

Amador Regional Sanitation Authority

“Servicing Amador City, Martell, & Sutter Creek”

MINUTES MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS February 15, 2024

Present:

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

Staff Present:

Tom DuBois, ARSA GM
Karen Darrow, ARSA Secretary
Dan Lafontaine, Public Works Director
Frank Splendorio, ARSA Attorney

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

Meeting called to order by Chairman Swift at 2:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Swift led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC FORUM- None

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of January 18, 2024 – *for approval*

M/S Axe/Gunselman to Approve the Minutes of January 18, 2024.

AYES: Axe, Forster, Gunselman, Sherrill and Swift

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

B. Budget Update- *for information only*

C. Reservoir report- *for information only*

M/S Forster/Axe to Approve the Consent Agenda Items B & C.

AYES: Axe, Forster, Gunselman, Sherrill and Swift

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

5. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. Resolving Outstanding Debt and Initiation of ARSA Dissolution – Action

ARSA General Manager Tom DuBois gave a presentation outlining the steps for dissolution. He noted that it would require a majority of the member agencies to approve the dissolution. He also noted that the intent would be to have ARSA erase the debt and for Sutter Creek to be the successor to ARSA.

Mike Kirkley of Sutter Creek spoke in favor of dissolving ARSA.

Robin Peters of Sutter Creek recommended that the board should not lose sight of the easement as he believes it does exist and it may be needed.

M/S Forster/Axe to Prepare a definitive agreement discharging any debt from Sutter Creek to ARSA under the 2002 Gold Rush Ranch agreement and bring it back for approval at the next meeting on Consent.

AYES: Axe, Forster, Gunselman, Sherrill and Swift
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIED

M/S Axe/Claire to Initiate the dissolution of ARSA and return with a work plan and schedule at the next meeting and before the next meeting, take initial steps such as briefing the Amador City Council and Amador County Board of Supervisors.

AYES: Axe, Forster, Gunselman, Sherrill and Swift
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
MOTION CARRIED

B. Budget Update and Direction- Action

ARSA General Manager gave a presentation providing a budget update.

The Board directed staff to send a letter to Ione requesting clarification on the billing process and payables owed to ARSA before paying outstanding invoices. The letter should also outline ARSA's requirements for quantifying future billing if Ione proceeds with the proposed upgrade to its system.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Adjourned into Closed Session at 3:20 p.m.

7. 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)

8. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION - No reportable action.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Karen Darrow

Karen Darrow, Secretary

James E. Swift

James Swift, Chairman

Date Approved: March 21, 2024