session at 7:54 p.m.

- 6) CLOSED SESSION –
Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)
Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant Exposure to Litigation
One Potential Case

- 7) REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The Board returned from Closed Session at 8:19 p.m. General Counsel Patrick Miyaki reported that no action was taken during Closed Session.

- 8) ADJOURNMENT

President De Jarnatt adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Adrienne Carr, Ph.D., General Manager

Anne De Jarnatt, President