

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Directors of the
Aromas Water District
April 26, 2016**

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, April 26, 2016 at 7:01 p.m. at the District office located at 388 Blohm Ave, Aromas, California.

II. ROLL CALL:

President Leap, Vice President Smith, Directors Dutra, Holman and Norton 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 Leap asked Director Norton to lead 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 March 22, 2016 Regular Meeting were presented for acceptance and approval.

Director Holman moved to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Pres. Smith and the minutes were approved unanimously.

VII. ORAL COMMUNICATION: Customer Cathy Chavez-Miller asked for an explanation of the formation of local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies as a result of the California Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (CSGM). A detailed discussion is in the Director's report.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Director's Report

- President Leap reported that he and V. Pres. Smith met with GM Morris in a conference call with Russell McGlothlin, attorney who was instrumental in the legislative formation of CSGM. Mr. McGlothlin gained an understanding of the dilemma facing our District and the importance of being in a priority GSA. He said that there is flexibility for multi-agency jurisdiction over one basin. Board discussed possible implications and outcomes in our local formation of the state-required Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). Director Norton emphasized the need to consider the consequences of the boundaries made for groundwater management and its future affect on our entire Sphere of Influence. Counsel Bosso stressed that adjudication would result from lack of decisive management and that California has never had statutes dealing with groundwater sustainability prior to this legislation. Plan must be finalized by June 2017.
- Director Dutra came to the office and also visited the Marshall Yard to discuss plans for the planned steel shop building.

B. Attorney's Report:

- Counsel Bosso reported that Great Oaks Water vs. Santa Clara County Water District was granted hearing to rule on whether Proposition 218 applies to pumping charges in the cases being considered, but will be postponed until the case in Buena Ventura is decided.

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

Operations:

- March 2016 production was 4.797 million gallons, customers had not begun irrigation yet.
- Generator was load tested and received a clean report.

Staff

- Operators DeAlba and Zelmar continue to attend a monthly safety seminar and have implemented some new procedures.
- District was awarded the District Transparency Certificate Renewal.
- Recruitment notice for Assistant General Manager has been distributed via emails to over 1,000 recipients and advertised on the CSDA website. Director Norton and Pres. Leap volunteered to assist with selection process.

Marshall Well

- Marshall Well pump test has been delayed by Martin Feeney until the first week of May.

Landscaping

- Planting of native species for a vegetative screen was completed at the Solar Arrays at the Seely Station with drip system.
- Landcape planting was also completed at the Oakridge Project.

Other News

- CalFire is continuing their chipper program and mulch is available at the Carpenteria well site (490 Carpenteria).

D. Correspondence:

Director Norton inquired if there are developments on the possible sheriff substation. GM Morris reported none of the agencies have the funding to renovate the space, but a local San Benito Sheriff's Office employee is still trying to find funding.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution 2016-02 to Proclaim May as Water Awareness Month: GM Morris

gave a short explanation of the resolution since Shawn Novack of San Benito County Water District was unable to attend.

Director Norton made a motion to approve the resolution and Director Dutra seconded. It passed with the following vote:

AYES: Leap, Smith, Dutra, Norton, and Holman

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

B. Revision of Conflict of Interest Code: Secretary Goodman explained the FPPC recommended the District update our code to reflect disclosure categories and remove directors since they are required by statute to file anyway. The new Assistant General Manager position was also added.

V. Pres. Smith motioned for the Board to approve the revised code. Director Norton seconded and it was unanimously passed. Secretary Goodman explained the 45-day review period before it goes to the FPPC for final approval.

C. Financials: Revenue for March was \$59,036.65. Total assets are \$6.58 million. The expenditures between March 17 and April 20, 2016 are \$66,293.19. President Leap reviewed the expenditures. Director Holman asked if the budget would be revised. GM Morris feels it unnecessary at this time since it is close to actual.

Director Dutra moved to accept the financials as presented and VP Smith seconded. The financials were accepted unanimously.

X. FUTURE MEETINGS & AGENDA ITEMS: Next meeting will be May 24, 2016.

XII. ADJOURNMENT - GM Morris announced the ACWA Conference will be in Monterey the first week of May. GM Morris, Pres. Leap and V. Pres Smith will attend. Pres. Leap adjourned the meeting at 8:02 PM.

Date: May 24, 2016

Read and approved by:



Board President, Jim Leap

Attest: 

District Secretary