

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Directors of the
Aromas Water District
September 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, September 22, 2015 at 7:00 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 all present. General Manager Vicki Morris, Counsel Bob Bosso and staff Gina Patten, 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 August 25, 2015 Regular Meeting were presented for acceptance and approval.

Vice President Leap moved to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Dutra. The minutes were unanimously approved.

VII. ORAL COMMUNICATION: There was no oral communication.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Director's Report

- Vice President Leap attended a Water Information Forum hosted by San Benito County Business Council on September 17. Speakers included Sean Novak of S.B. County Water District, Byron Turner of S.B. County Planning plus other community leaders. He informed us of their briefings on the current drought situation as well as conservation efforts, innovations and legislation. Director Holman expressed his dissatisfaction that conservation efforts aimed at residential use should focus also on agricultural use.
- Directors Dutra, Smith and Holman reported on the CSDA Conference Governance Foundations class they attended in Monterey on September 21. Dir. Dutra feels the AWD is doing well in communications and good governance practices at the District. Directors Holman and Smith found the class valuable and filled with practical suggestions.
- Director Holman stopped by office and expressed his appreciation of the grading and fencing at the Carpenteria Well site.
- President Norton and GM Morris thanked those who helped at the Aromas Day booth and participated in the parade.

B. Attorney's Report:

- Counsel Bosso attended the ACWA Attorney's Conference held in Oakland on September 10. Courts seem to be relaxing on some CEQA cases. Proposition 218 and 26 discussions are ongoing with several court cases and the industry is waiting for outcomes and impacts.

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

Operations:

- August production was 9.93 million gallons and continues to reflect our customers conservation efforts with a decrease of about 28.85% lower than August 2013.
- Carpenteria well is down and situation is being assessed.
- Ballantree tanks have undergone repair plus sandblasting and painting. GM Morris showed photos of the work. The road to tanks needs to be upgraded.

Oak Ridge/Via Del Sol Water Supply Project

- MPE is completing punch list. Retention could be released in October.
- 4" line off of Dunbarton Road is complete.
- Staff Maureen Cain commented on appreciation expressed by many of those new customers.

Staff

- GM Morris and Operators DeAlba and Zelmar attended the Monterey Bay Water Works Association annual training and vendor show on September 21.

D. Correspondence:

Directors Holman and Dutra inquired about correspondence concerning CDBG grant parcels, audit and public records request.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution 2015-10 In Appreciation of Gina Patten upon her Retirement. President Norton thanked Gina for her service to the District and expressed his appreciation of her organization and attention to detail. Board, staff and attendees applauded her long and valued employment with the District.

Director Holman moved to adopt the resolution. It was seconded by Director Smith and passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Norton, Leap, Smith, Dutra, Holman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

C. **Financials:** Revenue for August was \$89,739.65. The expenditures between August 17 and September 16, 2015 are \$107,820.72 and Total assets are \$6.9 million. The financials were presented for discussion and approval. Expenses were reviewed by President Norton.

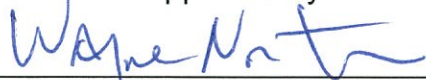
Director Smith moved to accept the financials as presented and Vice President Leap seconded. The financials were accepted unanimously.

X. **FUTURE MEETINGS & AGENDA ITEMS:** Next meeting will be October 27, 2015


XII. **ADJOURNMENT** - Pres. Norton adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm. The meeting was followed by refreshments in honor of Ms. Patten's retirement.

Date: October 27, 2015

Read and approved by:



Board President, Wayne Norton

Attest: 
District Secretary