

**AMADOR WATER AGENCY  
Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
July 10, 2008**

**MINUTES**

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

**Directors Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jim Abercrombie, General Manager  
Barry Birge, Construction Superintendent  
Chris McKeage, Operations Manager  
John Griffin, Supervising Engineer  
Stephen A. Kronick, Agency Counsel  
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.

**STAFF REPORTS**, Barry Birge, Construction Superintendent, Chris McKeage, Operations Manager and John Griffin, Supervising Engineer updated the Board on the various activities they have been involved in within their respective areas of responsibility and answered any questions from the Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Item 6.A.2 was moved up; President Swift excused himself from the meeting due to potential conflict of interest. Vice President Thomas chaired the meeting for item 6.A.2

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH- Plymouth Pipeline Amendment #2- Removal of the Swift Tank from the Plymouth Pipeline Project**- Manager Abercrombie briefed the Board on the need for the amendment to the agreement. Counsel Kronick noted a few minor changes to the amendment in front of the Board today.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Moore, seconded by Director Wiebold and unanimously carried to approve Amendment #2 to the agreement between the City of Plymouth and Amador Water Agency to construct the Plymouth Pipeline project.

Ayes: Directors, David S. Thomas, Madonna Wiebold, Paul Scott, and Terence W. Moore

Noes

Absent:

Abstain: Director John P. Swift

**Adoption of Loan Resolutions Nos. 2008-15 and 2008-16 for the Financing of the Plymouth Pipeline Project through USDA Rural Development-RUS**

Manager Abercrombie briefed the Board regarding the need for the adoption of the Resolutions to authorize the execution of the loan documents with RUS. Manager Abercrombie and Counsel Kronick answered questions of the Board for clarification.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Moore, and seconded by Director Wiebold and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No.'s 2008-15 and 2008-16 authorizing the General Manager to execute loan documents with RUS

**TANNER WATER TREATMENT PLANT-Authorization for water service to CalStar and direction to revise water code and policy manual-**

Manager Abercrombie reviewed the staff report with the Board. The request is to allocate 2 EDUS to CalStar (California Shock Trauma Air Rescue) which will be located at the Amador County Airport. Currently no new connections are being approved until the new treatment plant is constructed, due to capacity constraints. The staff report also recommends that the Board review the policy regarding will serve commitments. Manager Abercrombie reiterated that staff feels strongly about allowing the CalStar connections, as this serves a great public service. Mr. Dan Miller, Chief flight nurse and Julie Carrington, Outreach coordinator for CalStar attended the meeting. Mr. Miller addressed the Board and gave them an overview of the project and the need for the will serve so that the contract with the County can be issued and the project moved forward. Mr. Miller answered questions of the Board for clarification. Counsel Kronick informed the Board that the policy allows for special circumstances. He stated that this request serves public safety and health need for the County and is acceptable as a special circumstance. Counsel Kronick also suggested that the Board address the infill policy issue at a later date.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Moore, seconded by Director Wiebold and unanimously carried to authorize staff to grant water service to CalStar.

Direction was given to staff to bring suggested policy revisions back to the Board for discussion regarding the infill policy issue.

**Eagles Nest - Discussion regarding water service to Clay Pit Road area and the request to waive participation fees.** Manager Abercrombie briefed the Board regarding the request.

Mr. Ron Hess addressed the Board regarding the request. He stated that the Claypit owners are offering to pay the fees to upgrade the system. Direct their "participation fees" to the installation of the pump station. The group is asking for assistance to solve the problem. The Board expressed concern for setting precedence by allowing what the Claypit Rd owners are proposing. The also expressed a need to help the property owners find a solution. After lengthy discussion, President Swift stated that he felt the consensus of the Board is that they can not approve the Claypit Rd request due to the issues raised and expressed concern for the property owners to be able find an affordable solution and asked that staff continue to work with the property owners to assist in any way they can.

**RECESS** was called 10:33 at a.m. **SESSION RESUMED** at 10:45 a.m.

**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

Engineering Committee Meeting- June 23, 2008 – Discussed under 1.C.

**AGENCY COUNSEL REPORT-** Counsel Kronick updated the Board on the various bills in the legislative process that could affect the Agency. He answered questions of the Board for clarification.


**CLOSED SESSION** was called at 11:15 a.m. for the following matters

- A. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 -Conference with Labor Negotiators (Jim Abercrombie and Karen Gish) – Department Heads, Management Group, AWA Employee Association, and Confidential Group Negotiations
- B. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (b) – Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation – Conference with Agency Counsel

**OPEN SESSION RESUMED at** 12:05 p.m. with direction given to staff

**FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS-** There were no items requested

**ADJOURNMENT** –President Swift adjourned the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

  
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Cris L. Thompson  
Clerk of the Board of Directors

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