

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Directors of the
Aromas Water District
September 24, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Aromas Water District was called to order by President Holman on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 7:01 p.m. at the District Office located at 388 Blohm Ave, Aromas, California.

II. ROLL CALL:

President Holman, Vice President Mahler, Directors Dutra, Norton and Leap were present. General Manager Vicki Morris, Counsel Bob Bosso, Engineer Mike Freitas and Bond Counsel, Scott Ferguson were present, as well as Staff Patten and Cain. Henry Gowan of Sup, Lou Calcagno's office was welcomed.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Holman led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. STATEMENTS OF DISQUALIFICATION: There were no disqualification statements

V. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: There were no additions or deletions.

VI. MINUTES: The minutes of the August 27, 2013 Regular Meeting were presented for acceptance and approval.

Director Norton moved and Vice President Mahler seconded that the minutes be approved. They were unanimously accepted as written.

VII. ORAL COMMUNICATION: Questions regarding action items were deferred by GM Morris.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Director's Reports: Director Leap reported he went to Association of California Special Districts Conference in Monterey with GM Morris. He attended three workshops including two on Strategic Planning and found it to be a worthwhile experience.

B. Attorneys Report: None

C. Manager's Report:

Operations: August production was 14 million gallons. Operators had to repair a major line break on Carr Ave on September 21-22. It affected customers off of Carr Ave and the Seely line.

Staff: Intern, Jennifer Shedden has finished her work at the District. GM Morris showed appreciation for the operators' dedication in repairing the line break over the weekend. The annual audit is being conducted, and an ad hoc committee will be formed.

Projects: The new *Seely Pump Station Engine Generator* has a 12-week build time but slab and electrical work will begin in October.

The *Oakridge/Via del Sol Assessment* is on the agenda as item IXA.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

A. Public Hearing on Formation of Oakridge/Via del Sol Assessment District:

President Holman read the rules governing the Public Hearing and Ballot procedures. He then opened the Public Hearing.

GM Morris gave some background history of the Oakridge Area's longtime need for a dependable water supply. She outlined the process for balloting to take place at the end of the Public Hearing. Scott Ferguson, Bond Attorney for Jones-Hall, explained the adherence to rules satisfying Proposition 218 requirements. Property owners asked questions. Mr.

Robert Perry of Via del Sol thought the property owners wanting to opt out of the assessment district were not fairly treated. He questioned why votes were not weighted equally. Mr. Jeff Keck and Candy Vaughn of Oakridge Drive inquired of the same. GM Morris and Scott Ferguson explained that the votes were not weighted by property values, but by their percent of the estimated amount of the entire proposed assessment. Steve and Laura Kusanovich of Via del Sol questioned the validity of not including certain parcels and not allowing a separate vote for the "fire protection only" parcels. It was explained that the boundaries were determined in the most equitable method allowable by law. It was explained to Mr. Horacio Placentia of Via del Sol that the new water main would be owned and operated by the District. Director Dutra expressed his sympathy with those opposed to being included in the Assessment District, even though it was all done according to Proposition 218 and the California Constitution. After all attendees had an opportunity to speak, all ballots were called for and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:55 P.M.

Ballots were opened and systematically recorded by Engineer Freitas, Attorney Ferguson, GM Morris and Secretary Goodman in view of attendees. The meeting was brought back to order and the results were announced as follows:

45 ballots were submitted

Yes votes included 33 for fire and water service and 2 for fire-only service=35

No votes included 4 against fire and water service and 6 against fire-only service=10

The weighted percentage resulted in 86.02% in favor of the Assessment.

Mr. Ferguson explained the next steps involving notifications and timelines, should the Board adopt the resolution formalizing the affirmative results.

President Holman moved to adopt the resolution 2013-10 "Adopting Engineer's Report, Confirming the Assessment and Ordering the Work and Acquisitions and Directing Actions with Respect Thereto" and Director Norton seconded. Assessment District 2013-1 passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Holman, Mahler, Norton and Leap

Noes: Dutra

Absent: None

B. Presentation of Financial Reports for the Month of August 2013: Revenue for August was \$83,227.07. Total assets are \$6.4 million. Total liabilities are \$1.45 million. Expenses from August 22nd to September 16th 2013 were \$79,836.48. Payments were reviewed by Pres. Holman.

Director Norton moved to accept the financials as presented and Dir. Leap seconded. The financials were accepted unanimously.

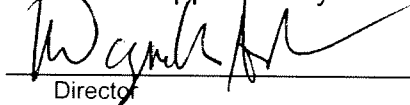
X. ADJOURNMENT

President Holman adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.

Report submitted by Laurie Goodman, District Secretary

Date: October 22, 2013

Read and approved by:



Director

Attest: 
Laurie Goodman, Board Secretary