BUTTONWILLOW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

## SPECIAL MEETING

SEWER, KERN MUTUAL, BID#1, WSV DISTRICT

FEBRUARY 12, 2025

The special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Buttonwillow County Water District was called to order by Chairman Richard Garcia at the Ag Center Building at 6:16 PM to review and approve the Easement Agreements between the Buttonwillow County Water District and 29/SC 8ME LLC and the Buttonwillow County Water District and P G & E, and grant signing authority.

The following directors were present: Richard Garcia, Albert Ghilarducci, Mike Burleson, and Samuel Ghilarducci.

Others in attendance: Regina Houchin and Attorney Thomas Schroeter.

# Public Time

No public comments

District Business

Copies of both Easement Agreements were provided to the board. Regina Houchin noted that the P G & E Easement had no signature block for them to sign. Attorney Schroeter indicated the original easement from 1965 was not signed. In the Easement Deed, P G & E, the grantee, includes covenants and agrees to several items and therefore the deed should be signed by P G & E. Regina would contact Justin at Avantus regarding this issue. Should P G & E decline to sign, it would be up to the board how to move forward. Since there have been no instances with the 1965 agreement, it would be unlikely they would not continue to operate as they have since 1965.

Discussion regarding future increases in the voltage load resulting in a larger sphere of electromagnetic fields led to a call to Jeff Eklund for comment. Jeff indicated the capacity mirrors that of the two sets of P G & E transmission lines currently on site and felt there would not be any significant issues. He would reach out to staff members who could provide more information and get back to the board. As far as the damage to the WWTP, moving the plant in the northeast corner puts more distance between the plant and transmission lines. Discussion about oversight of future changes was discussed. Richard Garcia said he believes the California Energy Commission would be one organization that would review future permit modifications. Another call was placed to Jeff Eklund regarding the environmental documents. Jeff said he would check into the matter and get back to the board.

After further discussion, the board tabled approval of the Easement Agreements until the above answers have been provided. The item will be on February 19, 2025, agenda.

With no additional business, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM

Meeting adjourned,

Regina Houchin, Secretary to the Board