

# Amador Regional Sanitation Authority

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*"Servicing Amador City,  
Martell, & Sutter Creek"*

## MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS October 28, 2022

### Present:

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

### Staff Present:

Amy Gedney  
Karen Darrow  
Frank Splendorio  
Matt Green (zoom)

### 1. REGULAR MEETING: CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Meeting called to order by Chairman Peters at 10:02 A.M.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Peters led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. PUBLIC FORUM

Jim Scully of Ione expressed his suspicion of Ione's honesty and also advised ARSA not to trust Amador Water Agency, that it doesn't make sense for them to be giving water away especially such a significant amount. He suggested that ARSA should be charging for water and also noted that he has been the only one to complain of odor in the last seven years and he can't smell it now. He believes the odor in the Shakely area may be coming from the golf course not the tertiary plant.

General Manager Gedney noted that the regional Board has sent staff to investigate the odor and they found that the odor coming from the golf course was present even when Ione was not taking ARSA water. The finding was that the odor was unrelated to ARSA.

Board member Bragstad asked if ARSA was pursuing a grant for tertiary treatment?

General Manager Gedney noted that the City of Sutter Creek went through the process and found that it was cost prohibitive and are currently exploring other options.

### 4. INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

#### A. Engineer's Report

*For information only.*

Met with DSOD this week and working to coordinate the under-drain project.

Board member Forster asked if dredging Henderson is on the radar and looks forward to an update.

**5. 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 September 28, 2022

*Recommendation: Approve Minutes of September 28, 2022*

B. Approval of Warrants

*Recommendation: Approve warrants.*

C. 2021-22 Budget Update

*Recommendation: For information only.*

D. System Status Report

*Recommendation: For information only.*

E. AB361 Teleconference Requirements

*Recommendation:*

**M/S Forster/Swift to Approve the Consent Agenda, with minor edits to the minutes and warrant report.**

**AYES:** Bragstad, Forster, Swift and Peters

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** Axe

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

A. Status Report

*Recommendation: For information.*

ARSA Attorney Frank Splendorio reviewed the staff report that was an informational item and included for the public as well. He explained that it is the summary events that led up to the legal action. He noted that ARSA was notified yesterday that Ione will start taking water pointing out that Ione has taken water a total of 5-6 days. Mr. Splendorio noted that currently a contempt motion and request for sanctions is pending before the court and that a case management conference has been set by the court for March 2023.

B. Meeting date change: Request from staff to possibly change standing meeting date to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.

*Recommendation: Determine if the fourth Thursday of the month can be accommodated.*

Date change was discussed and no solution was reached. For the time being, the meeting day and time will remain the same and be revisited later.

**7. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS- None.**

Adjourn to closed session at 10:44 a.m.

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION**

Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(1):

Amador Regional Sanitation Authority v. City of Ione, et al.

(Case No. 22-CV-12824)

**9. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

No reportable action taken.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

*Karen Darrow*

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Karen Darrow, Secretary



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Robin Peters, Chairman

Date Approved: November 30, 2022