

**FRESNO COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT #18
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

DATE: July 5, 2024
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: Friant Shell Depot
17856 N. Friant Rd., Suite D, Friant, CA 93626

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

3. ROLL CALL. Richard Davidson, Michael Collins, Jerry Jorge, George Ritchie, and Brenda Hobbs.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: This portion of the meeting is reserved for the public to address the Board of Directors on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of our Agency. The public may request items to be placed on the Agenda for the following meeting, or address items not appearing on the current Agenda.*

*Attention is called to the fact that the Board is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that do not appear on the current Agenda and no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Board does not respond to the public comment at this time.

5. CORRESPONDENCE.

6. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Items identified after preparation of the Agenda for which there is a need to take immediate action. Two-Thirds vote required for consideration. (Government Code §54954.2(g)(2)).

7. REGULAR BUSINESS.

a. Consideration and Necessary Action authorizing the General Manager to make emergency repairs to Well No.3.

Well Nos. 3 and 7, which serve the Mira Bella community, have failed. After an evaluation, it was determined that Well No. 7 could not be repaired and would have to be destroyed. Well No. 3 is repairable. At the Board's meeting on June 24, 2024, the Board of Directors approved a resolution directing the General Manager and staff to pursue funding to make the necessary repairs to Well No. 3 and to Destroy Well No. 7, including an amendment to the District's grant from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). Staff is currently working with the DWR to allocate grant funding to the needed repairs; however, the funding has not yet been secured. Since the June 24, 2024, meeting, the single well serving Mira Bella, Well No. 1, has had a significant reduction in water production and pumping levels. Water production and pumping levels of Well No. 1 have now reached critical levels, and tank levels are dropping, a sign that the well is no longer providing an adequate water supply. A notice to Mira Bella residents restricting outdoor watering days and time and calling for conservation has been mailed

out by the District. However, even with the watering restrictions, the ability of the District to continue to provide the residents with an adequate water supply is uncertain, particularly with the heat wave that has been forecast for the foreseeable future. If emergency repairs are not made to Well No. 3, it is likely that Well No. 1 will not be able to supply a sufficient amount of water to the Mira Bella residents, who would have to rely on water delivered by truck at a significant expense to the District. The estimated cost to repair Well No. 3 is \$33,986.38. If grant funds cannot be used to repair Well No. 3, funding would come from _____.

Recommended Action: That the Board approve the emergency repair of Well No. and authorize the General Manager to send up to \$37,500.00 to make said repairs and make all efforts to cover the costs with funds from the DWR Grant.

Motion by:_____. Second By:_____

b. Ratification of Emergency Watering Restrictions in the Mira Bella area. A notice was sent to Mira Bella residents ordering outdoor watering restrictions and asking for voluntary conservation on July 3, 2024. The notice was sent in response to the significant reduction in water production and pumping levels of Well No. 1, the only well currently producing water to serve the Mira Bella residents.

Recommended Action: Ratify the emergency watering restrictions issued on July 3, 2024, and provide guidance for further restrictions if deemed necessary by the Board.

Motion by:_____. Second By:_____

8. ADJOURN