

Soquel Creek Water District

Board of Directors Meeting

May 7, 2019

MEMO TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Ron Duncan, General Manager

Subject: Agenda Item No. 6.5

Title: Consideration of Agreement for Option to Purchase Real Property at 2505 Chanticleer Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA and the Wording and Terms Regarding the Purchase Sale Agreement

The negotiations for the purchase of the subject property could reach a conclusion before the May 7 Board meeting. Thus, if the purchase option agreement is signed by responsible party in time for consideration by the District directors at the board meeting then it will be presented. The aim would be to obtain Board approval for the authorized District Officer to sign the purchase option agreement for the subject real property and approve the language and terms associated with the purchase and sale agreement. If the District desires to consider purchasing the property at a future date (and thus exercise the purchase option), staff would return at that time for Board consideration. The subject property is County Assessor Parcel Number (APN) is 029-013-54.

POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION(S)

1. By MOTION, direct the authorized District representative (i.e. the Board President) to sign the Agreement for Option to Purchase Real Property for APN 029-013-54; and
2. By MOTION, if the District desires to consider purchasing the property at a future date (and thus exercise the purchase option), direct staff to return at that time for Board consideration, or
3. Take no action.

Board Action: District Board vote 3-1 in favor of Motion 2

YES: Tom LaHue, Bruce Daniels, Carla Christensen

NO: Rachél Lather

Absent: Bruce Jaffe

Link to Board Agenda Packet https://www.soquelcreekwater.org/sites/default/files/documents/board-meeting/packets/05-07-19-BoardPacket_secured.pdf

Chamber's Position: The Chamber supports diverse, clean and reliable water supply for Santa Cruz County residents, families and businesses. Last December, the Chamber wrote in support of Soquel Creek Water District's effort to find a location for a Pure Water Soquel: Groundwater Replenishment and Seawater Intrusion Prevention (Project). The Santa Cruz County Chamber asks that you (the District) carefully select a site that is the most efficient and cost effective location to serve our region. As the water district reviews several supplementary water supply options to bolster our depleted groundwater supply please consider the proposed treatment plant that can reduce wastewater from the Santa Cruz Wastewater Treatment Plant that is discarded into the ocean. Doing nothing is not an option. We understand that any site selected will face public scrutiny on two fronts, including location of the treatment plant and consumer risk of exposure to trace-level chemical contamination. We trust that the EIR analysis and your final selection addresses the public's concerns.

The Chamber supports the District's plan to find and purchase a site that is suitable for this project.