The regular meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California. JPA Chair Ramos presided.

Heard General Administration Functions as follows:

1. **Agenda Approval**
   The Board approved the agenda of the July 20, 2017 regular Board meeting.
   
   MOTION: Denton   SECOND: Sandeen   AYES: Ramos   NOES: None   ABSTAIN: None   ABSENT: None
   
   The motion passed 3-0

2. **Report out on Closed Session**
   Attorney Day reported that the Board met in Closed Session to confer with its legal counsel on three existing litigation cases. The board authorized a settlement offer in each of the three cases identified on the Closed Session agenda.

3. **Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda**
   There were no comments from the public.

4. **Approval of Minutes**
   The minutes of the June 29, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.
   
   MOTION: Sandeen   SECOND: Denton   AYES: Ramos   NOES: None   ABSTAIN: None   ABSENT: None
   
   The motion passed 3-0

5. **Review Monthly/YTD Revenue & Expenses**
   Mark Zollo reported on the Agency’s monthly cash flow for May, 2017. The agency’s starting position was approximately $7.3M. After $2.8M in revenue and $1.6M in expenses, the Agency’s ending balance in Funds 870 and 871 was approximately $8.5M. The agency also received a cash advance from the state in May (~$22M) bringing the total cash in fund 257 to $26.2M. The combined cash position of funds 870, 871, and 257 was $34.7M. Mark also reported that to date the agency has received a total of $86M in state funding. Staff will be working on an update to the annual flood assessment database. Looking ahead to June, we received a third real estate reimbursement of $3.3M.
Presentations

Item No. 6
Katie Yancy of the City Manager’s Office gave a presentation on the update to the Pioneer Bluff and Stone Lock District Levee Setback Analysis. She reviewed the levee setback recommendations along the barge canal trail, and how they will coincide with the Reuse Masterplan and the Parks and Open Space Master Plan. She also reviewed the permitting process with the regulatory agencies (CVFPB and USACE), and the requirements that need to be met under the GRR. Bill Denton asked Katie if she had any communications with the RD’s to be sure the O&M is not impacted. Katie stated she had not had contact with the RD’s but the improvements would be an enhancement to O&M corridors. Kenric clarified that most of the area in question does not concern him as RD 900 does not have any O&M responsibilities in that area. Tom Ramos asked about the progress for setback alternatives in the Pioneer Bluff area. Katie stated that the program level work has been happening mostly south of the barge canal, and that the programmatic level work is ongoing and additional discussion and coordination is needed with WSAFCA staff and the CVFPB staff before program level work in the Pioneer Bluff area can proceed.

Consent Agenda

Item No. 7
Consideration of Resolutions 17-07-01 and 17-07-02 Determining Flood Control Assessments for Fiscal Year 2017-18

Item No. 8
Consideration of Contract Award to GEI Consultants, Inc. for Floodplain Design and Permitting Services as Part of the Southport Early Implementation Project

The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

MOTION: Sandeen SECOND: Denton AYES: Ramos
NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

The motion passed 3-0

Regular Agenda

Item No. 9
Administration

Greg Fabun made a recommendation regarding board member compensation. The JPA formation agreement states that board approval is required to compensate members of the WSAFCA board. He recommended that staff for all member agencies be compensated $100 per meeting, no more than 3 meetings per month, and no more than one meeting per day. Jim Day explained that this is a cleanup item that once approved, WSAFCA will pay for all payments instead of the member agencies and retroactively approve previous payments. Beverly Sandeen asked the WSAFCA attorney to confirm that the requested action is consistent with rules governing Board member compensation. Jim Day confirmed the recommendations outlined by Greg were consistent. Tom Ramos asked if the compensation proposed is consistent with similar agencies. Jim Day responded that it is consistent.

The Board unanimously approved Item Number 9.

MOTION: Ramos SECOND: Denton AYES: Sandeen
NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

The motion passed 3-0
Item No. 10
Ken Godleski gave a presentation on the status of the Southport Levee Improvement Project since the last board meeting. Activities included clearing, grubbing, discing and stripping along segment B2 and C. Structure removal, stump removal and underground storm drain pipe removal/grouting was also completed. Excavation work was performed for borrow explorations in Borrow One. The Borrow agreement was signed for the adjacent River Park area, and clearing/processing activities have begun in this area. After surveying and testing work is complete, material harvesting and levee embankment fill work will begin. Drilling and utility location along Segment G has begun. Biological and cultural activities continue and coordination with the agencies and tribes is ongoing. Contractor is working 10-hour days, including Saturdays. Tom Ramos asked if they expect the project to be completed end of 2018. Ken says the contractor is committed to sticking to the schedule as much as possible, and if fall/winter weather conditions are favorable, schedule delays can be made up and the project completed end of 2018.

Item No. 11
Greg Fabun then highlighted several items contained in the Monthly Progress Report. He stated that work on the Floodplain Management Ordinance Update is ongoing, and that an item will be brought before the board for consideration in the future prior to going to City Boards/Commissions or the City Council. Work on the federal project is continuing, and the memo from the federal lobbyist attached to the program update contains a timeline for activities that support the project. Staff continues to work with our lobbyist to outline an advocacy strategy, including several meetings in DC with Mayor Cabaldon scheduled for late September. Staff will work with the USACE District to improve the benefit cost ratio (BCR), currently at 1.1, to 2.5 in order to be awarded funds for construction. A meeting with the District and DWR will be held in early August to review options and next steps to make adjustments to improve the BCR. Once that meeting takes place, a call with Corps headquarters division and district will be scheduled with Doris Matsui’s office. Greg then reviewed the status of the 2019 Fiscal budget year request by the Corps, as well as the 2018 Fiscal Year work plan request.

Beverly thanked Greg for his update on the federal project. Bill Denton then asked about the status of funding for the South Cross Levee. Greg replied that it is still not part of the state plan of flood control or federal facilities, but it is part of the federal project. Once that levee is reconstructed, it will still be a private levee but w/ qualify for rehabilitation and is part of the City’s flood protection system. Bill asked how often we contact our lobbyists. Greg stated that they have weekly calls with the federal lobbyist. Tom asked what the BCR was under the GRR, and Greg stated he recalls that it was around 3.4. Tom then reiterated the importance of the work we are doing and that we should increase our efforts to include a technical focus in addition to the political effort. Tom suggested that WSAFCA possibly plan for staff (Greg) to visit D.C. along with mayor Cabaldon or separately, whatever is most effective, to ensure both the political and technical aspects are covered.

Tom then asked if Greg could provide an update on work with the State to implement additional levee projects that would advance the federal project. Greg responded that there would likely be funds after Southport that can be repurposed for an additional West Sac levee project, and that communications with the state are ongoing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Kenric Jameson, Secretary/General Manager
WSAFCA