



Inverness Public Utility District

Fire Department ✧ Water System

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**Board of Directors
Minutes, Special Meeting
Thursday, August 18, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
Inverness Firehouse**

1. Call to Order; Attendance Report

President Emanuels called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Directors Present: Ken Emanuels, Dakota Whitney, Kathryn Donohue, Brent Johnson, David Press

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: Shelley Redding, General Manager; Jim Fox, Chief of Operations; Wade Holland, Customer Services Manager; Jenna Nicolas, Administrative Assistant, David Briggs, Fire Operations Assistant

2. Public Expression

Bridger Mitchell expressed his appreciation of the volunteer board.

3. Parcel Tax Initiative Measure on November 8 Ballot: Determine Whether to Take a Position on the Ballot Measure

President Emanuels opened the item by asking each Board Member to provide comments. The Directors expressed their thoughts on Measure O, including the benefits to the District of the additional tax revenue but also how the new mission activities could impact staffing and extension of District services beyond the current focus on providing domestic water, structural fire protection, and emergency response. The Board collectively acknowledged the intent and purpose of the measure as it would address community concerns relating to the threats of wildfire and drought. Also expressed was the understanding that it is a high priority for the District to address the concerns in a community-wide manner with a comprehensive assessment performed by a contracted consultant.

Members of the public expressed an interest in better understanding how the programs outlined in the measure would be developed and implemented, expressed an interest in a comprehensive assessment being done to determine feasible projects that would effectively mitigate threats, and questioned whether the measure duplicates the existing mitigation programs planned for the region by the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA).

The Measure's author, Jerry Meral, made a statement to the Board about the successful process of surveying the community about the measure, circulation of the initiative petition, and the importance of recognizing catastrophic threats in the State in recent years.

M/S Johnson/Donohue that the Board of Directors do not take a position in support of or in opposition to Ballot Measure O. AYES 5, NOES 0.

4. Adjournment: President Emanuels adjourned the meeting at 10:42 am.

Attest: /s/

Date: 9/28/2022

Shelley Redding, Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: **KENNETH J. EMANUELS**, PRESIDENT • **DAKOTA WHITNEY**, VICE PRESIDENT
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