

AMADOR WATER AGENCY

Board of Directors

Regular Meeting

March 26, 2009

MINUTES

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

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: Jim Abercrombie, General Manager
Gene Mancebo, Manager of Engineering & Planning
Michael Lee, Financial Services Manager
Cris L. Thompson, Clerk of the Board
Arnold J. Wolf, Agency Counsel (via telephone- Closed Session)

CALL TO ORDER – President Moore called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Wendell Peart and a City of Jackson resident Ms. Joan (last name unknown) addressed the Board with comments regarding water supply and use of the Agency website for additional communication to the Agency customers.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Director Thomas and seconded by Director Dunn and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda items 1.a and 1.b. Item 2.a has been pulled from the agenda and will be place on the April 9, 2009 meeting agenda. Items 3.a and 3.b. have been placed on the regular agenda as item 5.D for discussion at the request of Director Dunn.

AGENCY GENERAL

Sierra Nevada Conservancy -Presentation by Brandon Sanders of Sierra Nevada Conservancy- Manager Mancebo briefed the Board on the grant award the Agency received from Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC). He stated that currently the funds are frozen due to the State's budget crisis, but he hopes that they are released soon. Manager Mancebo stated that he asked Mr. Sanders to come today to give an overview of who SNC is and what they do in addition to projects they support and in which they

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are involved. He then introduced Mr. Brandon Sanders of SNC who gave a power point presentation on the history of the SNC, their mission and focus, governing board, and funding sources.

Mr. Sanders answered questions of the Board and members of the public. President Moore thanked Mr. Sanders for his presentation.

Economic Stimulus Package-Verbal report on Stimulus Grant application(s)

status- Manager Mancebo briefed the Board on the latest updates for the grant applications. He stated that he and Manager Lee met with the Clean Water personnel to focus on Gayla Manor and the Buckhorn Backwash projects and received feedback regarding the applications submitted. Currently, the Agency is waiting to hear back on the applications submitted.

EBMUD Water Supply Management Plan 2040

Discussion and possible direction for General Manager to issue comments on the draft program EIR for EBMUD's Water Supply Management Plan 2040-

Manager Abercrombie briefed the Board on the recent meeting and background of the 2040 plan and the IRCUP+ concept. He also gave some changes to the suggested letter to EBMUD. Supervisor Oneto briefed the Board on the recent Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting stating that it was agreed that the EBMUD meeting was poorly ran. He also stated that "he wouldn't say the Board was necessarily in favor or opposed at this time, and stated that they (the Board) were saying "what is the project and what are the ramifications." He also stated that the BOS was going to ask that EBMUD hold another meeting and to extend the comment period. This item is scheduled to be on the agenda again at the Board of Supervisors meeting of March 31, 2009. The Board received comments and concerns from the following members of the public:

Wendell Peart	David Evitt
Pete Bell	Katharine Evatt
Brian Jobson	Susan Bragstad
City of Jackson Mayor Keith Sweet	Kathy DuBois
Jill North	Michael Weir

RECESS was called at 11:02 a.m. **SESSION** resumed at 11:15 a.m.

President Moore asked for comments from the Board members. Following lengthy discussion, the Board gave the following direction:

The Board directed staff to revise the draft letter to EBMUD as directed with emphasis on the environmental aesthetics, biological and recreational impacts. The letter will state that the Agency is opposed to the specific Raise Pardee Project as proposed and contained in the WSMP 2040 plan. The Board also stated its support for further study of the IRCUP+ project concept.

Discussion and possible direction to respond to City of Jackson's letter dated March 11, 2009- Direction was given to staff to respond to the City of Jackson with a copy of the letter that the Agency is sending to EBMUD.

Item 5D. Adoption of Resolutions 2009-09 and 2009-10 Authorizing the designation of individuals with the legal authority to sign and file a financial assistance application for financing from the SWRCB for the Buckhorn Water Treatment Plant Disinfection By-Products Compliance and Gayla Manor WWTP Leachfield Compliance Projects.

Managers Abercrombie, Lee, and Mancebo shared the loan/ financing process with the Board and answered various questions for clarification.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Dunn, seconded by Director Condrashoff and unanimously carried to authorize the designation of individuals with the legal authority to sign and file a financial assistance application for financing from the SWRCB for Buckhorn Water Treatment Plant Disinfection By-Products Compliance and Gayla Manor WWTP Leachfield Compliance Projects.

IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS-Wastewater Improvement District No. 12 (Martell)

Martell Wastewater Rate Study-Review of revised draft report- Financial Services Manager Lee and Mr. Bob Reed presented the revised rate study with the changes that the Board suggested at the March 12, 2009 meeting. Mr. Reed covered the changes that were made and the affects of those changes on the proposed rates. Mr. Reed and Manager Lee answered questions of the Board for clarification. After discussion, the Board approved the Martell Wastewater Rate Study.

Discussion and possible direction to send out rate notices to Martell Wastewater Customers- Direction was given to have Counsel Kronick review the rate notice with the suggested changes to add Proposition 218 protest language and bring back revised notices to the Board for approval prior to sending.

RECESS was called at 12:35 p.m. **SESSION** resumed at 1:02 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Joint Water Committee Meeting (March 16, 2009) this item was not reported on, it will be placed on the April 9, 2009 Agenda

Public Relations Committee Meeting (March 19, 2009)

CAMRA Meeting (March 18, 2009)

Camanche Homeowners Meeting (March 19, 2009)

City of Jackson Public Outreach Meeting (March 25, 2009)

Jackson Valley Irrigation District Meeting (March 4, 2009)

CAWP Meeting (March 18, 2009)

Mokelumne River Pump Storage Meeting (March 19, 2009)

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The Board members reported on the various meetings they have attended over the past few weeks and highlighted items of importance to the Agency. Public Relations Committee will be on the agenda for the next meeting to adopt the new Agency logo and mission statement.

GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT –This item was held over to the next Board meeting

BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISTRICT REPORTS- This item was held over to the next Board meeting

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS-

Tanner WTP
JVID Recycled Water
CCWD Water Rights

President Moore stated that Closed Session Item No. 11B would not be discussed today.

CLOSED SESSION was called at 2:10 p.m. for the following matters:

Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) – Existing Litigation- Amador Water Agency vs. Kenneth Perano, as Trustee of the Ernest W. Perano Exemption Trust, et al. (Amador County Superior Court Case No. 06-CV4189)

Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) – Existing litigation- Ken Berry vs. Amador Water Agency (Amador County Superior Court Case No. 08-CV-5592)

OPEN SESSION Resumed at 3:43 p.m. No action was reported out of closed session.

EBMUD Water Supply Management Plan 2040- The Board reviewed a draft of the letter to EBMUD. The Board voted unanimously to send the revised letter to EBMUD.

ADJOURNMENT President Moore adjourned the meeting at 3:52p.m.



Cris L. Thompson
Clerk of the Board of Directors

Approved: 5/14/09