

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Aromas Water District Board of Directors
February 24, 2026**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER.** The regular meeting of the Aromas Water District Board of Directors was called to order by President Capron on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Attendees were present in the Aromas Water District Board Room and on Zoom.
- II. **ROLL CALL.** President Capron, Vice-President Powers, Directors Norton, Morris and Holman were present in the Aromas Water District Board Room along with General Manager Johnson; Counsel Quinn attended via Zoom.
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Vice-President Powers led the pledge of allegiance.
- IV. **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS.** There were no additions or deletions.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** There was no public comment.
- VI. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the January 27, 2026, Regular Board Meeting were presented for review and approval. Director Holman moved for approval of the minutes; Director Morris seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.
- VII. **PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**

A. Director's Report. Director Norton discussed his attendance at the San Benito Business Council meeting. He also mentioned the meeting was a good meeting that introduced Hollister's new City Manager. Also, Director Norton had sent an email to staff regarding the Chromium-6 (hexavalent chromium) issue in Hollister's water supply and whether the District had any concerns or issues with Chromium-6. Staff indicated that District water samples have had far below minimum contaminant levels of Chromium-6 in its water supply.

B. Attorney's Report. There was no Attorney's Report presented.

C. Manager's Report:

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

Production & Well Levels

Total production in January 2026 was 5,173,183 gallons; roughly 4% lower than December's production, and 8% lower than January average production. The average daily production was 166,187 gallons.

The District has 979 total connected meters.

San Juan well was operated six days this month, then taken offline while Carpentaria well was operated the entire month. Pleasant Acres well was operated 26 days this month. All water testing reports were filed on time.

Operational well levels: Carpentaria well water level decreased by one foot, while San Juan well saw a decrease of four feet, in comparison to the previous month's reading. **Observational wells:** The Marshall well level showed a decrease of three feet from last month, as did the Aimee Meadows well.

INCIDENTS

No incidents to report.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Staff & Board Recognition

GM Johnson reported on the following staff activities: 1) Management Analyst (MA) Girōn has continued to take on additional tasks very well as they arise, 2) Chief Operator DeAlba and Operator Smith are managing routine duties, while dealing with additional San Juan well issues, and GM Johnson met with CalTRANS representatives to discuss the proposed wildlife crossing effects on the District's infrastructure.

Conservation & Rainfall

The beginning of the new rainfall year was on October 1, 2025. Since then, 16.28 inches of precipitation has been recorded by the rain gauge at Chittenden Pass, with 4.28 inches of precipitation falling (to date) this month.

PROJECTS

Training opportunities for the Board members and General Manager

Recent Board training information is being put to use in a Strategic Planning workshop to be held next Tuesday, March 3.

Status of Marshall Well Replacement Project

An update will be provided at tonight's meeting.

Status of the Operations Shop Construction Project

An update will be provided at tonight's meeting.

Annexation of Driscoll properties into the Aromas Water District boundary

As part of the agreement with Driscoll Berries, the District has agreed to apply to Monterey County LAFCo (MCLAFCo) for an annexation of three small properties into the District boundary. There has been no progress in the last month.

Development of Tabletop Training Exercise (TTX)

As per the General Manager's Performance Evaluation, a tabletop training exercise is to be developed for staff training in October. Additional edits have been performed. Once staff is back at full capacity, the TTX will be performed.

D. Correspondence

GM Johnson went through the monthly correspondence list and provided information on specific items.

A question from the public about the liability of the Chipper Program was asked and answered.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Receive an update on the Marshall Well Replacement Project, and provide direction to staff

Staff introduced Scott Lewis, PG and Oscar Serrano, PE from Luhdorff & Scalmanini, who gave a presentation regarding the status and next steps for the Marshall Well Replacement Project. The project update was received by consensus by the Directors. A question from the public was asked and answered.

B. Receive an update on the Operations Shop Construction Project, and provide direction to staff

Staff presented an update on the Operations Shop Construction Project. Staff is waiting for information from the architect. The update were received by the Board members present. A question from the public was asked and answered.

C. Receive Financial Reports for the Month of January 2026 and Approve Expenditures

Total Assets / Liabilities & Equity are \$16,028,358.40. In the P&L Report, Revenue for January was \$157,066.65. Total Expenditures were \$311,772.91 between January 22, 2026, and February 18, 2026.

Vice-President Powers moved to adopt the Financial Reports which was seconded by Director Norton. The Financial reports were unanimously approved by the Directors present.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS & AGENDA ITEMS

The next regular Board meeting date will be March 24, 2026, at the Aromas Water District Board Room. Closed Session will be held if necessary. A Strategic Planning Workshop is also scheduled for March 3, 2026 at 4:00pm at the Aromas Water District Board Room.

X. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

President Capron adjourned this meeting to Closed Session at 8:15pm.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

Three matters were discussed during Closed Session and direction was given to the General Manager and District Counsel. Note that on the SVI item, Director Norton recused himself.

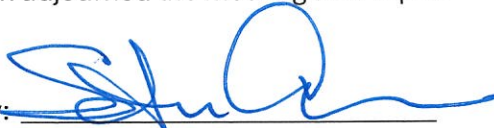
XII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Open Session resumed at 9:14pm.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

President Capron adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm.

Read and approved by:



President, Seth Capron

Date: 3/24/26

Attest:



Board Secretary, Robert Johnson

Date: 3/24/26