

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Directors of the
Aromas Water District
August 25, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Aromas Water District was called to order by President Norton on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 7:01 p.m. at the District office located at 388 Blohm Ave, Aromas, California.

II. ROLL CALL:

President Norton, Vice President Leap, Directors Dutra, Holman and Smith were all present. General Manager Vicki Morris and Counsel Bob Bosso were also in attendance.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Norton 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 July 28, 2015 Regular Meeting were presented for acceptance and approval.

Vice President Leap moved to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Smith. The minutes were unanimously approved.

VII. ORAL COMMUNICATION: There was no oral communication.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Director's Report

- President Norton presented the District with a certificate from Special District Risk Management for having no paid claims in five years in the Workers' Compensation program . He commended staff for taking safety seriously.
- President Norton notified us of a trailer on a bill in the State Legislature that would put a sales tax on water bills. At this time, details are unknown as to what the tax would fund or how much it would be, if passed.

B. Attorney's Report:

- Counsel Bosso shared that there is a case involving the City of Ventura regarding Proposition 218 and varying rates for different pumping charges within their district. He will keep us up to date on implications of the case.

C. Manager's Report: Detailed report in agenda packet. Highlights include:

Operations:

- July production was the lowest in over ten years and continues to reflect our

- customers conservation efforts with a decrease of about 32.5% lower than July 2013.
- Well levels are being monitored. They are dropping, but not causing any problems.
- Solar panels are producing power at the Carpenteria Well site. The first PG&E bill reflecting the solar systems operation was \$15 compared to a typical July invoice of about \$4,100. Fencing was installed around the project and plants will be decided upon for landscaping and improving curb appeal. Grading is being done to smooth out the surface and should help prevent erosion.
- Rancho Larios Tank has been sandblasted and painted with two coats of epoxy. GM Morris showed photos to Board.

Oak Ridge/Via Del Sol Water Supply Project

- Only 1 service line has yet to be installed in Oakridge/Via del Sol. The facilities are all operating well and new customers have been very appreciative.
- Work on the 4" line was temporarily stopped as a resident blocked access. GM Morris discussed the issue with the resident and future customer.

Staff

- Selected applicants for the Accounting Clerk position will be interviewed on August 26. There were over 30 applications received.

D. Correspondence:

Director Holman inquired: New meter on Summerland was already paying inactive fee.

Pres. Norton inquired: Question on Cole Road property which is not in the PVWMA.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution 2015-09 Requesting LAFCO of Monterey County to Initiate Proceedings for the Addition of Two Parcels in the Oak Ridge & Via del Sol Annexation.. Board previously approved staff to proceed with application to annex 2598 San Juan Rd. and 176 Dunbarton Rd on January 20, 2015. A resolution for the application is necessary for the application. GM Morris advised Board that additional parcels could still be added to this application and LAFCO would prefer that application includes a larger area of parcels, but she stressed that it must qualify as a health or safety issue. V. Pres. Leap asked how we should best address this District wide issue. Pres. Norton suggested that a clear policy be established for considering annexations collectively. Discussion suggested possibly considering all potential annexations once or twice a year. Counsel Bosso stated that each case really needs to be considered separately to address unique issues.

Director Holman moved to adopt the resolution. It was seconded by V.Pres. Leap and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Norton, Leap, Smith, Dutra, Holman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

C. Financials: Revenue for July was \$87,952.23. The expenditures between July 22 and August 17, 2015 are \$345,283.40 and included payment in the amount of \$276,837 for the new solar system.. Total assets are \$7.1 million. The financials were presented for discussion and approval. Expenses were reviewed by President Norton

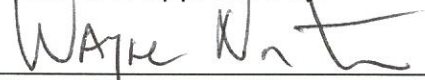
Vice President Leap moved to accept the financials as presented and Director Smith seconded. The financials were accepted unanimously.

X. FUTURE MEETINGS & AGENDA ITEMS: Next meeting will be September 22, 2015


XII. ADJOURNMENT - Pres. Norton adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Date: September 22, 2015

Read and approved by:



Board President, Wayne Norton

Attest: 

District Secretary