MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

November 22, 2021

At approximately 7:30 a.m. President Gaskins called the regular meeting to order.

Vice President Freshley led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Committee Members MIKE GASKINS , KATHRYN FRESHLEY, JOSE VERGARA, MARK MONIN, and KAY HAVENS participated.

Also participating were DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, General Manager, JUDY CIMORELL, Human Resources Manager, JASON HAYDEN, CFO, GILBERT J. GRANITO, General Counsel, SCOTT HOPKINS, Operations Superintendent, HANNAH FORD, Engineering Manager, KEITH STRIBLING, HIGHMARK Representative, and POLLY WELSCH, Recording Secretary.

Oral Communications/Public Comments

There were no comments.

Items Received Too Late to be Agendized

President Gaskins asked if there were any items received too late to be agendized. Mr. Cafferty replied no.

Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting

At approximately 7:32 a.m. Director Havens called the Finance meeting to order.

Consent Calendar

Director Havens asked for a Motion.

Motion: Vice President Freshley made a motion, seconded by Director Monin

and unanimously carried across the Board to approve the Consent Calendar.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Havens aye
Vice President Freshley aye
Director Vergara aye
President Gaskins aye
Director Monin aye

Quarterly Review of the District's 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan

Mr. Stribling stated that the returns have been good for both Absolute and Relative, so year-to-date portfolios are up briefly. He further stated that the quarter was quiet.

Mr. Stribling stated that Alternatives were strong year-to-date. He further stated that Fixed Income also did well.

Mr. Stribling stated that on the Investment Returns – Equity Funds did well. He further stated that Small Cap Growth is not doing well.

Mr. Stribling stated that they added the Pimco Institutional fund which has been doing well. He further stated that October was a good month of meeting the benchmarks.

Mr. Stribling stated that vaccines and anti-viral pills are available. He further stated that the Infrastructure bill passed, which should add to the economic growth.

Mr. Stribling stated that inflation is on everyone's mind, and while it is higher than the Feds would like, they believe that it will work itself out.

Mr. Stribling stated that wages, rent, and housing are facing challenging times with people having difficulty getting people back to work. He further stated that there may be a new Fed Chairman, and also China's economy is slowing.

Mr. Stribling stated that stocks and real estate are the Feds choices.

At approximately 7:50 a.m. Mr. Stribling left the meeting.

Financial Information Items

Tiered Water Usage and Revenue Tracking

Mr. Cafferty stated that water use is trending down due to the request to reduce water use.

Director Vergara asked for an update on receiving money from the state for uncollected revenues. Mr. Cafferty replied that the Arrearages Program has been approved, and staff has submitted an application for approximately \$53,000.

Director Havens had a question on evaporation tracking and asked why it's on Tier 2 instead of dedicated irrigation. Mr. Cafferty replied that Tier 2 also includes irrigation.

Mr. Cafferty stated that staff could put together a chart on total water use showing potable and recycled water.

<u>Update on Financing Plan for Near-term Future Capital Projects</u>

Mr. Hayden stated that once an amount to be financed has been determined, staff will work with NHA Advisors, the Bond Underwriter, and the Disclosure Counsel to draft an Official Statement for the issuance of COP's.

Update of the Implementation of the Springbrook Software System

Mr. Hayden stated that staff is working on the implementation tasks, business process questionnaires, and discussing the build out of the water budget based billing system.

Financial Action Items

<u>Financial Package – Authorization to Approve Bills for Consideration dated November</u> 22, 2021 and Receive and File Financial Statements as of October 31, 2021

Director Havens asked for a Motion.

Motion: Director Monin made a Motion, seconded by Director Vergara and unanimously carried across the Board to approve, ratify, and confirm payment of those bills as set forth in the schedule of bills for consideration dated November 22, 2021, and receive and file the financial statements for the period ending October 31, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Havens	aye
Vice President Freshley	aye
Director Vergara	aye
President Gaskins	aye
Director Monin	aye

Comments Regarding Non-Agenda FIC Items

There were no comments.

Close Finance and Insurance Committee Meeting

There being no further business the Finance Committee meeting was closed at approximately 8:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

POLLY WELSCH Recording Secretary

APPROVED:

MIKE GASKINS, President

of the El Toro Water District and the

Board of Directors thereof

DENNIS P. CAFFERTY, Secretary of the El Toro Water District and the

Board of Directors thereof