

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Aromas Water District Board of Directors
March 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, March 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.** Director Norton led the pledge of allegiance.
- IV. **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS.** There was an addition of Report Out from Closed Session, and one deletion: South Valley Internet item in Closed Session.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** There was no public comment.
- VI. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the February 24, 2026, Regular Board Meeting, and March 6, 2026, Special Meeting were presented for review and approval. Director Morris moved for approval of both sets of minutes; Vice-President Powers seconded. Both sets of Minutes were unanimously approved.
- VII. **PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS**
 - A. **Director's Report.** Director Norton attended the San Benito Business Council meeting, where there was an interesting discussion of library expansion. He also mentioned the meeting was a good meeting that introduced Hollister's new City Manager. Also, President Capron reported out on the previous meeting's Closed Session, indicating that there was direction given, though no reportable action taken.
 - B. **Attorney's Report.** There was no Attorney's Report presented, though Counsel Quinn provided more information about the Closed Session where there were two matters regarding Real Property negotiations and one matter of possible Litigation, all with direction given, but no reportable action.

C. Manager's Report:

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

Production & Well Levels

Total production in February 2026 was 5,081,358 gallons; roughly 2% lower than January 's production, and equal to February's average production. The average daily production was 175,219 gallons.

The District has 980 total connected meters.

Carpenteria and Pleasant Acres wells were operated the entire month, while San Juan well was offline for repairs. All water testing reports were filed on time.

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

INCIDENTS

No incidents to report, though a repair was done for leaking District infrastructure on Scott Lane.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Staff & Board Recognition

GM Johnson reported on the following staff activities: 1) Management Analyst (MA) Girõn has taken on additional tasks while covering a majority of the Accounting Clerk (AC) duties while AC Hill is out on paternity leave, 2) Chief Operator DeAlba and Operator Smith continue to complete routine duties, work on San Juan well issues, while completing two new connections on Marshall Lane, and 3) GM Johnson met with a new well repair entity for repairs to the San Juan well.

Conservation & Rainfall

The beginning of the new rainfall year was on October 1, 2025. Since then, 17.16 inches of precipitation has been recorded by the rain gauge at Chittenden Pass, with 0.04 inches of precipitation falling (to date) this month.

PROJECTS

Training opportunities for the Board members and General Manager

Recent Board training efforts have resulted in a majority of the Board completing the required trainings. A new required training has been added as of January 1, 2026, though currently-sitting Board members do not need to complete it until 2027.

Status of the Marshall Well Replacement and Operations Shop Construction Projects

An update will be provided at tonight's meeting for each project.

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. Staff is working to schedule a date for this training.

D. Correspondence

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

Questions from the public regarding the San Juan well repairs and the report on District Capacity were asked and answered.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Receive updates on the Marshall Well Replacement and Operations Shop Construction Projects, and provide direction to staff

Staff presented status reports for both projects. A discussion ensued regarding timing of specific Marshall Well project tasks, including the timing of the land purchase. Questions from the public were asked and answered. The reports were received by consensus.

B. Consider Adoption of the 2025 – 2030 District Strategic Plan, and provide direction to staff

Staff presented an update on the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan (SP) adoption process. Discussions followed regarding clarification about the District, and its role in the community, as well as reviewing the portion of the SP that spoke to infill along existing pipelines. In the end, it was recommended that the Ad-Hoc Committee review and edit portions of the SP and bring the SP back to the Board at a later meeting to review the proposed changes before adoption can occur. A public member made a comment about this matter. The Board provided direction by consensus for the Ad-Hoc Committee to reword some portions of the SP.

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

Total Assets / Liabilities & Equity are \$16,006,913.85. In the P&L Report, Revenue for February was \$153,041.25. Total Expenditures were \$311,772.91 between February 19, 2026, and March 13, 2026.

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

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS & AGENDA ITEMS

The next regular Board meeting date will be April 28, 2026, at the Aromas Water District Board Room. Closed Session will be held if necessary. Possible discussion items are; 1) District Capacity, and Strategic Plan follow-up.

X. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

President Capron adjourned this meeting to Closed Session at 9:00pm.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

Two matters were scheduled for Closed Session. The South Valley Internet item was removed, while the Anticipated Litigation item was discussed. Direction was given to the General Manager and District Counsel.

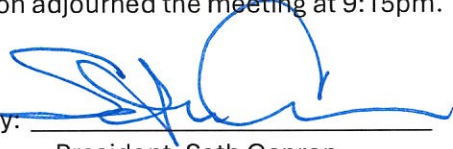
XII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Open Session resumed at 9:15pm.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

President Capron adjourned the meeting at 9:15pm.

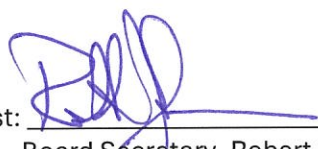
Read and approved by:



President, Seth Capron

Date: 4/28/26

Attest:



Board Secretary, Robert Johnson

Date: 4/28/26