

**BAY AREA WATER SUPPLY AND CONSERVATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING****January 21, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.**

DUE TO COVID-19, THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED AS A TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS N-25-20 AND N-29-20, WHICH SUSPEND CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, BAWSCA STAFF, AND OF THE PUBLIC COULD NOT ATTEND THIS MEETING IN PERSON.

MINUTES**1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call – 6:33 pm following introductory instructions for conducting the meeting virtually through Zoom.**

BAWSCA Chair, Barbara Pierce, called the meeting to order and led the salute to the flag. Nicole Sandkulla called the roll. Twenty (20) members of the Board were present at roll call. One (1) Director arrived after roll call. A list of Directors present (21), absent (4), and seats vacant (2) is attached.

2. Special Order of Business: Election of Officers for Calendar Year 2021.

Chair Pierce called for nominations for the position of Chair of the BAWSCA Board. Director Wood nominated Gustav Larsson for Chair. Director Quigg seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed by acclamation.

The Board unanimously voted by roll call to elect Gustav Larsson as Chair of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency Board of Directors for calendar year 2021, to commence at the adjournment of the meeting at which he was elected.

Chair Pierce called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. Director Zigterman nominated Tom Chambers as Vice-Chair of the Board. Director O'Mahony seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed by acclamation.

The Board unanimously voted by roll call to elect Tom Chambers as Vice-Chair of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency Board of Directors for calendar year 2021 to commence at the adjournment of the meeting at which he was elected.

3. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm to convene the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Water System Financing Authority Board of Directors meeting.**4. The meeting reconvened at 6:56 pm**

For the record, Director Quigg noted a correction on the meeting date printed on the agenda. The date should be January 21, 2021.

5. Comments by the Chair:

Chair Pierce emphasized the Board's continuing efforts to protect the health, safety and economic well-being of 1.8 million residents, over 40,000 businesses and community organizations in Alameda, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties who depend on the San Francisco Regional Water System. For almost twenty years, BAWSCA's goal has been to ensure a reliable supply of high-quality water at a fair price.

Under AB2058, BAWSCA has an obligation to protect the water-supply needs of its constituents. The State Board's Bay Delta Plan remains a challenging issue for BAWSCA and its Board of Directors as it represents a serious threat to the water users of the region.

Fortunately, the State Board invited BAWSCA and other water agencies to submit alternatives to its Plan. BAWSCA is urging the State Board to perform the required analysis of the science-based Tuolumne River Voluntary Agreement (TRVA) developed by the Modesto Irrigation District (MID), Turlock Irrigation District (TID), and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC).

In the coming months, the Board will evaluate policies and approve a work plan and budget to execute BAWSCA's mission and achieve its goal.

She thanked the Board and staff for their flexibility and efforts that enables the agency to continue serving its constituents through the serious and limiting impacts of COVID-19. She commended the SFPUC for its diligence and perseverance in continuing operational excellence.

6. Board Policy Committee Report:

Committee Chair Chambers reported the Committee's discussions and action to recommend the Board's approval on the proposed amendment to the professional services agreement with Woodard & Curran, and changes to the FY 2020-21 Work Plan as a result of the Mid-Year Work Plan and Budget review. The Board Policy Summary Report included in the agenda packet reflects the Committee's discussions.

7. Public Comments: There were no comments from the public.**8. SFPUC Report:**

SFPUC Assistant General Manager Steve Ritchie reported on water supply conditions and storage levels to date.

9. Consent Calendar:

Director Mendall made a motion, seconded by Director Wood, to approve the Minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting; receive and file the Budget Status Report as of November 30, 2020, the Investment Report and the Directors' Reimbursement Report as of December 31, 2020, and authorize the CEO/General Manager to negotiate and execute a contract amendment with Woodard & Curran that would increase the total not-to exceed amount

of \$50,000 for as-needed specialized water resources services for FY 2020-21.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

10. Action Calendar:

A. Mid-Year 2020-21 Work Plan and Budget Review.

Director comments and questions ensued the CEO/General Manager's presentation.

Public comments were made by Peter Drekmeier and Carol Steinfeld.

Director Montano made a motion, seconded by Director Mendall, that the Board approve the modification of Work Plan Item 2a "PREP Phase 3" and Item 3c "Implement New Subscription Programs" in the FY 2020-21 Work Plan.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

11. Reports:

- A. **Water Supply and Demand:** The CEO/General Manager reported that the total potable water use in the service area, as of October 2020, remains 9% less than the pre-drought period of October 2013. Water use appears to be lining up with that of 2019. Non-residential water demand is driving reductions in water use, while residential use remains the same, if not slightly higher due to the shelter in place orders.

Ms. Sandkulla presented the results of BAWSCA's Regional Demand and Conservation Projections study completed in June 2020. The results are based on a comprehensive analysis of each individual member agency's local policies, adopted land use, and other factors that impact water use. Population projections are based on ABAG and adopted land use plans. The study provides projected demand through 2045 at the agency and regional level, which is critical information for the development of agencies' Urban Water Management Plans, support for SFPUC's Alternative Water Supply Planning efforts, as well as BAWSCA's work on regional water planning.

Public Comments were made by John Rosapepe, Dave Warner, Susan Stansbury, Karen Harwell, and Carol Steinberg.

Chair Pierce called for a motion to extend the meeting passed 8:45pm.

Director Mendall made a motion, seconded by Director Cormack, to extend the meeting. The motion passed by acclamation.

- B. **FERC/Bay Delta Plan:** An update on the FERC relicensing process and Bay Delta Plan developments was provided. BAWSCA and its member agencies continue to support the Bay-Delta Plan objectives and are committed to working with other stakeholders to protect water quality in the Bay-Delta for humans, fish and other wildlife. BAWSCA supports the voluntary agreements and believes

that Governor Newsom's leadership is critical to the resolution of the critical Bay-Delta issues.

Public Comments were made by Martin Gothberg, Dave Warner, Cedric Petit Dela Beaujardiere, Peter Drekmeier, John Rosapepe, Keith Bennett, and Norma Jean Wallace.

12. Closed Session: The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 9:12pm

13. Report After Closed Session: Closed Session ended at 10:19pm. Legal Counsel, Allison Schutte, convened Open Session at 10:20pm and reported that no action was taken during Closed Session.

The Chair, with no objections from the Board, extended the meeting by 30 minutes.

14. Fiscal Year 2020-21 Work Plan and Budget Planning Session: Board members provided their input to the CEO/General Manager for the development of FY 2021-22 work plan and budget.

15. Directors' Discussion: Comments, Questions and Agenda Requests: Director Wood expressed her appreciation for Director Pierce's service as Chair of the BAWSCA Board.

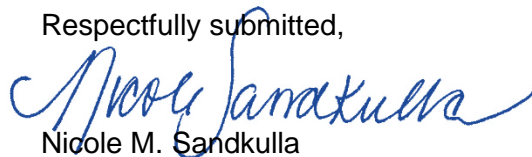
In response to Director Montano, Ms. Sandkulla confirmed that conservation efforts will be included in the work plan to address the potential for drought.

Chair Pierce thanked members of the Board, the CEO/General Manager for her strategic and operational leadership, and the talented BAWSCA staff for the results the agency achieved. It has been a great pleasure to serve as Chair of the Board. She looks forward to Directors Larsson and Chamber's strong leadership.

16. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled on March 18, 2021 at 6:30pm. The meeting format will be announced in accordance with State and local health guidelines.

17. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole M. Sandkulla
Chief Executive Officer/General Manager

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Attachments: 1) Attendance Roster

Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency

**Board of Directors Meeting
Attendance Roster**

Director	Agency	Jan. 21, 2021	Nov. 19, 2020	Sept. 17, 2020	July 16, 2020	May 21, 2020	Mar. 19, 2020
Benton, Jay	Hillsborough	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Meeting Cancelled due to COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place Order
Breault, Randy	Guadalupe		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Chambers, Tom	Westborough	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Cormack, Alison	Palo Alto	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Vacant	Santa Clara	vacant	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Vacant	San Bruno	vacant	✓		✓	✓	
Hindi, Sam	Foster City	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Jordan, Steve	Purissima	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Kuta, Rob	Cal Water	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Larsson, Gustav	Sunnyvale	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Liccardo, Sam	San Jose						
Manalo, Juslyn	Daly City	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Matichak, Lisa	Mountain View	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mendall, Al	Hayward	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mickelsen, Chris	Coastside	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Montano, Carmen	Milpitas	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Moody, Larry	East Palo Alto	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Mueller, Ray	Menlo Park	✓		✓*	✓*	✓*	
O'Mahony, Roslie	Burlingame	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Piccolotti, Tom	North Coast				✓		
Pierce, Barbara	Redwood City	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Quigg, Dan	Millbrae	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Vella, Lou	Mid-Peninsula	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Weed, John	ACWD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Wood, Sepi	Brisbane	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Zigterman, Tom	Stanford	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

✓ : Present

* : Predecessor