

**LAKE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF**  
**DIRECTORS**

DATE: December 8, 2020

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Via Teleconference  
(571) 317-3122 and enter the access code 136-833-421  
<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/136833421>

ATTENDANCE: ***Board Members Present:***  
Steve Boydston, Vice President  
Ryan Gross, Director  
Robert Morris, Director  
John Wurm, President

***Board Members Absent:***  
Steve Keefe, Director

***Others Present:***  
Catherine Cerri, General Manager  
Michael Mauer, Special Counsel  
Mike Blackwood, Field Operations Manager  
Matt Brooks, Operations Manager  
Kathleen Field, Board Secretary  
Scott Schroder, Engineering Technician  
Aida Hercules-Dodaro, District Engineer  
Natalie Potter, Human Resources Manager  
Michael Thornton, Contract District Engineer  
Dave Walters, Trinity Construction  
Members of the Public - None

The Meeting was called to Order at 5:30 p.m. by John Wurm, President, who led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE**

Ms. Field administered the oath of office to Steve Boydston, Robert Morris, and John Wurm.

**AGENDA POSTING CERTIFICATION**

Board Secretary Field certified the proper posting of the Agenda and called the roll.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Board by general consensus approved the December 8, 2020 Regular Board Meeting agenda as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No oral or written public comment was received.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Listed on the Consent Calendar were the following items for approval:

**1. Approval of Meeting Minutes.**

November 10, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

**2. Consider Adopting Resolution 2020-11 Setting Forth the Regular Board Meeting Schedule For 2021.**

**3. Consider Accepting the Brentwood Sewer Replacement Inflow & Infiltration Emergency Repair, Project No. 198 as Complete.**

Director Morris **MOVED** and Vice President Boydston **SECONDED** to approve Consent Calendar Items 1- 3 as presented.

Ms. Field took a roll call vote as follows:

<b><u>CARRIED:</u></b>	<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Boydston, Gross, Morris, and Wurm</b>
	<b>NOES:</b>	<b>None</b>
	<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None</b>
	<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>Keefe</b>

## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

### 4. Departmental Reports.

#### a. Operations Manager's Report

Mr. Brooks commented that there was an increase of approximately 13% in water delivered to the distribution system this calendar year through November versus last calendar year. Lake draw was at 1044 acre feet and he felt the District would stay below the lake draw limit of 1566 acre feet.

### 5. General Manager's Report.

Ms. Cerri did not have any additional information to add to the General Managers Report that was distributed in the agenda packet. Ms. Cerri in response to a question regarding the increase in water usage stated the increase was due to more people staying in Lake Arrowhead and the increase was mostly in the residential sector.

## ACTION ITEMS

### 6. Consider Election of Officers for the Positions of President and Vice President to the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District Board of Directors.

Ms. Cerri stated it was that time to nominate and elect the President and Vice President for 2021 and these positions serve on the Executive Committee.

President Wurm opened the election for the positions of President and Vice President to the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District Board of Directors.

Vice President Boydston **NOMINATED** John Wurm for the office of President and Director Morris **SECONDED** the nomination to elect John Wurm as President to the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District Board of Directors.

Ms. Field took a roll call vote as follows:

<b><u>CARRIED:</u></b>	<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Boydston, Gross, Morris, and Wurm</b>
	<b>NOES:</b>	<b>None</b>
	<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None</b>
	<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>Keefe</b>

Director Morris **NOMINATED** Steve Boydston for office of Vice President and President Wurm **SECONDED** the nomination to elect Steve Boydston as Vice President to the Lake Arrowhead Community Services District Board of Directors.

Ms. Field took a roll call vote as follows:

**CARRIED:**      **AYES:**      **Boydston, Gross, Morris, and Wurm**  
**NOES:**      **None**  
**ABSTAIN:**      **None**  
**ABSENT:**      **Keefe**

**7. Consider Designation of Two Representatives, One Alternate, and the General Manager to the Arrowhead Lake Association and Lake Arrowhead Community Services District Interface Committee.**

President Wurm stated that usually, the President and Vice President and the General Manager are designated to serve on the Arrowhead Lake Association and Lake Arrowhead Community Services District Interface Committee and designate an alternate.

Following Board consideration, Director Morris **MOVED** and Vice President Boydston **SECONDED** that John Wurm and Steve Boydston be designated as representatives, and designate Robert Morris as the alternate and the General Manager to the Arrowhead Lake Association and Lake Arrowhead Community Services District Interface Committee.

Ms. Field took a roll call vote as follows:

**CARRIED:**      **AYES:**      **Boydston, Gross, Morris, and Wurm**  
**NOES:**      **None**  
**ABSTAIN:**      **None**  
**ABSENT:**      **Keefe**

**8. Consider Making a Finding that Further Competitive Bidding is Impractical for the District Corporate Yard Project No. 177 and Award a Construction Contract to Trinity Construction.**

Ms. Cerri provided background information on the project as well as the fiscal impact. Board members expressed concerns regarding the project cost and posed questions on the project site, including land size, the land acquisition cost, and potential alternative building structures. Discussion continued regarding other building structure options, County restrictions, the potential of escalating building costs, and purchasing existing sites with facilities. The Board took no action on this item. Ms. Cerri stated that the goal was to have staff in the building before winter next year. Board members commented on moving quickly and coming up with site alternatives and expressing appreciation to staff, consultants, and contractors for their work on the project. The Board agreed to schedule a Special Board Meeting Workshop to discuss and review alternatives.

**9. Consider Approving the Dam Vault Upsize Project No. 213, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Administrative Fees.**

Mr. Schroder reported that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was imposing this fee on the District for the plan check to upgrade the vault within the Mojave River Dam to improve the outfall flow and renewal of the 25-year expiring easement agreement. The vault portion was \$21,203.00, and the cost for the easement was \$8,797.00, noting that the plan check would not be completed until the fees were paid.

Following Board consideration, Director Gross **MOVED** and Director Morris **SECONDED** to approve a payment to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the amount of \$30,000.00 to cover administrative fees associated with the renewal of the expiring Mojave Forks Dam lease and plan check for the Outfall Vault upgrade project within the Mojave River Dam.

<b><u>CARRIED:</u></b>	<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Boydston, Gross, Morris, and Wurm</b>
	<b>NOES:</b>	<b>None</b>
	<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None</b>
	<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>Keefe</b>

### **BOARD MEMBER MEETINGS**

No Board members requested to attend any meeting.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Vice President Boydston commented not taking action on the Corp Yard Project was disappointing for staff and himself. He expressed appreciation to everyone who had worked on the project and acknowledged that it was not easy and was stressful. He was concerned with the project cost, adding that we would have to answer to the ratepayers in the end.

Director Morris stated that he believed the Board would give direction quickly. He felt that the Board would make a decision in good conscience and that people that the Board represented could rely on the fact that they were acting appropriately and not wasting the trust that they gave to the Board.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board, Ms. Cerri, Mr. Mauer, and Ms. Field went into Closed Session at 6:13 p.m. to discuss item 1.

#### **1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation**

Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9.

Name of case: The City of Hesperia v. Lake Arrowhead Community Services District, et al., Case No. CIVIDS2019176

**OPEN SESSION**

The Board came out of Closed Session at approximately 6:19 p.m. President Wurm announced that there were no reportable actions taken in the Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Boydston **MOVED** and Director Morris **SECONDED** to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:20 p.m.

<b><u>CARRIED:</u></b>	<b>AYES:</b>	<b>Boydston, Gross, Morris, and Wurm</b>
	<b>NOES:</b>	<b>None</b>
	<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>None</b>
	<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>Keefe</b>

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Kathleen Field, Board Secretary