

AMADOR WATER AGENCY

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
January 22, 2009

MINUTES

Directors Present: Terence W. Moore, Bill Condrashoff, Don Cooper, Debbie Dunn, and Gary Thomas

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: Gene Mancebo, Manager of Engineering & Planning
Chris McKeage, Operations Manager
Cris L. Thompson, Clerk of the Board

CALL TO ORDER – President Moore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – There were no additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Wendell Peart addressed the Board and read an apology to the Board for a previous statement that was read at the December 11th meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Director Thomas and seconded by Director Cooper and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda.

IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS-Wastewater Improvement Districts

Discussion of Wastewater Sanitary Sewer Management Plan (SSMP) Regulation Changes- E& P Manager Mancebo gave a brief presentation to the Board regarding the SSMP's. Operations Manager McKeage went into further detail regarding the upcoming regulations and answered questions of the Board for clarification. Managers Mancebo and McKeage explained the impact of fats oils and greases on the wastewater systems. Mr. Mike Kirkley from Sutter Creek stated that the SSMP is really a maintenance system to avoid the collection of fats oil and grease. President Moore asked if there were any other questions regarding the SSMP. Director Cooper stated that the threat and complexity indexes that are being applied by State Regional Water Quality Board need to be followed closely.

Discussion and general information on Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR), Monitoring, and NPDES permits – Manager McKeage explained the components of the Waste Discharge Requirements and what impact they have on the Agency and staff.

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Discussion of Wastewater State Fees Increases- Manager Mancebo briefed the Board on the various fees that apply to the Waste Discharge Requirements and the recent increases in those fees. He also discussed that Agency staff is working with the Regional Board to see if some of the smaller systems can be consolidated to save some of the fees imposed on each system which gets passed on to the rate payers. Managers Mancebo and McKeage answered questions of the Board for clarification.

AGENCY GENERAL -Economic Stimulus Request – Manager Mancebo briefed the Board on the Economic Stimulus Bill approved in September of 2008, that would address the nations need to bolster the economy and create jobs. He stated that as the Agency understands it, a new bill will provide Federal Capitalized Grants for water and wastewater infrastructure projects. The California Clean Water State Revolving Fund is anticipated to receive \$450,000,000 to fund shovel ready projects. He also stated that although the bill is not drafted yet, staff plans to use this 2009 Ready to Construct Project list to meet with both Federal and State Agencies responsible to distribute the grants once the bill is approved.

Discussion of Ready to Construct Project List- Manager Mancebo reviewed the list of ready to construct projects with the Board and discussed each one in detail. He answered questions of the Board and public.

Katharine Evatt addressed the Board and suggested that conservation programs be considered possibly in the second round of stimulus request submittals. She also suggested solar power for the treatment plants and a drought resistant landscaping program for customers.

RECESS was called at 12:05 p.m. **SESSION RESUMED** at 12:15 p.m.

Board Committee Assignments

Approval of Agency Board of Directors Committee Assignments

President Moore asked for input on the committee assignments and volunteers for those spots that had not been filled for Dry Creek and Cosumnes Watershed Groups. Mr. Mike Kirkley addressed the Board and suggested that the Agency Board have representation on the ARSA Board. After discussion of the committees, Director Moore will be the representative for Cosumnes River and Director Thomas will be the representative for the Dry Creek Watershed Group.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Thomas seconded by Director Dunn and unanimously carried to approved the Board of Directors Committee Assignments and staff meeting attendance calendar.

Discussion of Board Compensation Policy 2050- President Moore briefed the other members of the Board on the policy with regards to reimbursement for meetings and mileage.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

AWA/ Sutter Creek Committee Meeting 01/13/09

Mountain Counties Meeting 12/12/08

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GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT – No report, Manager Abercrombie is not in attendance today.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISTRICT REPORTS- The Board members reported on various activities they have been involved in within their respective areas of responsibility.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS- Director Thomas asked that the items Ms. Evatt brought to the Board be placed on the future agenda topics list

CLOSED SESSION was not called today

ADJOURNMENT President Moore adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.



Cris L. Thompson
Clerk of the Board of Directors

Approved: 2/12/09