

**AMADOR WATER AGENCY  
Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
August 27, 2009**

**MINUTES**

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

**Directors Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jim Abercrombie, General Manager  
Gene Mancebo, Manager of Engineering & Planning  
Erik Christeson, Engineering Supervisor  
Michael Lee, Financial Services 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.

President Moore moved item 7.D.1C to accommodate the members of the public

**Amador County Jail-** Direct staff to issue letters to the County regarding Participation Fees, Conditional Will Serve and Will Serve for water and wastewater services for the proposed jail site in the Amador Central Office Park. The letters will include maximum participation fees that would be guaranteed for a five year period and the requirements for obtaining a will serve commitment.

RM-A (0:1:18-37:46)  
Jon Hopkins, Amador County General Services  
Ron Rockett, Amador County Sheriff's Department Captain  
Martin Ryan, Amador County Sheriff  
John Plasse, Amador County Supervisor  
Ted Novelli, Amador County BOS Chairman  
Mike Kirkley, Sutter Creek

President Moore stated that there will be no action on this item. (RM-A 37:29)

**PUBLIC COMMENT (RM-A 37:59-41:06)**

**RECESS** was called at 9:44 a.m. **SESSION RESUMED** at 10:05 a.m.

**PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENTS CONTINUED**

Mr. Mike Kirkley, Sutter Creek (RM-B 05:33-9:45)

E & P Manager addressed the Board and issued photos of the Broad Street **Project** (RM-B 12:57-16:45)

Erik Christeson, Supervising Engineer, announced the dedication of the Sutter Creek Bridge September 4, 2009 (RM-B 16:45-20:53)

Ms. Carole Marz (RM-B 21:04- 21:46)

**CONSENT AGENDA (RM-B 21:52- 22:37)**

It was moved by Director Cooper, seconded by Director Thomas, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda with suggested revisions.

**AMADOR WATER SYSTEM**

**New York Ranch Reservoir (RM-B 22:45- 40:52)**

Direct staff to prepare a quit claim deed to the neighboring property owner to the West (Oneto) for property to the west of location of the North East ¼ of the Southwest ¼ section line as delineated on the Amador County recorded map Book 4 page 74 to correct inconsistencies in the titles respecting the New York Ranch Reservoir property. Direct the Engineering Committee to review the southern boundary of the New York Ranch Reservoir for potential further discussion or recommended action regarding the location of the existing fence line.

**MOTION:** (RM-B 40:55- 41:26) It was moved by Director Dunn and seconded by Director Condrashoff to refer both property line issues to the Engineering Committee for review and discussion

Ayes: Director Cooper, Director Condrashoff, Director Dunn

Noes Director Moore and Director Thomas

Abstain:

Absent:

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT (RM-C 41:26- 49:21)**

**IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (RM-B 49:29-52:01)**

**Wastewater Improvement District No. 1**

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**Gayla Manor Wastewater System Improvement Project- Review and discussion of the Facilities plan approval (FPA) and the preliminary funding commitment (PFC).**

**AGENCY GENERAL**

**ACWA Committee** (RM-B 0:52:26- 1:02:05)

Discussion and direction to staff regarding ACWA ~~Committee~~ Appointment Nominee for 2010/ 2011 Term

Direction was given to place this on the next agenda for consideration.

**Public Relations Committee** (RM-B 01:02:06-01:10:22)

Water Conservation Policy- Discussion and possible approval of the draft water conservation policy as recommended by the committee

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Cooper, seconded by Director Dunn and unanimously carried to approve the recommended water conservation policy as presented and amended. (RM-B 01:11:23- 01:11:48)

**MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion and direction regarding Director Dunn's request for creation of policies on three topics: (RM-B 01:11:56-01:15:05)

- a. Policy for AWA news releases
- b. Policy for Board of Directors communication to media
- c. Policy on staff and management communications to media

Direction given to defer this item to the rules and rates committee for review, creation and to bring back to the Board

**Engineering Committee** (RM-B 01:16:40- 1:54:59)

**Action Items recommended for approval by committee:**

**Lake Camanche Wastewater CTS Survey**-Direct staff to prepare an amendment to the October 21, 2008 agreement with PBS&J respecting the California Tiger Salamander (CTS) Drift Fence Study and authorize the general manager to execute the amendment. The amendment would increase the scope to include additional site visits to the drift fence traps, a CTS larval analysis at previously visited ponds, and incidental costs with an increase in compensation of \$13,612.13.

**MOTION:** (RM-B 01:19:46-01:20:15) It was moved by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Cooper and unanimously carried to direct staff to prepare an amendment to the October 21, 2008 agreement with PBS&J respecting the California Tiger Salamander (CTS) Drift Fence Study and authorize the general manager to execute the amendment.

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**MOTION CARRIED**

**City of Lone Park and Ride-** (RM-B 01:20:56- 1:27:45) Direct staff to develop a policy and Water Code amendment to create a water participation fee and service charge for non-residential water connections based on ¼ and ½ of the use of equivalent dwelling unit (5/8 inch meter).

**MOTION:** (RM-B 01:27:45-1:27:59) It was moved by Director Cooper, seconded by Director Condrashoff, and unanimously carried to direct staff to develop a policy and Water Code amendment to create a water participation fee and service charge for non-residential water connections based on ¼ and ½ of the use of equivalent dwelling unit (5/8 inch meter).

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Castle Oaks Golf Course Interim Treated Water Use for Restroom Facilities-** (RM-B 01:28:50-01:29:43) Recommend the Board issue a variance to section 2.49 of the Water Code to allow a temporary treated water connection for up to two years without the payment of participation fees for the Castle Oaks restroom located near the tee-box for hole #7. The connection will utilize a 5/8 inch meter and the customer would be responsible for all costs per the Agency Water Code excepting participation fees.

**MOTION:** (RM-B 01:29:43-01:30:05) It was moved by Director Condrashoff, seconded by Director Thomas and unanimously carried to issue a variance to section 2.49 of the Water Code to allow a temporary treated water connection for up to two years without the payment of participation fees for the Castle Oaks restroom located near the tee-box for hole #7 and review for usage at the end of two years.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Amador County Jail-** (RM-B 01:31:01-01:54:59) Direct staff to issue letters to the County regarding Participation Fees, Conditional Will Serve and Will Serve for water and wastewater services for the proposed jail site in the Amador Central Office Park. The letters will include maximum participation fees that would be guaranteed for a five year period and the requirements for obtaining a will serve commitment.

**No action recommended per the request from the County to meet again for further review.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** (RM-B 01:55:36-02:17:26)

Joint Water Committee Mtg 08-17-09

PR Committee Mtg 08-17-09

Engineering Committee Mtg 08-18-09

CAWP Quarterly Mtg 08-19-09

Jackson Outreach Quarterly Mtg 08-26-09

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** – (RM-B 02:17:50- 02:20:23)

General discussion of various issues for informational and communication purposes. Discussion only, no formal action will be taken. Any matter requiring action will be placed on an upcoming agenda for consideration.

**RECESS** was called at 12:24 p.m. **SESSION RESUMED** at 12:35 p.m.

**FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS** -This item is to provide the Board Members an opportunity to request items to be placed on future agendas.

ARSA participation / attendance at meetings

**CLOSED SESSION-** was called at 12:37 p.m. for the following matters:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8- Conference with Real Property Negotiators- Agency Negotiators, Jim Abercrombie and Gene Mancebo- concerning:

040-030-012- Weyrauch

040-030-011- Weyrauch

042-010-020- Weyrauch

OPEN SESSION RESUMED at 1:25 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT** – President Moore adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

  
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Cris L. Thompson  
Clerk of the Board of Directors

Approved: 10/22/09