

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
the Board of Directors of the  
Aromas Water District  
May 23, 2017**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Aromas Water District was called to order by President Leap on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the District office located at 388 Blohm Ave, Aromas, California.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

President Leap, Vice-President Smith, and Directors Holman, Dutra and Norton were all present. Also in attendance were General Counsel Bob Bosso; General Manager Vicki Morris and Asst. General Manager/Board Secretary Mark Dias.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Director 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 April 25, 2017 Board Meetings were presented for review and approval. There were no comments or corrections. Director Holman moved for approval of the minutes and Director Norton seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously with all directors present.

**VII. ORAL COMMUNICATION:** There were no public comments.

**VIII. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Director's Reports-** There were no reports

**B. Attorney's Report**

Counsel Bosso reported that while AWD does not have chromium IV issues, DWR's standards were successfully challenged based on inadequate economic impact analysis. It may take a couple of years to restudy the issue. Treatment technologies are improving concurrently. Regarding SGMA there are emerging questions regarding groundwater augmentation/banking, along with pending legislation extending water banking time period beyond the current five years.

**C. Manager's Report:** See detailed report in agenda packet. Items highlighted include:

Production:

GM Morris noted production was lower than average for April but mid-May figures are picking up. Well levels were falling in response to irrigation season.

Operations:

Overall system is running well. GM Morris reported that the San Juan and

Carpenteria wells were online.

Regarding the Pleasant Acres well, the swage was installed 5/23/17. While the old motor was operational it was 14 years old so a new motor was installed with the old motor stored as backup. Additional videos were taken. After these repairs, the site essentially has all new equipment.

Chipping program has ended and was very popular this year.

Regarding the damaged Seeley Booster station, AWD was still awaiting initial reimbursement from ACWA JPIA. The initial bid for ceiling repair is very high and other bids were being sought.

Regarding a new shop building, AGM Dias reported that the higher level review by County staff of the septic repair proposal for the Blohm site was positive. However the County would want a deed restriction to limit the septic flows which seemed feasible. The Fire Department had said it would need sprinklers. AGM Dias presented a matrix comparing the Marshall and Blohm Ave sites. The Board discussed several pros and cons including: ability for future expansion; cost unknowns; aesthetics of a building near the center of downtown; practical/daily needs of operators. No decision was needed at this meeting and the item would be discussed again at the next meeting.

The District's request for the contractor to extend the warranty for the Oakridge tank roofline was still under consideration.

Regarding SGMA, AGM Dias gave a brief update that there were no updates regarding the State's review of PVWMA's alternative plan. The State had adopted enforcement fees to recover enforcement efforts starting as early as July. The District should be prepared to revisit the GSA formation issue if PVWMA's alternative was denied.

AGM Dias had represented the District at both the Emergency Preparedness Faire at the Grange Hall and at the Garden Tour. About 100 people came to the District's garden during the day.

**E. Correspondence:** The monthly correspondence list was reviewed without comments or questions.

## **IX. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Consider Approval of Contract with Fedak & Brown LLP for District Auditor:** GM Morris presented the staff report. Fedak & Brown had a number of contracts with local water districts and the cost was competitive with past costs. Following a brief discussion, Director Norton moved to approve the contract as submitted. Motion seconded by Director Smith. The contract was approved unanimously with all Board members present.

**B. Expense Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18:** GM Morris presented the draft Annual Expense Budget and highlighted key areas including conservative income estimates and a goal to increase the amount of reserve funding. The solar field continued to decrease power costs by about \$35,000 per year. The draft budget had been reviewed by the ad hoc committee (Directors Leap and Smith). The Board discussed the hourly rate increases for the operators and requested a salary survey for comparable operator positions. No action taken; draft budget continued to regular June meeting.


- C. Financial Reports for the Month of April 2017:** Revenue and expenditures for April were \$72,643.56 and \$182,580.43 respectively. Notable expenses included the biannual capital loan payment; annual State permit fee, and the costs for emergency repairs at the Seely booster station. At 10 months into the fiscal year costs were in-line or below estimates. Director Holman moved to accept the financials as presented and Director Norton seconded. The financials were approved unanimously with all directors present.
- D. Adjourn to Closed Session-** As permitted by Govt. Code Sec. 54956.9, the Board held a closed session to discuss personnel matters.
- E. Return to Open Session-** Upon returning to open session Counsel Bosso stated there were no reportable statements or actions by the Board during closed session.

**X. FUTURE MEETINGS & AGENDA ITEMS:**

The next meeting would be the regularly scheduled meeting of June 27, 2017.

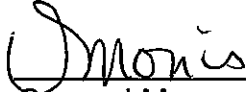
**XI. ADJOURNMENT - Pres. Leap adjourned the meeting at 9:09 PM until June 27, 2017.**

Read and approved by:

  
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Board President, Jim Leap

Date: 6-27-17

Attest:

  
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General Manager, Vicki Morris

Date: 6-27-17

