## **El Solyo Water District**

## Directors

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Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors Christine Ferraro Tallman, Clerk of the Board 1010 Tenth Street, Suite 6700 Modesto, CA 95354

December 27, 2017

Dear Ms. Ferraro-Tallman,

The El Solyo Water District Board of Directors respectfully requests that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors appoint Mr. Tom Morris to our vacant board position as of our meeting on November 29, 2017. I have enclosed a copy of the minutes from this meeting qualifying Mr. Morris to this position.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Audrey Chavez
Secretary / Manager

## MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS EL SOLYO WATER DISTRICT 542 CENTER ROAD, VERNALIS, CA 95385 (209) 585-5032

November 29, 2017.

Directors: Steve McManis, James Lopes, Henry Bettencourt and Stephen Perez.

**CALL TO ORDER**: Called to order at 9:00 AM by President Henry Bettencourt. Present were Directors Steve McManis and James Lopes. Also present were Tom Morris, Jorge Brito, Patrick Jose and Audrey Chavez.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None** 

ADDITIONS/REVISIONS TO AGENDA:

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**: Director Lopes moved to approve the minutes for the Meeting of October 18, 2017. Director Perez seconded the motion. Motion passed

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**: The board reviewed a copy of the distribution register from the main account as well as the second account. They also reviewed the credit card accounts and the company balance Sheet along with the accounts receivable aging summary. A motion to approve the financials as presented was made by Director Perez with a second by Director McManis.

MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE REPORT: Audrey talked to the board about the pumps at pump house one. They expected to be arriving at the end of December and they are on schedule. Pump house three has a rotating screen that is not working properly. Jim Melo has ordered all the parts and is planning to repair it as soon as everything is in. He does not want to tear it apart and allow the leaves to clog the pumps. Audrey is going to call Manny to get him to come out and clean the canals. A transformer at pump house one burned up when Joe Garza's guys were working. Audrey informed the board that Ray Moser came out and fixed it. It is now in working order. Patrick and Jorge discussed a few gates throughout the district that need to be removed; they are starting to cause leakage. Patrick Jose asked for a new set of seats for his gator, the board agreed. Audrey will order them.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Audrey informed the board that the dirt that was piled up by lift station one has now been moved down along the bottom of McManis' field. The road along the Main Canal off of River Road to the pump house has been oiled and are waiting for it to dry out. The board discussed the option of implementing the interest rate to late payments. After much discussion the board decided to implement a 10% APR interest fee starting January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 to any invoice that is thirty days past due.

**NEW BUSINESS**: Tom Morris requested permission to do some work on ditch one. He is wanting to bring a pipe across it and then he will proceed to repair it. Director McManis made a motion for approval, Director Perez seconded it. Motion passed. The election of officers was discussed to follow in rotation of seniority. By following suit, Director Stephen Perez will become President and Director James Lopes will move into the Vice President's seat. Director McManis made a motion to move forward with the process. Director Lopes seconded the motion. Motion passed. Audrey acknowledged that with Greg Nunes no longer a director on the board there is a vacant seat. Tom Morris expressed interest in it. Steve McManis moved to appoint Mr. Morris to the vacant seat and Director Perez seconded that. Motion passed. There will be an amendement to the payment terms and credits. The board would like to add into the bylaws that the installment payments are a non-refundable minimum charge that cannot be exchanged or transferred. Audrey will make the change and it will be reviewed at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 20, 2018 Meeting ADJOURNED at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry Bettencourt, President