

**SANTA YNEZ RIVER WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**  
**FINANCING CORPORATION**  
**DECEMBER 19, 2023 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Michael Burchardi  
Jeff Clay  
Brad Joos  
Nick Urton

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Jeff Holzer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mary Robel Paeter Garcia  
Eric Tambini Dan Drugan  
Gary Kvistad Karen King

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

Director Clay called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and stated that this was the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors. Ms. Robel conducted roll call and reported that four Directors were present, and that Director Holzer was absent.

**2. REPORT BY THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTING OF THE NOTICE AND AGENDA:**

Ms. Robel presented the affidavit of posting the agenda, along with a true copy of the agenda for the meeting. She reported that the Agenda was posted in accordance with the law. The affidavit was filed as evidence of the posting of the Agenda items contained therein.

**3. CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2022:**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Financing Corporation on December 20, 2022 were presented for consideration. Director Clay asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes of December 20, 2022. There were no additions or corrections requested.

It was **MOVED** by Director Burchardi, seconded by Director Joos, and carried by a unanimous 4-0-0 voice vote, with Director Holzer absent, to approve the December 20, 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes as presented.

**4. ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS, IF ANY, TO THE AGENDA:**

Mr. Garcia stated that there were no additions or corrections to the Agenda.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Director Clay welcomed any members of the public and offered time for members of the public to speak and address the Board of Directors on matters not on the Agenda. There were no comments received from the public.

**6. MANAGER'S REPORT - STATUS, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:**

**A. Annual Report - Verbal Report by the General Manager**

Mr. Garcia stated this was the Annual Meeting of the Financing Corporation. He gave a brief history of the Financing Corporation, stating that it was established in FY 2016 for the purpose of issuing Certificates of Participation (Bonds) to finance the construction and implementation of a treatment facility that would be necessary to comply with a Chromium 6 Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 10 parts per billion (ppb) that was adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board in 2014. He explained that the MCL was later invalidated by a state court decision for failing to adequately consider the economic feasibility of the 10-ppb

standard. Mr. Garcia reported that the most current activity related to the MCL occurred in November 2023, which was an invitation from the State Board for further public comment on the newly proposed MCL of 10 parts per billion. He stated that the renewed request for public comment suggests that the State Board is moving closer to adopting a new MCL for Hexavalent Chromium. Mr. Garcia recommended keeping the Financing Corporation active based on the State's proposal to adopt a new Chromium 6 MCL, which in turn would likely require the District to finance and construct treatment facilities to ensure compliance with the new standard. He stated that staff continues to monitor activities related to a possible issuance of a new MCL and will provide further information once available.

**B. Update on Required Annual Federal & State Filings**

Ms. Robel reported that on September 21, 2023 staff filed the required Annual Statement with the State of California and Form 990N with the Internal Revenue Service for FY 2023. Ms. Robel stated that there have been no financial transactions or commitments made by the Financing Corporation during the year. Ms. Robel also stated that the Financing Corporation received a "Notice to Register" from the California Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts. She explained that the Financing Corporation is required to register under Government Code section 12585 in order to continue to operate or solicit for charitable purposes. Mr. Robel reported that the initial registration form was completed and submitted on September 22, 2023.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

**The December 19, 2023 minutes were approved at the December 17, 2024 meeting.**