SEAL ROCK WATER DISTRICT 1 2 MINUTES OF THE **BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING** 3 4 April 21, 2016 5 6 7 Call Budget Committee 8 Meeting to Order: Commissioner John Garcia called the Budget Committee meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. 9 Thursday, April 21, 2016. 10 Present: John Garcia, Board President, Appointed Budget Committee members: Garry Helms, 11 12 Barry Compton, James Senn, Deanna Gravelle, Barbara Flewellyn. Staff: Joy S King, 13 Office Manager; Adam Denlinger; General Manager. See sign in sheet for public 14 attendance. 15 Rob Mills, John Filbert, Glen Morris, Saundra Mies-Grantham 16 Excused Absences: 17 18 **Elect Presiding** 19 Officer: John Garcia nominated James Senn as the Presiding Officer of the Budget Committee 20 Meeting per ORS 294.336(8). 21 22 Items Discussed before 23 Discussion of Budget: James Senn asked about the emergency replacement of Oceania Drive waterline 24 and how much would it impact the District. The General Manager, Adam Denlinger 25 explained that the total cost for replacing the waterline is about \$160,000. The District is in 26 the process of applying for an emergency grant ECWAG from USDA which could be up to 27 \$150,000. 28 James Senn also asked how the fluoridation of City of Newport's water could 29 impact the SRWD customers. The GM explained there is no dollar impact to the District. 30 The Ballot Measure is for the Newport Community to vote on. The impact to the District's customers is when we temporarily get fluoridated water from the City of Newport through 31 32 the intertie when the need arises. The status of the water right application to use Beaver Creek as source water was also 33 discussed. After Water Resources Department receive comments from various agencies -34 35 DEQ, Fish and Wildlife and etc, then there will be a 90 day public comment period. After 36 this WRD will review the comments and could approve the water right application with certain conditions. 37 38 Backup generators for each pump station were also discussed. When there's power 39 outages water could still be delivered to customers since the District has installed 40 generators for pump stations. 41 42 **Budget Message:** Budget Officer, Adam Denlinger read the budget Message for FY 2016-17. (See 43 attached). 44 Amend/Approve **Budget Document:** James Senn, Budget Committee Presiding Officer led the discussion in reviewing 45 and amending the proposed budget for FY 2016-17, one page at a time 46 47 and approve the budget by fund as follows: Under General Fund: 48 49 Page 1, line 7 - Water Sales Revenue doesn't include a rate increase. 50 The City of Toledo increased its wholesale water rate to the District by 4.6% 51 beginning January 1, 2016. Staff balanced the budget without increasing the customer 52 rates. 53 Page 2, line 3- Salaries Office - The salaries for 2016-17 is down since two of the office 54 employees have reached the top of their wage scales. Also, the increase in salaries in 55 2015-16 included an overlap in salaries in anticipation of a retirement of an office staff. Page 2. Line 5- Employee Benefits decreased due to decreases in workers' comp rate 56 and unemployment rate. 57 Page 2, Line 12- Professional Services has increased. A single audit is required for FY 58 59 16-17 as required by USDA, Sensus Handheld Support budget has been transferred from

Computer Software line item and OrcoTech IT support started with a fix monthly charge.

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Page 2, line 18- Miscellaneous amount has decreased. Amount budgeted for Xpress Bill Pay and Chase Credit card charges related to online payments has been transferred to Line 19 – Dues, Fees & Assessments.

Page 3- Line 3- The increase in Field Salaries is for two temporary field workers from a Temp Agency. Two of the senior operators are being utilized as resident inspectors for the phase 3 and Oceania Drive and 143<sup>rd</sup> St. projects, leaving a shortage of help with the daily operation of the District. The budgeted amount is for two temp workers for 3 months. Page 3, line 11- Toledo Water Purchase. The City of Toledo increased the whole sale rate from \$3.41 to \$3.57 beginning Jan. 1, 2016. The amount of gallons purchased has also increased due to line flushing of newly installed water lines by the contractor. John Garcia motioned to approve the General Fund budget in the amount of \$2,137,700

which is comprised of pages 1 thru 5. Motion seconded by Barry Compton. Motion carried 6-0.

Barry Compton motioned to approve the Debt Service Fund budget in the amount of \$844,066. Motion seconded by Garry Helms. Motion carried 6-0.

John Garcia motioned to approve Revenue Bond Reserve Fund budget in the amount of \$74,532. Motion seconded by Deanna Gravelle. Motion carried 6-0.

Page 9, line 14- Source Water Reconnaissance Study/Preliminary is budget for Phase 4 project.

Page 9, line 24- EMR/AMI is budget amount for automated meter reading which is part of Phase 3 projects and will be funded by USDA grant. John Garcia motioned to approve budget for Capital Projects in the amount of \$10,710,045. Motion seconded by Barry Compton. Motion carried 6-0.

John Garcia motioned to approve the budget for the following reserve funds – R.D. Requirement Reserve (page 10) in the amount of \$39,280; Depreciation Reserve (page 11) in the amount of \$150,200; System Development Charges (page12) in the amount of \$187,828; Water Source & Distribution Improvement Reserve (page 13) in the amount of \$657,600. Motion seconded by Barry Compton. Motion carried 6-0.

The SRWD Land and Building Reserve is expiring at the end of FY 2015-16. The budget committee discussed the necessity of extending the reserve fund to support the acquisition of land and building needs for source water and improving system distribution. John Garcia motioned to approve Resolution No. 0416-01 A Resolution to Extend the SRWD Land and Building Reserve Fund (see attached). Motion seconded by Barry Compton. Motion carried 6-0.

John Garcia motioned to approve the SRWD Land & Building Reserve Fund (page 15) budget in the amount of \$134,700. Motion was seconded by Deanna Gravelle. Motion carried 6-0.

**Public Comments:** None. No public was in attendance.

Approval of the

FY 2016-17Budget: John Garcia motioned to approve the FY 2016-17 Budget as presented. It was seconded

by Barry Compton. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Permanent Rate Limit and the

Exempt Bond Amount: John Garcia motioned to approve the Permanent Rate Limit for the General Fund

Operations as .1259 per \$1,000 of the total assessed value of the District, and the Exempt Bond amount of \$587,500 as the ad valorem property taxes to be certified for collection as

of July 1, 2016.

**Next Meeting:** Budget Hearing on May 12, 2016 at 4:00 pm.

Adjournment: Board President, John Garcia adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.