

SAN ELIJO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 16, 2024
AT THE SAN ELIJO WATER CAMPUS

Kellie Hinze, Chair

Kristi Becker, Vice Chair

A meeting of the Board of Directors of San Elijo Joint Powers Authority (SEJPA) was held Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 8:30 a.m., at the San Elijo Water Campus.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hinze called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

Kellie Hinze
Allison Blackwell
Kristi Becker
David Zito

Others Present:

General Manager	Michael Thornton
Director of Operations	Chris Trees
Director of Infrastructure and Sustainability	Tom Falk
Interim Director of Finance	Richard Duffey
Administrative Coordinator	Vanessa Hackney
Financial Analyst I	Erica Zito

SEJPA Counsel:

Procopio	Merrick A. Wadsworth
----------	----------------------

City of Solana Beach:

Director of Engineering/Public Works	Mohammad "Mo" Sammak
Principal Engineer	Dan Goldberg

San Dieguito Water District:

Principal Engineer	Habib Hariri
--------------------	--------------

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Chair, Kellie Hinze, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

5. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- 2024 Honor Award from American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) California
- National Recognition Award from ACEC

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Board Member Zito and seconded by Vice Chair Becker to approve the Consent Calendar.

Agenda Item No. 7	Approval of Minutes for the March 19, 2024 Board Meeting
Agenda Item No. 8	Approval for Payment of Warrants and Monthly Investment Report – March
Agenda Item No. 9	Wastewater Treatment Report – February
Agenda Item No. 10	Recycled Water Report – February
Agenda Item No. 11	Reportable Meetings
Agenda Item No. 12	San Elijo Joint Powers Authority Contract for Procurement of Liquid Calcium Nitrate for Fiscal Year 2024-25
Agenda Item No. 13	San Elijo Joint Powers Authority Contract for As-Needed Laboratory Services for Fiscal Year 2024-25

Motion carried with the following vote of approval:

AYES: Hinze, Blackwell, Becker, Zito
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

15. PRESENTATION OF SAN ELIJO JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

General Manager, Michael Thornton, presented the FY 2024-25 Recommended Budget, which consists of \$10,521,442 operating expense, \$3,666,000 capital appropriation, and \$2,373,604 debt service payments for a total budget of \$16,561,046. This amount includes the Recycled Water program, which has a total recommended budget of \$5,343,326 including operations and maintenance, capital projects appropriation, and debt service payments. The total recommended budget also includes the second year of service to Leucadia Wastewater District (WWD) Technical Support Services, with a budget of \$28,209 and the third year of service to the 22nd District Agricultural Association clean water services program with a budget of \$172,371. Both programs are fully funded by the organizations that are requesting these services.

General Manager Thornton announced that at the May 21, 2024 Board meeting, staff will be presenting public comments and any proposed adjustments to the recommended budget. The final version of the budget will then be submitted for the Board's approval consideration during the meeting scheduled for June 21, 2024.

No action required. This item was submitted for information only.

16. SAN ELIJO OCEAN OUTFALL 2023 INSPECTION REPORT

Director of Operations, Christopher Trees, stated that the San Elijo Ocean Outfall was commissioned in 1965 to discharge treated effluent from the San Elijo Water Pollution Control Facility (which is now the San Elijo Water Campus). The outfall was upgraded and expanded in 1974 to include discharge capacity for the City of Escondido's Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility. To ensure that the ocean outfall is in sound operating condition and that environmental regulations are being met, San Elijo Joint Powers Authority (SEJPA) inspects the outfall bi-annually.

SEJPA contracted with Marine Taxonomic Services, Inc. (MTS) to complete the 2023 outfall inspection. MTS reports that the San Elijo Ocean Outfall was found to be in excellent overall condition. Offshore areas of the outfall were stable and showed no signs of ballast movement; inshore ballast rock showed no significant signs of movement since the last re-ballasting project completed in 2005. The outfall showed no signs of spalling, rust staining, cracking, or other deficiencies in the concrete pipe. All observed joints were in alignment with no evidence of leaks. The near shore inspection revealed no nuisance kelp growing on the pipeline and the surrounding ballast, however the marine life in the area was robust.

The full report is available for review at <https://www.sejpa.org/news/studies-reports>

Moved by Board Member Zito and seconded by Board Member Blackwell to:

1. Accept and file the San Elijo Ocean Outfall Year 2023 Inspection and Structural Integrity Assessment Report prepared by Marine Taxonomic Services, Inc and Carollo Engineers

Motion carried with the following vote of approval:

AYES:	Hinze, Becker, Blackwell, Zito
NOES	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

16. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Michael Thornton stated that a programming error that occurred over the weekend resulting in a spill of treated wastewater at manhole 74. The issue was fixed within 45 minutes of notice and staff is looking into possible property damage for surrounding private properties.

16. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

General Counsel, Merrick Wadsworth, stated that Procopio is hosting CASA on Friday April 26, 2024 where there will be discussion of potential new legislation that could have impacts to SEJPA and like agencies. Procopio will report back with updates at the May 21, 2024 Board Meeting.

17. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Board Chair, Kellie Hinze, stated that she will not be running for reelection in the next election cycle.

18. CLOSED SESSION

None.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael T. Thornton, P.E.
General Manager