

# Amador Regional Sanitation Authority

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*“Servicing Amador City,  
Martell, & Sutter Creek”*

## MINUTES MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS September 19, 2023

**Present:**

Jim Swift, Chairman  
Richard Forster, Vice Chairman  
Bruce Sherrill, Board Member  
Claire Gunselman, Board Member  
Frank Axe, Board Member

**Staff Present:**

Sandy Spelliscy, ARSA GM  
Karen Darrow, ARSA Secretary  
Gary Ghio, ARSA Engineer  
Frank Splendorio, ARSA Attorney

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

Meeting called to order by Chairman Swift at 3:00 P.M.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Chairman Swift led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. PUBLIC FORUM- None**

**4. 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.

Adjourned into Closed Session at 3:03 p.m.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Minutes of August 17, 2023

*Recommendation: Approve Minutes of August 17, 2023*

**M/S Forster/Axe to Approve the Minutes of August 17, 2023, as presented.**

**AYES:** Axe, Forster, Gunselman, Sherrill and Swift

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

MOTION CARRIED

**6. ENGINEER’S REPORT**

ARSA Engineer Gary Ghio gave an update on the ARSA system noting that even if the reservoirs start at optimum levels in the wet season, there is not sufficient storage in the system to handle anticipated flows.

Board member Forster noted his concern that the Regional Board did not acknowledge that Ione did not take the required amount of water last year, which is what has caused this year’s difficulties.

**7. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

General Manager Spelliscy noted that ARSA is overbudget on the following expenditures:

Rain for Rent pumps, siphon system and overtime.

General Manager Spelliscy stated that she is not sure how long she will be acting as the Interim City Manager for Sutter Creek and anticipates the transition will again be difficult for ARSA. She noted that she was directed by the Sutter Creek City Council to talk to ARSA about phasing out the JPA since its mission and membership has changed considerably from what was anticipated when it was formed originally.

Board member Axe asked if the intent would to dissolve ARSA and hand over the responsibilities to Sutter Creek. Spelliscy answered in the affirmative.

**8. OCTOBER MEETING DATE- *discussion***

Next meeting date October 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

*Karen Darrow*

Karen Darrow, Secretary

Date Approved: **October 25, 2023**

*James E. Swift*

James Swift, Chairman

