

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SUNNYSLOPE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
Special Meeting  
February 8, 2018**

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by President Johnson at the Sunnyslope County Water District office, 3570 Airline Highway, Hollister, California.
- B. ROLL CALL: Present:** President Judi Johnson; Directors; Mike Alcorn, Robert J. Rodriguez II, and Honor Spencer. **Absent:** Director Ross (arrived at start of New Business, Item F).
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Attorney David Laredo led Directors, staff, and public in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Upon motion made by Director Rodriguez, seconded by Director Spencer and carried 4-0 (Director Ross absent), the agenda was approved as presented.
- E. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND AUDIENCE INTRODUCTIONS:** The Board welcomed members of the public and opened the meeting to public comments regarding matters not itemized on the agenda. There were no comments.

**Staff present for Open Session:** General Manager/Secretary Don Ridenhour, Attorney Heidi Quinn, Attorney David Laredo, Executive Assistant/Stenographer Carol Porteur, Finance and Human Resource Manager Cathy Buck, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Jim Filice, and Assistant Engineer Rob Hillebrecht. Also attending was City of Hollister Manager, Bill Avera.

Director Ross arrived at 5:17 p.m.

**F. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE BOARD PRESIDENT TO ATTEND THE WATER EDUCATION FOUNDATION TRAINING TITLED “WATER 101 WORKSHOP: BASICS AND BEYOND” AND A ONE DAY DELTA TOUR FEBRUARY 22 & 23, 2018 IN SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA. (Not a project under CEQA per Article 20, Section 15378.):** General Manager/Secretary Ridenhour explained that the Water Education Foundation is holding a one day workshop in Sacramento titled “Water 101 Workshop: Basics and Beyond”, including a Delta tour on the second day. The Board President has expressed interest in attending.

Registration for the workshop and tour is \$420.19. The total expenditure for attending the workshop and tour is approximately \$905.00 including registration, hotel accommodations, meals, and Director compensation for two days. Rob Hillebrecht will also be attending so no mileage is included in the cost estimate, since the Board President will be riding in a District vehicle with staff.

The Board of Directors must approve any Director's participation when representing the District in any official capacity, which also authorized them to receive compensation and expense reimbursement for any eligible expenses under District policy.

Upon motion made by Director Rodriguez, seconded by Director Spencer, and carried 5-0, the Board authorized the Board President to attend the Water Education Foundation training titled "Water 101 Workshop: Basics and Beyond" and a the one day Delta tour February 22 & 23, 2018 in Sacramento, California.

- 2. THE DISTRICT'S COUNSEL, DAVID LAREDO AND HEIDI QUINN, WILL BE CONDUCTING A TRAINING SESSION ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT FOR BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF. (Not a project under CEQA per Article 20, Section 15378.):** District Counsel David Laredo and Heidi Quinn provided "Sexual Harassment Prevention" training for elected officials and senior staff to the Sunnyslope County Water District Board of Directors and staff. California state law AB1825, under the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission, mandates all government employers and private firms with 50 or more employees provide 2 hours of sexual harassment training every 2 years to supervisory employees.

The following Directors and staff were present to complete the Sexual Harassment Training and received their AB1825 Sexual Harassment Prevention Certificate: Michael Alcorn, Judi Johnson, Robert Rodriguez, Ann Ross, Honor Spencer, Cathy Buck, Jim Filice, Rob Hillebrecht, Carol Porteur, Don Ridenhour, and City of Hollister Manager, Bill Avera.

**G. ADJOURNMENT:** President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD:** *s/ Judi H. Johnson*  
Judi H. Johnson, President

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** *s/ Donald G. Ridenhour*  
Donald G. Ridenhour, Secretary