

**AMADOR WATER AGENCY
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
June 26, 2008**

MINUTES

Directors Present: John P. Swift, President
David S. Thomas, Vice President
Paul Scott
Madonna Wiebold

Directors Absent: Terence W. Moore

Staff Present: Jim Abercrombie, General Manager
Cris Thompson, Clerk of the Board
John Griffin, Supervising Engineer

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 – There was no public comment. Management Bargaining Unit representatives Mitch Netto and John Griffin presented a letter to the Board from the members of their bargaining unit.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved by Director Scott, seconded by Director Moore, and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda.

AGENCY GENERAL

Amador LAFCO- Presentation of the Municipal Services Review by Roseanne Chamberlain, Amador LAFCO Executive Officer. Ms. Chamberlain started by thanking the Agency for their financial contribution and commending staff on their support and cooperation in providing information for the MSR. She explained the legislative mandate that is used in preparing MSR's and the MSR is needed for LAFCO to adopt and update spheres of influence in the County. Ms. Chamberlain focused her presentation on items in the MSR that directly affect the Agency and explained some of the key points of the MSR and that LAFCO is also looking to clean up some of the small inactive government agencies by consolidating them or dissolving the ones that no longer need to exist. Ms. Chamberlain answered various questions of the Board for

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clarification. She also stated that she will be conducting a Public Records Act and Brown Act seminar for staff members and members of the public in the near future.

The Board thanked Ms. Chamberlain for her presentation.

RECESS was called at 9:42 a.m.; **SESSION RESUMED** at 9:55 a.m.

Small Community Wastewater Strategy

Discussion and authorization for General Manager to send letter of support to State Water Resources Control Board regarding the Small Community Wastewater Strategy- Manager Abercrombie briefed the Board on the recommendations the Agency has given that have been adopted in this Wastewater strategy over the last three years of working with RCRC and others to improve this strategy to assist small wastewater communities. Manager Abercrombie requested the Board to give direction to send the letter of support. President Swift stated that the Board concurs with the recommendation and commended Manager Abercrombie for his efforts in working with the state regulators and RCRC to improve the wastewater regulations imposed on small wastewater facilities.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Mountain Counties Water Resources Association (June 13, 2008)-

Director Scott and Manager Abercrombie attended; Tim Quinn of ACWA made a presentation at this meeting and talked about upcoming service improvements by ACWA, with more assistance to the smaller agencies. Director Scott stated that the presentation was very good and there was a lot of good information shared.

CAMRA (June 19, 2008)- Director Wiebold stated that this was a well attended meeting, and that collaboration amongst agencies was a key topic of discussion.

Engineering Committee Meeting (June 23, 2008) - Director Wiebold briefed the other members of the Board regarding the Claypit Rd customers. Manager Abercrombie gave further information for clarification. These customers are looking at putting in a pump station for 10 additional owners asking for a participation fee waiver; Manager Abercrombie spoke with Counsel Kronick who stated that we can not waive the fees.

Joint Water Committee Meeting (June 23, 2008)- Director Swift stated the standing items were covered, that Pete Bell of Foothill Conservancy attended the meeting and gave an update of the Wild and Scenic Bill.

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

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asked questions for information and clarification. He also gave the Board a brief on the recent power outage that resulted in water conservation efforts and commended the Agency staff on their team effort.

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

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS- There were no future agenda items

RECESS was called at 10:56 a.m.; **SESSION RESUMED** at 11:33 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION was called at 11:34 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 12:10 p.m. with direction given to staff

ADJOURNMENT –President Swift adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.



Cris L. Thompson
Clerk of the Board of Directors

Approved: July 24, 2008