

Amador Regional Sanitation Authority

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

MINUTES MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS April 14, 2023

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

Staff Present:
Frank Splendorio
Karen Darrow
Jodi Steneck

1. REGULAR MEETING: 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.

The Board went into Closed session at 10:03 a.m. to accommodate Board member Axe's schedule. The Board returned from Closed Session at 10:53 a.m. Chairman Peters noted that there was no reportable action.

Board member Axe left the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Board member Bragstad noted that her replacement, Bruce Smith, will take over next month.

Al Bierce of Sutter Creek noted that the newspaper made reference to a conflict-of-interest waiver that Ione had Amy Gedney sign and suggested that there seems to be a conflict of interest from this side.

ARSA Attorney Splendorio noted that he has thoroughly investigated the situation and has found no conflict of interest. He noted that as a City Manager and General Manager she is obligated not to disclose privileged information from one party to the other. He also noted that the current litigation does not change this.

Gary Thomas of Ione and with Amador Water Agency noted that that he is glad to have Amy Gedney on board in Ione.

4. INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

This section provides informational updates regarding staff activities and operations where no Board action is required.

A. Engineer's Report- None.

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 March 22, 2023

Recommendation: Approve Minutes of March 22, 2023

B. Approval of Warrants

Recommendation: Approve warrants.

C. Budget Update

Recommendation: For information only

M/S Forster/Swift to Approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

AYES: Bragstad, Forster, Swift and Peters

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Axe

MOTION CARRIED

6. **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

A. Adopt Resolution 23-23-* authorizing amendment #1 to the fiscal year 2022-23 budget due to legal and operational issues with the City of Ione and CDCR.

Board member Bragstad noted that she would like to see the loan paid back.

Chairman Peters noted that this has been an active discussion for the Sutter Creek City Council.

M/S Swift/Forster to Adopt Resolution 23-23-02 authorizing amendment #1 to the fiscal year 2022-23 budget due to legal and operational issues with the City of Ione and CDCR, as amended.

AYES: Bragstad, Forster, Swift and Peters

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Axe

MOTION CARRIED

7. **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT- None**

8. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Board member Peters noted that the regular meeting date of the second Friday does not work for Board member Axe and suggested that a new meeting date discussion be added to the next agenda.

9.

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)

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to Gov. Code § 549567:

Title: General Manager

10.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into Closed Session at 10:03 a.m. and came out at 10:53 a.m.

Chairman Peters noted there was no reportable action.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Karen Darrow

Karen Darrow, Secretary
Date Approved: May 19, 2023

James E. Swift

James Swift, Chairman