

**AMADOR WATER AGENCY**

Board of Directors

Regular Meeting

August 9, 2007

**MINUTES**

**Directors Present:** Terence W. Moore, President  
John P. Swift, Vice President  
Heinz Hamann  
Dan Brown

**Directors Absent:** David S. Thomas

**Staff Present:** Jim Abercrombie, General Manager  
Stephen A. Kronick, Agency Counsel  
Gene Mancebo, Manager of Engineering & Planning  
Michael Lee, Financial Services Manager  
Chris McKeage, Operations Manager  
Stacey Lollar, Acting Clerk of the Board  
Erik Christeson, Supervising Engineer

**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.

**STAFF REPORTS** - E&P Manager Mancebo, Financial Services Manager Lee, and Operations Manager McKeage 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. Manager Abercrombie shared with the board that the Agency and the City of Sutter Creek are working corporately on water quality issues from the Martell area.

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

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## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Hamann, seconded by Director Swift, and unanimously carried to approve the items on the Consent Agenda with changes to the minutes to reflect Director Brown reported on the Mokelumne River Association Meeting.

## **AMADOR WATER SYSTEM**

**Amador Water System Participation Fees-** Manager Abercrombie reported the Agency will be meeting with BIA on August 14, 2007 and will update and continue this item with the Board at the September 27, 2007 Board Meeting

**Regional Tanner Regional Water Treatment Plant-** E&P Manager Mancebo explained the efforts of his staff and the technical paper that was completed on a study of conventional vs. membrane plant. Erik Christeson reviewed the technical paper with the Board and answered any questions from the Board. Director Hamann suggested a minor modification to the report and expressed concern with Disinfection By-Product's in the Membrane technology. Manager Abercrombie assured Director Hamann that the Disinfection By-Product will be included in the scope of the project and the Board will be updated as the design process moves forward. President Moore suggested looking at a retro fit at the Buckhorn plant given the information on the technical plant.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Swift, seconded by Director Hamann and unanimously moved to direct staff to proceed with an RFP for the construction of a new Membrane Water Treatment Plant.

**RECESS** was called at 10:49 a.m      **SESSION RESUMED** at 11:00 a.m.

## **AGENCY GENERAL**

**Quarterly Investment Report-** Manager Lee updated the Board on the Agency's investment portfolio and Interest Earnings ending June 30, 2007.

**CAMRA-** Director Brown reported on the suggested changes to the bylaws. The Board and Agency Counsel requested various changes.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Hamann, seconded by Director Brown and unanimously moved to present bylaws with changes to CAMRA for adoption.

**AGENCY COUNSEL REPORT** – Agency Counsel reported that legislation is in recess and has nothing to report.

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**COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS** – The Board members reported on various activities they have been involved in within their respective areas of responsibility.

**Mokelumne River Water Association** Director Brown reported on this meeting during the last Board meeting as reflected in the July 26, 2007 minutes.

**CAWP Quarterly Meeting** Director Brown, Director Hamann and Manager Abercrombie reported on the discussions of the meeting including fire protection issues, gravity supply line, and annexations.

**FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS** – Director Hamann suggested staff organize a workshop for the customer along the lower canal for the Small Diameter pipe project.

Director Swift requested a copy of all the agreements between Unimin and Preston on raw water. If there are any questions on the agreements the item will be agendized for a future Board Meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION-** was called at 11:20 a.m. for the following matters.

- A. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) – Existing Litigation  
Conference with Agency Counsel
  - 1. Amador Water Agency vs. Kenneth Perano, as Trustee of the Ernest W. Perano Exemption Trust, et al. Case No. 06-CV4189
  - 2. Amador Water Agency vs. Zelda Mondani, Case No. 06-CV4173
  - 3. Bruce A. Roen and Debra J. Roen vs. Amador Water Agency, et al. Amador County Superior Court Case No. 07CV4727
  - 4. Protect the Historic Amador Waterways vs. Amador Water Agency, Amador Superior Court Case No. 01-CV-1191
  
- B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9 – Case: 2
  
- C. Conference with Legal Counsel-Anticipated Litigation – Initiation of Litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) of Government Code Section 54956.9 – Case: 1
  
- D. Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 – Agency designated representation Jim Abercrombie and Karen Gish – Amador Water Agency Employees Association and Management Group.

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**ADJOURNMENT** - President Moore adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m. with direction given to staff.

The Board unanimously moved 4 to 0 with Director Thomas absent to approve a payment of \$4,738.69 to the Protect the Historic Amador Waterways for the settlement of the New York Ranch Reservoir Management Plant.

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Cris L. Thompson  
Clerk of the Board of Directors

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_