

**AMADOR WATER AGENCY
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
May 22, 2008**

MINUTES

Directors Present: John P. Swift, President
Terence W. Moore
Paul Scott
Madonna Wiebold

Directors Absent: David S. Thomas, Vice President

Staff Present: Jim Abercrombie, General Manager
Gene Mancebo, Manager of Engineering and Planning
Cris Thompson, Clerk of the Board

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – Ms. Debbie Dunn addressed the Board regarding the Local Council of Governments is holding a workshop May 30, 2008 for land use and development.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Director Scott, seconded by Director Moore, and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda, with a minor change, Director Moore stated that the agenda reflects February and March approval, it should have read March and April accounts payable.

AGENCY GENERAL

Mokelumne River Water Forum- brief the Board on the proposed project and future water supply projects- Manager Abercrombie briefed the Board on the expanded proposal called the IRCUP+ that was discussed at the last UMRWA and Mokelumne River Forum meeting. Manager Abercrombie stated that the new concept is to consider combining the expansion of Lower Bear Reservoir, the expansion of Pardee Reservoir, and the ground water banking in San Joaquin County with a smaller Duck Creek Reservoir (if at all). The two expanded reservoirs could be used to regulate

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water flows into the ground water bank provide additional water supplies for the parties, while generating additional hydroelectricity. He also stated that staff is continuing discussions with CCWD, EBMUD and San Joaquin County to further this concept with some level of water modeling to determine size optimization. Manager Abercrombie answered questions of the Board for clarification and stated that additional information will be shared with the Board as it is developed.

East Bay Municipal Utilities District 2040 Water Supply Assessment Program- Submit letter of support to EBMUD recommending pursuit of expanding Lower Bear, expanding Pardee, and the IRCUP concepts that can benefit Regional Water supply, specifically Amador Water Agency.

Manager Abercrombie briefed the Board on the development of EBMUD's 2040 WSMP that addresses future water supply demands and needs. He stated that EBMUD has issued a Program EIR to evaluate potential environmental impacts associated with the water supply plan and that written comments are due by June 2, 2008. He also stated that although many details need to be resolved and addressed, such as costs and benefits of each water supply alternative for each partner, the IRCUP+ concept can benefit Amador Water Agency by adding additional water supplies to meet future growth consistent with the General Plans.

Director Moore expressed some concerns with regards to the use of the Program EIR that will need clarification by Agency Counsel. Manager Abercrombie stated that he would discuss the concerns with Counsel Kronick. Manager Abercrombie requested direction to submit a letter of support and recommend to the EBMUD Board to continue to develop the IRCUP+ concept.

Direction was given by the Board to authorize staff to submit the letter of support as recommended.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

ACWA Conference- Director Moore gave a brief review of the conference and the various sessions he attended.

UMRWA- Director Swift briefed the Board on the recent meeting he attended. IRCUP was the major topic of discussion. The UMRWA Budget was approved.

Engineering Committee Meeting (April 24, 2008)- Director Moore stated that the committee met with the Eaglesnest owners who have concerns about their water line and capacity.

CAWP – Director Scott stated that he attended the meeting; the Gravity Supply line was the main topic of discussion and was well presented by Manager Abercrombie and Manager Mancebo. He stated that it was a very good meeting.

GENERAL MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT- Manager Abercrombie reported on various issues on which he has been working. He focused on areas concerning safety, fiscal responsibility, community leadership efforts and infrastructure matters. The Board asked questions for information and clarification.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISTRICT REPORT The Board members reported on various activities they have been involved in within their respective areas of responsibility. Director Scott stated that the Wastewater committee with the City of Sutter Creek representatives are Pat Crosby and Tim Murphy.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS- There were no future agenda items

RECESS was called at 10:22 a.m.; **SESSION RESUMED** at 10:33 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION was called at 10:15 a.m. for the following matters

- A. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 -Conference with Labor Negotiators (Jim Abercrombie and Karen Gish) – Management Group, AWA Employee Association, and Confidential Group Negotiations

OPEN SESSION RESUMED at 11:30 a.m. with direction given to staff

At the February 28th Regular Board meeting in closed session, the following action was taken:

MOTION: It was moved by Director Moore, seconded by Director Thomas and unanimously carried to settle Amador Water Agency vs. Zelda Mondani, Case No. 06-CV4173 for the amount of \$131,931.71.

ADJOURNMENT –President Swift adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.



Cris L. Thompson
Clerk of the Board of Directors

Approved: 6/26/08