

Amador Regional Sanitation Authority

"Servicing Amador City, Martell, & Sutter Creek"

MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS November 17, 2021

Present:

Robin Peters, Chairman
Richard Forster, Vice Chairman
Susan Bragstad, Board Member
Jim Swift, Board Member
Via Zoom:
Frank Axe, Board Member

Staff Present:

Amy Gedney, General Manager
Karen Darrow, City Clerk
Lance Roberts, Sutter Creek PW Director

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Meeting called to order by Chairman Peters at 10:00 A.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Peters led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Dominic Atlan of Ione asked if there were any plans for creek diversion this year and asked at what level Preston gets to when the effluent becomes too difficult to treat.

Chairman Peters recommended that he get in touch with the General Manager directly.

Jim Scully of Ione commented noting that ARSA should be prepared for some legal issues as a result of Ione's past actions.

4. CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: One potential case.

The Board went into closed session after the public was asked to temporarily leave the meeting. Chairman Peters noted that the public would be allowed back in after Closed Session was adjourned.

5. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session ended at 11:07 a.m. Chairman Peters checked around the building to invite any remaining members of the public back in and the clerk allowed the public back in through zoom.

Open Session reconvened at 11:09 a.m. and Chairman Peters noted that the ARSA Board gave direction to staff.

The Public Forum was re-opened for comment with no one seeking to comment.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed on the consent agenda are considered routine and may be enacted in one motion. Any item may be removed for discussion at the request of the Board or the Public.

A. Minutes of June 30, 2021

Recommendation: Approve Minutes of June 30, 2021

B. Approval of Warrants

Recommendation: Approve warrants.

C. Cash Balance Report

Recommendation: For information only.

D. System Status Report

Recommendation: For information only.

M/S Forster/Axe to Approve the Consent Agenda, with minor edits to the minutes.

AYES: Axe, Bragstad, Swift, Forster and Peters

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Revised Mitigation and Monitoring Program Requirements

Recommendation: For information only.

General Manager Gedney provided a summary of the Revised Mitigation and Monitoring Program requirements which will now require ARSA to calculate the water application rate and the nitrogen load across the irrigation fields. Additionally, she noted that all of the named dischargers will need to submit reports jointly starting with the November report. She also noted that in her discussion with regional board staff, they are focused on looking at the overall groundwater system, which is what has prompted the need for the revised requirements.

Chairman Peters noted that there was an error in the letter implying that the City of Sutter Creek's wastewater system needed to be investigated when it is actually the Mule Creek Department of Corrections' system that is being monitored. He asked staff to request that the letter be revised and resent to all parties.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gedney reported that Sutter Creek received ten inches of rain during the October rain event noting that it was a very significant storm that impacted the system very early in the year.

Board member Forster noted that the report should include a footnote that the rain totals were not an error for future analysis purposes.

General Manager Gedney noted that Sutter Creek found an I&I source but it was not as significant as they thought which alludes to problems elsewhere. She also noted that the City has smoke testing scheduled for early in December.

General Manager Gedney reported that they are waiting on response from the State in regards to the Henderson under drain repair.

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board member Bragstad noted that Amador City is working on updating sewer rates.

ADJOURNMENT

- 10.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Karen Darrow

Karen Darrow, Secretary



Robin Peters, Chairman

Date Approved: December 22, 2021