

Humboldt Bay Municipal Water 828 7<sup>th</sup> street

Eureka, CA

Minutes for Special Meeting of the Board of  
Directors

September 19, 2024

11:45 am



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**1. ROLL CALL**

Vice president Lindberg called the meeting to order at 11:49 am. Director Rupp conducted the roll call. Directors Lindberg, Directors Rupp, Wheeler and Woo were present. General Manager John Friedenbach, Business Manager Chris Harris and Board Secretary Contessa Dickson were present. Director Fuller attended via zoom due to a medical emergency.

**ACTION: Approve President Fuller to attend meeting via Zoom**

**Maker: Director Wheeler Second: Director Woo Vote: 5-0 by roll call vote**

**2. FLAG SALUTE**

Vice President Lindberg led the flag salute.

**3. ACCEPT AGENDA**

**ACTION: Motion to accept agenda**

**Maker: Director Rupp Second: Director Wheeler Vote: 5-0 to accept by roll call vote**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was received.

**5. Continuing Business**

i. Consider appointment of public employee-General Manager

Closed session was conducted from 11:52 pm to 12:50 pm. The Board returned to open session. Director Lindberg announced there was a motion to re-open the General Manager recruitment for a minimum of two weeks including two weekends and increase the GM top salary range to \$200,000 a year, the motion was passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

**6. New Business**

i. Reservoirs Seismic Retrofit Project Scope of Work revision

**ACTION: Approve Reservoirs Seismic Retrofit Project Scope of Work revision**

**Maker: Director Rupp Second: Director Woo Vote: 5-0 to approve by roll call vote**

District engineer Nate Stevens attended via Zoom for this item. Mr. Friedenbach gave a brief history on this project. At a previous Board meeting the Board approved a revision to the proposed scope of work for this project. District staff have since learned it could take a year or longer to get the revised scope of work approved by FEMA/CalOES. Staff recommends going back to the original scope of work for the retrofit as originally designed and not proceeding with the full tank replacement as proposed by Paso Robles Tank. The Board asked some clarifying questions and a brief discussion ensued.

ii. Participate Energy Investment Tax Credit

**ACTION: Approve the addendums to Tesla Energy Products Purchase Agreements SGIP: Essex & TRF**

**Maker: Director Woo Second: Director Wheeler Vote: 5-0 to approve by roll call vote**

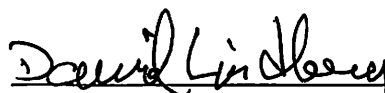
Staff recommends the Board authorize staff to sign the Addendum to Tesla Energy Products Purchase Agreement California Self-Generation Incentive Program agreements for the Essex and TRF projects and direct staff to cooperate with TESLA and Participate Energy to file the necessary ITC tax forms.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 pm.

Attest:

  
Michelle Fuller, President

  
David Lindberg, Vice President