## Sambrito Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association

Draft Minutes of February 28, 2023 Board Meeting

Preface: The meeting was scheduled for 6 PM on the Microsoft Team online platform. Several individuals could not gain access to the platform using the Agenda link provided. Our thanks to Mr. Joseph Valdez of RCAC for persistently sending individual links to participants who were then able to enter the meeting. In this manner a quorum was eventually achieved.

- Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM by president John Dustin. Directors present were John Dustin, Vice President Tom Monaghan, April Garner and Chris Huber. A quorum was declared. Treasurer Debra Holder was able to join at 7:05. Counsel Germaine Chappelle, who was in a prior meeting, was able to join at 7:20. Guests included Christina Rios and Joseph Valdez.
- 2. The current agenda, which had been posted on the Sambrito website on 2/16, was approved by unanimous vote, moved by Tom Monaghan and seconded by April Garner,
- Minutes of the meeting of 11/27/22 had also been posted. There were no corrections or additions. Approval was moved by Tom Monaghan and seconded by April Garner, with all Directors voting in favor,
- 4. President's report: An NMFA planning grant of up to \$50,000 was secured on 1/26. This much needed help will enable Sambrito to complete the required PER. The routine Open Meeting Resolution approval was moved by Tom Monaghan and seconded by April Garner, and passed unanimously. Germaine Chappelle stated that Souder Miller was preparing a bid, in addition to one received from Martin/Martin. Discussion ensued. Tom Monaghan moved, seconded by April Garner, to delegate the bid selection to John Dustin. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Deb Holder presented the Treasurer's report. The Association's balance on deposit at 1st Southwest Bank is less than \$2000. This is largely a product of additional treated water imports. President Dustin noted that too many ratepayers are delinquent, and encouraged everyone to pay.their bills timely. The customers with large, long term balances will need to be shut off.
- 6. Germaine Chappelle delivered her report. The newly reconstituted PRC is in a learning mode, and has not taken up our case yet. Mediation efforts with RJV's and Judy Phelps' attorneys are underway. Responding to an observation from John Dustin, Ms. Chappelle agreed that the objective of the mediation was not to surrender the important points

contained in the approved Stipulation or PRC's previous Orders, but rather to find specific ways to facilitate the transfer. Ms. Chappelle concluded that a legislative grant appeared to be a practical necessity in obtaining a legislative appropriation. No closed session was needed.

- 7. The Rules and Regulations, which had been circulated to the Board and posted on the website, were then taken up. President Dustin responded to some questions he had been emailed. A minor point of confusion was brought up By Deb Holder, who said that one element of the rate schedule needed to be changed. She moved that the Rules and Regulations be approved except for that one rate item, which was seconded by Tom Monaghan, and passed unanimously.
- 8. Tom Monaghan reported on the pickup truck, which has about 150,000 miles on it and is in decent shape. His research yielded estimated values ranging between \$3200 and \$9000. His opinion is the low end is too low, and the high end is not obtainable. The truck is not currently running, but after some effort, they had succeeded in getting it started on one occasion. He will do further research, and will attempt to estimate the costs to get it running.
- No items of new business were introduced. Due to outside scheduling uncertainties beyond our control, the date for the next meeting was not established. It will be properly scheduled and noticed at an appropriate time.
- 10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM. Thanks to all who persisted and contributed to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted this first day of March, 2023.

John Dustin, Acting Secretary