

Amador Regional Sanitation Authority

"Servicing Amador City, Martell, & Sutter Creek"

MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS December 22, 2021

Present:

Robin Peters, Chairman
Richard Forster, Vice Chairman
Frank Axe, Board Member

Staff Present:

Amy Gedney, General Manager
Karen Darrow, City Clerk
Via Zoom:
Harriet Steiner, ARSA Attorney

Absent:

Susan Bragstad, Board Member
Jim Swift, Board Member

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- None.

4. 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 November 17, 2021

Recommendation: Approve Minutes of November 17, 2021

M/S Axe/Forster to Approve the Minutes of November 17, 2021, as amended.

AYES: Axe, Forster and Peters

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bragstad and Swift

MOTION CARRIED

B. Approval of Warrants

Recommendation: Approve warrants.

M/S Axe/Forster to Approve the warrants, as presented.

AYES: Axe, Forster and Peters

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Bragstad and Swift

MOTION CARRIED

C. 21-22 Budget Comparison and Cash Balance Report

Recommendation: For information only.

So noted.

D. System Status Report

Recommendation: For information only.

So noted.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Correspondence to the City of Ione and Mule Creek CDCR

Recommendation: For information and staff direction

Jim Scully of Ione suggested that Ione should be dealt with harshly and professionally because they are shoving this topic away. He noted that he brought copies of the letters to the Ione City Council but received no response.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Gedney reported that she attended the Regional Board workshop last week, noting that it was very informative and professional. She noted that it appears ARSA is being heard by the Water Board, so she is not concerned about being overlooked.

General Manager Gedney noted that CDCR is reporting that all their water will go to Ione in an effort to edge ARSA out of the permit. She also reported that she continues to meet with the Regional Board Staff and is making significant headway.

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Chairman Peters reported that he attended the workshop specific to Mule Creek water shed and noted that the Regional Board was present and paying attention which is a different situation that in previous years. He noted that another workshop is scheduled for the Spring that will go into each party's responsibility a little deeper.

Board member Forster reported that he also attended the workshop and commented that Attorney Nicholas Knight offered to make himself available to answer questions and noted that Kenny Croyle did not want to acknowledge the prisons responsibility and faulted only Ione and the golf course. He also noted that staff had difficulty answering questions regarding nepotism and the ability of one public agency effectively regulating another agency.

General Manager Gedney commented that in the past diverting water was not needed because the reservoirs were not being drained and noted that diversion is ready if there is enough water in the system.

Board member Forster commented that he was under the impression that ARSA did not have a diversion permit.

General Manager Gedney confirmed that ARSA does have the permit.

Board member Forster commented that if that is the case then ARSA should have diverted water in the Spring last year.

General Manager Gedney explained that Fall is the time a year that diversion can occur and that strategy in the past has been to get of all water to create capacity.

Chairman Peters commented that the decision to divert fresh water into the system is much more complicated, noting that if ARSA controlled all aspects of the system it would be easier to decide when or if to divert.

Board member Forster commented that it is important that ARSA act as a good faith partner.

General Manager Gedney noted that historically communication has been a problem and it is time for ARSA to step up and be in charge.

Chairman Peters noted that the letters did a good job of being very clear.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Karen Darrow

Karen Darrow, Secretary



Robin Peters, Chairman

Date Approved: February 23, 2022