## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKESIDE WATER DISTRICT HELD ON November 5, 2024

At the time and place provided by law for the holding of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lakeside Water District; to-wit at the meeting place of said Board at 10375 Vine Street, Lakeside, California, at 5:30 p.m. the Board duly convened, the following members present.

Directors:

Frank Hilliker Pete Jenkins Steve Johnson Eileen Neumeister Steve Robak

Secretary:

**Brett Sanders** 

- 1) Call to Order by Board President Hilliker.
- Prayer/Invocation Director Johnson introduced Dr. Eric King to provide the prayer for the night's meeting.
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance The pledge was led by Director Jenkins
- 4) Approval of Agenda. Motion by Director Robak to accept the agenda as submitted.

Motion: Robak Second: Jenkins Vote: Ayes 5 Hilliker, Jenkins, Johnson, Neumeister, Robak Noes 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0

- 5) Opportunity for Public Comment Pertaining to Items <u>Not</u> on the Agenda (Items must meet the requirements of Government Code Section 54954.2). No Comments.
- 6) Approve Minutes of a Regular Meeting held on October 8, 2024. Motion by Director Robak to approve the as presented.

Motion:	Robak		Second: Neumeister
Vote:	Ayes	5	Hilliker, Jenkins, Johnson, Neumeister, Robak
	Noes	0	
	Abstain	0	
	Absent	0	

- 7) Review the September 2024 Treasurers Report for the Annual Audit. Request to Note and File in Preparation. Approved to Note and File
- 8) 20-Year Service Award for Robert McFadden the District's System Operation 3. General Manager Sanders provided a summary of Roberts career highlights and

valued attributes. The Board thanked Robert for his length of service, excellent skills and work ethic.

- 9) Operations Report. General Manager Sanders provided a summary of the following items.
  - a. Johnson Lake Reservoir. Colon Coatings has completed warranty work as directed by Harper Engineering with the assistance of District crews, and is back in service.
  - b. Winter Preparations. District crews have been making sure drains are clear and hatches are sealed, and pulling the jackets out.
  - c. Cla-Valve Maintenance: The District hired out a specialized contractor to refurbish control valves at the Hwy 67, Wintergardens PS and Poteet PS.
  - d. Pump Station Structures: Structure repairs have been done by District crews.
  - e. AWP Pipeline Crossings and Inspections. Orion continues replacing District lines located in the Valle Vista at Lakeside Ave. intersection.
    0 Mainbreak, 1 Service Leak (Chossier), 0 Fire Hydrants
- 10) Rescind Resolution 24-14 for the Pass-Through Adjustment to offset the wholesale rate increase from the San Diego County Water Authority and to declare the action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. Lakeside Water District Administrative Code 2.13-2(B)(2)(a), Approved at the September 10, 2024 Board of Director's meeting. General Manager Sanders summarized the process of the pass through increase and the calculation used to make the determination of the \$0.68 per unit wholesale pass through increase for 2025.

Motion:	Robak		Second: Jenkins
Vote:	Ayes Noes Abstain Absent	5 0 0 0	Hilliker, Jenkins, Johnson, Neumeister, Robak

11) Consider Resolution 24-14a for the Pass-Through Adjustment to offset the wholesale rate increase from the San Diego County Water Authority and to declare the action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. Lakeside Water District Administrative Code 2.13-2(B)(2)(a). General Manager Sanders provided a review of a revised schedule of a proposed pass-through increase, with a final pass-through approval to recover a \$954,504 CWA increase for 2025. Approved "Exhibit A Alternate" that divided up Pass-Through increase. CWA water charge \$0.46 per unit added to the fixed charge increase as a base charge increase that equals \$7.45 for our 5/8" and <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" meter sizes, increased by our meter delivery ratio schedule to larger meter sizes. Renamed "Exhibit A Alternate" to "Exhibit A". Change date to November 5, 2024. Motion by Director Robak to approve the Resolution as revised and presented.

Second: Neumeister
Hilliker, Jenkins, Johnson, Neumeister, Robak

12) Approve General Manager Sanders to Perform Treasurer Responsibilities for the District. The General Manager provided a brief summary of the duties of the

Treasurer position. Motion by Director Jenkins to approve naming the General Manager as the District's Treasurer.

Motion:	Jenkins		Second: Johnson
Vote:	Ayes Noes Abstain Absent	5 0 0 0	Hilliker, Jenkins, Johnson, Neumeister, Robak

13) Consider Resolution 24-16 to Authorize the General Manager to Perform Treasurer Duties and to Revise Contacts with the California State Treasury and the Local Agency Investment Fund. Motion by Director Robak to approve the Resolution as presented.

Motion: F	Robak		Second: Neumeister
Vote:	Ayes Noes Abstain Absent	5 0 0 0	Hilliker, Jenkins, Johnson, Neumeister, Robak

14) Approve Demands of the Treasurer for October 2024. List was distributed to the Board at the meeting because of technical issue. Motion by Director Jenkins to approve the demands as presented.

Motion: Je	enkins		Second: Robak
Vote:	Ayes Noes Abstain Absent	5 0 0 0	Hilliker, Jenkins, Johnson, Neumeister, Robak

- 15) CWA Report CWA Representative Hilliker reported that the Board is making progress reducing spending. Also approved a Federal Advocacy Contract for a two-year contract with Pace Government Relations at a reduced cost. Continuing to work for litigation resolution with MWD. Faster meetings since budget has been done. Participated in a San Vicente Dam tour with Washington DC dept. heads. City of San Diego received a grant for the Lake Hodges dam repair. MWD provided a work committee to update the CWA board of the Bay Delta Conveyance Plan of a single pipe plan.
- 16) Director's Report and Ad Hoc Sub-Committees Reports. No reports.
- 17) Manager's Quarterly Report. The General Manager reported.
  - 1) Administration and Operations Solar Installation Update: Permits have been finalized and equipment has been ordered. Installation date is projected for January 2025.
  - 2) Office Personnel Update:
    - Autumn Herwehe has started as the District's new Customer Service Representative.
    - Final interviews are being conducted for the Districts new Financial and Accounting Specialist. Projected start date before the end of November.

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17) Adjourn; There being no further business the meeting adjourned to the next Regular Meeting to be held on December 3, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Attest: