

**SOUTHERN SANDOVAL COUNTY ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY  
(SSCAFCA)  
MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 1992  
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the SSCAFCA Board of Directors was called to order by Chairperson Judy Vanderstar Russell at 8:06 a.m.

Directors in attendance were Judy Vanderstar Russell, John Chaney, Annette Jones and Guy McDowell. A quorum was declared present. Staff members present were Mark Peterson, Office Administrator and Pam McGrath, Administrative Secretary.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion by Annette Jones, seconded by John Chaney, to approve the agenda as presented passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION OF THE FILLING OF A VACANT POSITION ON SSCAFCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Judy Vanderstar Russell stated for the public that a letter of resignation was received from Fred Coppola on March 19, 1992 resigning from the Board effective immediately. Fred Coppola had stated to Chairperson Vanderstar Russell that he might consider rescinding his resignation, however, he would let her know by Monday, March 23, 1992. Mr. Coppola did not call and she instructed staff to mail the letter to the Governor at the end of business Monday, March 23, 1992.

Since Mr. Coppola was the Treasurer, Judy Vanderstar Russell asked Annette Jones if she would accept the office of secretary/treasurer until this issue is resolved. Annette Jones accepted.

John Chaney stated that he had talked to Mr. Coppola and asked him why he resigned. Mr. Coppola said he was resigning due to his feeling that the Board was gagging his ability to freely speak to the press, public, public officials, etc. which infringed on his rights. Mr. Coppola felt that the Board, by inhibiting his ability to write letters on SSCAFCA letterhead, was making his position as a Board member untenable.

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Mr. Chaney reminded the Board that the resolution did not prohibit Board members from using SSCAFCA letterhead. The resolution's only stipulation was that the office simultaneously be given a copy of the correspondence, and that any Board member put a disclaimer in such a letter that such correspondence did not express the views of the Board.

There was further discussion regarding the vacancy. Judy Vanderstar Russell stated that until the Board hears differently from the Governor, the position is vacant. The main purpose of the meeting is to develop a strategy for filling the vacancy. Members of the public and other Board members added additional comments.

A motion to ask the Governor to rescind the resignation of Fred Coppola was made by John Chaney. The motion was not seconded.

A motion made by Judy Vanderstar Russell requesting that the Governor not take any action until after the next Board meeting was seconded by Guy McDowell.

There was a discussion by the Board and members of the public.

Annette Jones called the question. Roll call vote: John Chaney, no; Guy McDowell, yes; Annette Jones, yes; Judy Vanderstar Russell, yes. Motion passed 3 to 1.

Guy McDowell left at 8:58 a.m., as he was ill.

Motion by Annette Jones to collect resumes in SSCAFCA office until April 14, 1992 and to discuss the resumes at the next meeting was seconded by Judy Vanderstar Russell, and passed unanimously by roll call vote.

There was a general discussion that Board members could contact people that are interested in the position and that resumes could also be sent directly to the Governor.

**DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

No comments.

**PUBLIC FORUM**


Roberta King stated that she was concerned about the Board at this point.


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Elizabeth MacIlhaneey informed the Board of information received at a recent seminar attended. If a quorum of SSCAFCA Board members attend a meeting and participate in a discussion that leads to a policy of the Commission or SSCAFCA, the meeting must be considered a public meeting of SSCAFCA and needs to be posted as a special meeting. Bernard Metzgar, legal counsel, is to check this out and report to the Board at the next regular meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Annette Jones, seconded by John Chaney, to adjourn the meeting was carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

  
JUDY VANDERSTAR RUSSELL  
Chairperson

  
ANNETTE H. JONES  
Secretary

Date Approved April 21, 1992