

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Directors of the
Aromas Water District
December 22, 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, December 22, 2015 at 7:02 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 present. General Manager Vicki Morris, Counsel Bob Bosso and staff Maureen Cain and Louise Coombes 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 November 24, 2015 Regular Meeting were presented for acceptance and approval.

Director Smith moved to approve the meeting minutes with a correction to the Manager's Report. The motion was seconded by Director Holman and the minutes were approved unanimously, as corrected.

VII. ORAL COMMUNICATION: There was no oral communication.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Director's Report

- Director Smith reported that the San Benito County Water District will be charging \$760 per acre foot for contract water sales as of March 2016 and all of the 4,000 acre feet (State "blue pipe" water) available to San Benito County has been sold. There was discussion about the increasing cost of water coinciding with judicious usage. President Norton came into the office on Friday, December 18 and had a chance to check in with staff as well as review financials and found things to be running smoothly.

B. Attorney's Report:

- Counsel Bosso went to the Fall ACWA Conference in Palm Springs. There was extensive discussion on the effects on rates resulting from the San Juan Capistrano Case, but no one knows what that will be. There is a proposal to have either an initiative or amendment on the State level that may lead to tiered rates being a conservation measure. There could be too much opposition for it to pass. Other new regulations may impact the use of ground water to protect surface water.

- Counsel reported on a newly annexed customer wanting a free water connection for additional residences on his property. His attorney claims his client did not get proper notification for the Oakridge/VDS Assessment. Counsel Bosso replied with a letter to the contrary. No response has been received.

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

Operations:

- November production was the lowest for that month in ten years at 5.37 million gallons.
- The new motor from Salinas Pump has been installed at the Carpentaria Well and a larger cable also needed to be purchased. The well will be running when the flow meter cable is replaced.
- A non-operational pressure tank was removed from the Leo Place Booster.

Marshall Well

- Hydrogeologist Martin Feeney proposal is on agenda.

Oak Ridge/Via Del Sol Water Supply Project

- Hydroseeding has not sprouted and Directors Smith and Leap suggested that it was the type of mixture required by the EIR biologist. MPE is still completing punch list and needs to repair areas of erosion along the new pipeline and minor SCADA adjustments. Funds continue to be retained.

Monterey Sheriff

- A Monterey County Deputy Chief came to see the apartment and was enthusiastically hopeful about coordinating the use of it with San Benito and Santa Cruz for a substation. He will contact the other agencies.

D. Correspondence:

Staff answered questions about customers refusing to pay inactive fee.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Marshall Well Rehabilitation Evaluation:** GM Morris presented the proposal submitted by Hydrogeologist Martin Feeney to determine the potential for rehabilitation or replacement of the well. Potential problems with water quality were discussed and Mr. Feeney was not optimistic about using the old well. A deeper well on the AWD owned site is a possibility. Director Norton felt it important to acquire the information for future decisions. Directors discussed the changing economics of water production.

Director Holman moved that the proposal in the amount of \$15,035 for the phased work and \$6,000 for the test pumping be accepted. It was seconded by Vice- Pres. Leap and passed unanimously.

B. Financials: Revenue for November was \$66,280.32. The expenditures between November 19 and December 16, 2015 are \$71,114.98 and included some of the cost of the new pump motor. Total assets are over \$6.5 million and total liabilities are \$1.6 million. The financials were presented for discussion and approval. Expenses were reviewed by President Norton.


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

C. Election of Officers for 2016: President Norton asked for nominations for President and nominated Vice President Leap for the position. Director Smith seconded and Jim Leap was elected president by unanimous vote. President Norton also nominated Richard Smith as Vice President and it was seconded by Director Dutra. Richard Smith was also elected unanimously. The new officers will take office in January.

X. FUTURE MEETINGS & AGENDA ITEMS: Next meeting will be January 26, 2016

XII. ADJOURNMENT - Pres. Norton adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm.

Date: January 26, 2016
Read and approved by:



Board President, Jim Leap

Attest: 

District Secretary