

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Dudley Ridge Water District held on February 9, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at the office of the District, 455 W. Fir Ave., Clovis, California.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Kimberly Brown, President (via teleconference)
 Larry Ritchie, Vice President (via teleconference)
 John Vidovich, Secretary (via teleconference)
 Bernard Puget (via teleconference)
 Patrick O'Dowd

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Gilkey, General Manager (via teleconference)
 Dale Melville, Assistant Manager-Engineer
 Rick Besecker, Assessor-Collector-Treasurer
 Mary King, Westside Water Authority (via teleconference)
 Jamie Marquez, Westside Water Authority (via teleconference)
 Justin Rowe, Westside Water Authority (via teleconference)
 Gnell Sparks, Westside Water Authority (via teleconference)
 Morgan Mitchell, Westside Water Authority (via teleconference)

President Brown called the Board meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF ALTERNATIVE TELECONFERENCING REQUIREMENTS

Mr. Melville asked the Board to (a) review conditions to utilize alternative teleconferencing requirements during a state of emergency pursuant to Government Code §54953, as amended by Assembly Bill 361 and (b) determine that (i) the proclaimed state of emergency arising from Covid-19 continues to exist and (ii) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of Board members to meet safely in person. Director Vidovich made a motion to adopt the alternative teleconferencing requirements. The motion was seconded by Director O'Dowd and the Board voted to approve the motion. Following the vote, President Brown announced that the Directors voted as follows:

Brown	Ritchie	O'Dowd	Vidovich	Puget
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

MINUTES

Director Vidovich made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2022 Special Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Ritchie and the Board voted to approve the motion. Following the vote, President Brown announced that the Directors voted as follows:

Brown	Ritchie	O'Dowd	Vidovich	Puget
Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ACTIONS

Mr. Besecker presented to the Board financial reports prepared for the current period ending October 13, 2021. The reports showed the following cash balances in each of the respective accounts after bills proposed for payment on October 13, 2021.

BANK ACCOUNTS	
General (Checking) Fund (Bank of America)	\$ 356.78
Operating (Checking) Fund (Bank of America)	6,374.20
Investment Fund (LAIF Account)	125,869.45
Investment Fund (CalTrust Short Term Account)	2,030.94
Investment Fund (CalTrust Medium Term Account)	<u>4,233.93</u>
TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS	\$ 138,865.30

The reports also included the cash receipts journal, the aged receivables report, the 2022 budget comparison report for the period from January 13, 2022 to February 9, 2022, and the quarterly investment report for the quarter ending December 31, 2021. Director Vidovich made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Director Ritchie; after discussion the Board voted to approve the motion. Following the vote, President Brown announced that the Directors voted as follows:

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Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Next, Mr. Besecker reviewed with the Board the schedule of warrants to be approved for payment by the District for February 9, 2022 as shown below.

Payee	Amount
Kings County Clerk/Recorder	\$ 2,613.00
Los Angeles County Clerk	75.00
A+ Quality Concrete Construction Inc	23,269.00
Department of Water Resources	387,908.50
EAT Foundation	250.00
Irvine Ranch WD	2,539,550.00
Klein Denatale Goldner LLP	1,859.50
Pacific Gas & Electric	159.36
Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group	25,729.42
Valley Ag Water Coalition	600.00
Total	\$ 2,982,013.78

Director Vidovich made a motion to approve the schedule of warrants for payment. The motion was seconded by Director Ritchie and the Board voted to approve the motion. Following the vote, President Brown announced that the Directors voted as follows:

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Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

Next, the Assistant Manager-Engineer reviewed his February 2, 2022 memo with the Board, noting that the recommended standby charges were at or below the Proposition 218 limits. After a short discussion, Director Vidovich made a motion to adopt the 2022 standby and water toll charges (memo attached to and made part of these minutes). The motion was seconded by Director Puget; after discussion, the Board voted to adopt the motion. Following the vote, President Brown announced that the Directors voted unanimously as follows:

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Next, Mr. Besecker reviewed the Recommended Adjustments to the 2021 Charges, a summary of which is attached to and made a part of these minutes, noting that the Treasurer would be invoicing two water users for an additional \$169,940.99 for the under-billed 2021 charges and issuing credits of \$172,991.01 for overpaid charges. Director Puget made a motion to approve the Recommended Adjustments to the 2021 Charges. The motion was seconded by Director Vidovich; after discussion the Board voted to approve the motion. Following the vote, President Brown announced that the Directors voted as follows:

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2022 BENEFIT ASSESSMENT

At 1:15 p.m. President Brown reconvened the Board as the Board of Equalization and opened the hearing to hear any objections to the valuations for the 2022 benefit assessments. The Treasurer reported that the hearing had been properly noticed and that the District had received no written or oral objections. The Treasurer reviewed the 2022 assessment fund budget with the Board. Hearing no objections from the public or the Directors on the proposed valuation of District lands, at 1:18 p.m. President Brown closed the hearing.

Director Vidovich made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-01, attached to and made a part of these minutes, setting the assessment rate for 2022 at \$2.76435/\$100 valuation. The motion was seconded by Director Puget; after discussion the Board voted to approve the motion. Following the vote, President Brown announced that the Directors voted as follows:

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WATER SUPPLY REPORTS

Mr. Melville reviewed the current water report with the Board, noting that the SWP allocation remained at 15% of Table A amounts.

Regarding the District-approved banking and exchange programs, Mr. Melville reported that the review period of the CEQA document for the new San Gabriel Valley MWD water transfer and banking program with the District had ended and that no comments had been received. Director

Vidovich made motion to adopt a Notice of Determination, attached to and made part of these minutes, that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment. The motion was seconded by Director O’Dowd; after discussion the Board voted to approve the motion. Following the vote, President Brown announced that the Directors voted as follows:

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Regarding water supply programs in collaboration with the other members of the Westside districts, Mr. Melville reported the following:

- Western Hills WD is discussing long-term options to pay back its delinquencies to KCWA and the Westside districts are working both with Western Hills WD and with Kern County WA for a long-term water transfer arrangement.
- The Palmdale WD multi-year agreement is requested to be amended to be consistent with the Mojave WA agreement and DWR agreement by moving the point of delivery from San Luis Reservoir to the Banks pumping plant in the Delta. Director Vidovich made motion to approve the amendment. The motion was seconded by Director Puget; after discussion the Board voted to approve the motion. Following the vote, President Brown announced that the Directors voted as follows:

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Regarding the Dry Year Transfer Program, Mr. Melville reported that the 2021 carriage losses through the Delta were calculated at 25% and reported that the CVP buyers were offering \$600 per acre-foot north of the Delta for water in 2022.

Regarding the Aqueduct pumpback program, Mr. Gilkey reported that no pumpback was needed in 2022 and that the contractors were working with DWR on permanent facilities.

REPORTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

Board members and staff gave the following reports:

- Southwest Kings GSA – President Brown reported that the GSA was working on issues raised by DWR regarding deficiencies in the GSP.
- Kern Water Bank Authority – President Brown reported that KWB was in recovery mode.
- Westside Water Authority – Director Puget reported that the group was working on developing a strategic plan and that a questionnaire for district directors and key staff was forthcoming.
- Association of California Water Agencies – Director O’Dowd reported that the AWCA board had met in-person in January and that he would be representing the District on the Finance and the Agriculture Committees.
- Committee for Delta Reliability – No report.
- South Valley Water Resources Authority – Mr. Melville reported that the group was working with the Patterson ID and Valley Water on a double transfer to make water available to the SVWRA in years with SWP allocations greater than 35%.
- Westside Water Quality Coalition – No report.
- San Joaquin Valley Water Blueprint – No report.

STATE WATER PROJECT ISSUES

Regarding the Delta Conveyance Project, Mr. Gilkey reported that the two-year funding would be ending in 2022; he estimated that the District’s 2022 charges at the current 15% allocation would be \$310,125, bringing the two-year deferral to \$875,396. He recommended that the Board meet in April to take action on whether to participate in the next 2-year round of funding.

Regarding the Contract Extension Amendment, the General Manager reiterated that DWR’s plan is to wrap up the validation action by the end of 2022 and then proceed with signing and implementation of the Amendment.

Regarding the Voluntary Agreement and the 2022 Statement of Charges, there was no report.

REPORT OF COUNSEL

Mr. Hughes was not present, but indicated to Mr. Melville that there was nothing to report.

OTHER DISTRICT ISSUES

Mr. Melville reported that the District needed to appoint representatives to the South Valley Water Resources Authority board, the Westside Water Quality Coalition board, and to monitor the SJV Water Blueprint. Director Vidovich made a motion to accept the President’s recommendation that Mr. Justin Rowe represent the District in all three positions. The motion was seconded by Director O’Dowd; after discussion the Board voted to approve the motion. Following the vote, President Brown announced that the Directors voted as follows:

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DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

Mr. Melville reported that the next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for April.

ADJOURNMENT

Finally, Director Vidovich made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Ritchie; after discussion, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting. Following the vote, President Brown announced that the Directors voted unanimously as follows:

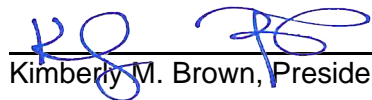
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There being no further business to come before the Board, at 1:24 p.m. President Brown adjourned the meeting.



 Dale K. Melville, Assistant Secretary

APPROVED:



 Kimberly M. Brown, President

DUDLEY RIDGE WATER DISTRICT

DIRECTORS

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 2, 2022

TO: Board of Directors
 Joseph D. Hughes

FROM: Dale Melville

SUBJECT: 2022 Charges

The enclosed budgets and allocations are the basis of the recommended 2022 Standby and Water Toll charges. These charges are based on the 2022 Budget adopted at the January 12, 2022 Board meeting, and subsequent revisions to that budget.

I recommend that the following Standby Charges for 2022 be ratified at the February 9, 2022 Board meeting.

Service Area 1	\$ 20.63 per Acre
Service Area 1-A	22.07 per Acre
Service Area 1-B	25.71 per Acre
Service Area 2-E	21.25 per Acre
Service Area 2-S	26.50 per Acre
Service Area 3	23.82 per Acre
Service Area 4	19.95 per Acre

For the Standby Charge I recommend two installments, due and delinquent on March 1, 2022 and July 1, 2022. The March 1 installment is recommended at 75% of the total Standby Charge, with the July 1 installment recommended at the remaining 25%.

I further recommend a Table "A" Water Toll Charge of \$37.00 per acre-foot, also payable on March 1, 2022 and July 1, 2022 (initially based upon a 25% water allocation and anticipated 2021 carryover deliveries) and the semi-annual water schedules, provided that the initial rate shall be changed to reflect the actual cost should State charges change or water supply dictate.

DUDLEY RIDGE WATER DISTRICT	
2022 STANDBY CHARGE BUDGET	
District Administration	
Insurance	4,000
Membership Dues & Fees	108,410
Annual Audit & State Controller's Report	4,240
Manager-Engineer	95,000
Office Supplies & Secretarial	8,000
Legal-General	20,000
Assessor-Collector-Treasurer	35,000
SWC & Audit Committee	17,000
SWC Delta Issues	49,000
Distribution System Maintenance (Note 1)	50,000
Special Studies	13,000
Manager-SWP Litigation	2,000
Legal-SWP Litigation	10,000
Westside Water Authority	72,368
Contingencies (portion from Note 1)	25,000
Total Standby Charge Budget	\$ 513,018
Less Allocated Portion from Note 1	(72,100)
Base Budget for All Service Areas	\$ 440,918
Total Standby Charge Acres	22,105.33
Base Standby Charge per Acre	\$ 19.95

Note 1 Allocation to Service Areas							
Description	1	1-A	1-B	2-E	2-S	3 /b	Totals
Distribution							
Maintenance	\$ 1,400	\$ 2,200	\$ 500	\$ 2,300	\$ 15,300	\$ 28,300	\$ 50,000
Contingencies	150	1,800	500	750	6,800	12,100	\$ 22,100
Totals	\$ 1,550	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,050	\$ 22,100	\$ 40,400	\$ 72,100
Acres	2,282.18	1,887.74	173.38	2,337.44	3,372.63	10,421.63	20,475.00
Charge/Acre	\$ 0.68	\$ 2.12	\$ 5.77	\$ 1.30	\$ 6.55	\$ 3.88	
/a Service Area No. 4 (1,814.93 acres) has no cost allocated for distribution facilities.							
/b Includes 10,545.02 acres in Service Area 3 plus 356.89 acres allocated from Service Area 1-B (3A) and 107.38 acres allocated from Service Area 4K (3A).							

Final Allocation of Costs							
Description	1	1-A	1-B	2-E	2-S	3	4
Base Standby Charge	\$ 19.95	\$ 19.95	\$ 19.95	\$ 19.95	\$ 19.95	\$ 19.95	\$ 19.95
Note 1 Allocation	0.68	2.12	5.77	1.30	6.55	3.88	-
Totals	\$ 20.63	\$ 22.07	\$ 25.71	\$ 21.25	\$ 26.50	\$ 23.82	\$ 19.95

DUDLEY RIDGE WATER DISTRICT	
2022 WATER TOLL BUDGET	
SWP Variable Costs	
Entitlement Water (Table A)	
Off-Aqueduct	\$ 17,907
Ag Trust Fund	0
Estimated Variable (at 25% Table A)	627,550
Total SWP Variable Costs	\$ 645,457
District Water Operations	
Ditchtender Services	\$ 28,000
Water Scheduling/Ordering	14,000
Total District Water Operations	\$ 42,000
Total Water Toll Budget	\$ 687,457
Water Toll Rate on 10,338 (25%) acre-feet plus 8,270 acre-feet of 2021 carryover	\$ 36.95

**Dudley Ridge Water District
Recommended Adjustments to 2021 Charges**

Landowner/User	Standby (Charges)/ Credits	Water Toll (Charges)/ Credits	Water Purchase (Charges)/ Credits	Total (Charges)/ Credits
<i>Recommended Credits/(Charges)</i>				
Wonderful Orchards	\$ 11,565.77	\$ 178,148.29	\$ (23,194.71)	\$ 166,519.35
Sandridge Partners	8,457.17	(97,759.57)	(78,605.46)	(167,907.86)
Tejon Ranch Impound	3,817.77	-	-	3,817.77
Irvine Ranch Water District	899.91	(564.55)	-	335.36
Don Jackson	778.43	1,875.46	-	2,653.89
<i>Total Credits/(Charges)</i>	\$ 25,519.04	\$ 81,699.63	\$ (101,800.17)	\$ 5,418.51

Initial water toll rate set at \$30.00 per acre-foot.

Second water toll rate set at \$32.75 per acre-foot.

Final water toll rate set at \$33.84 per acre-foot.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01
DUDLEY RIDGE WATER DISTRICT
EQUALIZATION HEARING ON DUDLEY RIDGE WATER DISTRICT
2022 ASSESSMENTS**

WHEREAS, this Board of Directors, pursuant to Water Code Sections 36559, 36570, 36577 and 36578, has adopted a Schedule of Benefit Assessment Per Acre Valuation; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor of said District, pursuant to Water Code Sections 36570, 36572, 36573 and 36578, has adopted values for all lands in the District as shown in the 2022 Assessment Book of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor has filed with the Secretary of the District the 2022 Assessment Book of the District with the appropriate headings in which is listed all lands and each separate parcel thereof within the District, the name of head holder of title to each separate parcel of land within the District, and if unknown, that fact is stated, a description of each separate parcel of land within the District sufficient to identify it, the value of each separate parcel determined pursuant to said Schedule of Benefit Assessment, and the combined gross valuation of all lands within the District; and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2022, this Board, fixed February 9, 2022, at the hour of 1:15 P.M., at the District Office, 455 West Fir Avenue, CLovis, California, as the time and place where this Board sitting as a Board of Equalization should meet and bear any and all objections to the assessment of said District as assessed and set forth in said 2022 Assessment Book; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of this Board caused publication of notice of the time and place of said hearing before and by this Board sitting as a Board of Equalization to hear and determine any and all objections to the 2022 assessments of said District in the Corcoran Journal, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Kings, State of California, and posted such notice in the District Office, which sets forth among other matters the time and place where the 2022 Assessment Book of the District could be inspected by the public and at the time and place of said hearing; and

WHEREAS, this Board met as a Board of Equalization on February 9, 2022, at 1:15 P.M. to hear and determine any and all objections to the assessment of said District as set forth in the 2022 Assessment Book of the District on file with this Board; and

WHEREAS, it appears to this Board from an examination of the 2022 Assessment Book and the valuations therein made that all said valuations are equal, fair and just and represent the benefit assessment values of the lands assessed; and

WHEREAS, the Assessor of the District prior to the closing of the hearing has added the total valuation of the lands of said District as determined by this Board and has determined the gross assessed valuation of all lands with said District to be \$228,187,658.34.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, AND IT IS HEREBY, RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The benefit assessment values set forth in the Dudley Ridge Water District 2022 Assessment Book are equal, fair and just and represent the benefit assessment values in accordance with the District's 2022 Schedule of Benefit Assessment per Acre Valuations.

2. The ad valorem rate of assessment of \$2.76435 upon each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) in value of the land within Dudley Ridge Water District, which rate is sufficient to raise the sum specified in the annual estimate filed herein by said District, be, and the same is hereby, fixed, ordered, and levied; and

3. The minimum assessment shall be rounded up to \$3.00 if the actual calculations is greater than \$1.50 and rounded to \$0.00 if the actual calculation is less than \$1.50; and

4. This Board hereby assesses the lands within Dudley Ridge Water District which have escaped assessment in prior years in the amounts set forth in the Assessment Book; and

5. This Board now stands adjourned as a Board of Equalization and this hearing is completed.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I hereby certify that I am the Secretary of Dudley Ridge Water District and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said District at the Regular Meeting duly held in Fresno, California on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at which meeting a quorum of said Board of Directors was at all times present and acting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said District this 9th day of February 2022.

John Vidovich, Secretary
Dudley Ridge Water District

(DISTRICT
SEAL)

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

Office of Planning and Research
U.S. Mail: Street Address:
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk
County of: Los Angeles County Clerk
Address: 12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

From:

Public Agency: Dudley Ridge Water District
Address: 455 W. Fir Avenue
Clovis, CA 93611

Contact: Dale Melville
Phone: (559) 449-2700

Lead Agency (if different from above):
Dudley Ridge Water District
Address: 455 W. Fir Avenue
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2021120653

Project Title: DRWD and SGVMWD Water Transfer and Banking Program

Project Applicant: Dudley Ridge Water District

Project Location (include county): Kings, Kern, and Los Angeles County

Project Description:

Please see attached Project Description.

This is to advise that the Dudley Ridge Water District has approved the above
(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on February 9, 2022 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
(date)
described project.

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

Dudley Ridge Water District, 455 W. Fir Avenue, Clovis, CA 93619

Signature (Public Agency):  Title: Assistant Manager/Engineer

Date: February 9, 2022 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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