

# Herlong Public Utility District



## Special Board Meeting January 25, 2022

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**THIS MEETING IS HELD PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20  
ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM ON  
MARCH 17, 2020  
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**CALL TO ORDER:** Director Everett called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

**FLAG SALUTE:** Director Everett led out the pledge to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL:** Director Ayers, Director Everett, Director Johnson were present. Director Harris and Director Swistowicz were absent.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Director Ayers made motion to approve the agenda, Director Everett seconded the motion. The motion carried: Aye Votes: Ayers, Everett, Johnson, Harris; Nay votes: None, Absent: Harris and Swistowicz

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**WPV BID OPENING RESULTS:** The District received one bid from Hat Creek Construction in the amount of \$8,225,725.00. Shaw project estimate was at \$4,571,796.00. The bid received was overestimate by \$3.6 million plus. Director Johnson has questions regarding how the bids were advertised.

**Director Harris entered the board meeting at 2:04pm.**

Mr. Winkelman replied to Director Johnsons question stating they use plan houses, which are like clearing houses. He states contractors usually search their area. Director Johnson asked how the District moves forward.

Mrs. Raffleson stated that she and Mr. Winkelman are looking into options, but they have met with the County and are reaching out to the State to see if the District can get more "Grant Monies" to cover the cost of the project. Mrs. Raffelson stated concerns expressed at the Prebid Meeting held on January 6<sup>th</sup>, was how the Contractors would make the deadline of ordering supplies and specifically "USA Made" supplies, which is a requirement in the Grant Monies Contract. One thought is possibility to go out to bid again in the Summer 2022 to let the contractor have 4-6 months to get supplies in and starting construction January 2023.

Mr. Winkelman stated his concern is lack of interest on the contractor's side to receive competitive bids.

Director Ayers stated that it was difficult to determine the competitiveness of only a single bid and inquired as to how there could be such a difference between the independent

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engineering bid and the actual bid. The project background started back 2016/2017, where original estimates were lower. This was in part due to Covid, economy and other factors that cost has gone up. Director Ayers concern moving forward, is what value should we be expecting. Mr. Winkelman replied that is unknown and cannot necessarily be predicted.

Mrs. Raffelson said with the bid amount, she is going to go back to the State for an increase in Grant Monies. Director Ayers asked can the District take on the project with multiple grant authorities. This is an unknown but can be investigated. Mrs. Raffleson would like to start with the State first and go from there.

Currently the SRF contracts signed for completion dates are March of 2023 and June 2023. The District needs to get a timeline adjustment and more monies.

Director Ayers made a motion to reject the bid received from Hat Creek. Director Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Aye Votes: Ayers, Everett, Johnson, Harris; Nay votes: None, Absent: Swistowicz

### **DIRECTOR UPDATES/COMMENTS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Director Ayers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:47pm. Director Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed. Aye Votes: Ayers, Everett, Johnson, Harris; Nay votes: None, Absent: Swistowicz

  
John Everett, President

**ATTEST TO:**



Lain Ayers, Board Secretary