

**AMADOR WATER AGENCY  
Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting**

**May 14, 2015**

**MINUTES**

**Directors Present:** Rich Farrington, President  
Robert Manassero, Vice President  
Paul Molinelli  
Gary Thomas  
Art Toy

**Directors Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Gene Mancebo, General Manager  
Cris Thompson, Assistant General Manager  
Josh Horowitz, Agency Counsel  
Damon Wyckoff, Operations Manager  
Karin Helvey, Finance Director

**CALL TO ORDER**- President Farrington called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** - None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
Katharine Evatt, Foothill Conservancy

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (2:22 – 2:41)**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Toy, seconded by Director Manassero and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda with suggested revisions

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS (2:42 – 17:44)**  
Administration/Finance  
Operations

**AGENCY WATER (17:45 – 3:24:39)**

**Proposed Adjustment in System-Wide Water Rates**

Presentation by Bob Reed, Reed Group, Inc., on proposed changes to the Agency's residential rate structure to address recent court decision on tiered rates and drought shortages and State water use reduction mandates.

Board discussion and possible action regarding proposal to eliminate the current tiered structure for residential customers, establish water shortage rate surcharges, convert remaining flat rate customers to metered rates, impose a new five-year schedule of annual inflationary adjustments through 2020 with a cap of 3%, and provide notice to customers of the previously-authorized July 1, 2015 inflationary adjustment of 2.5%. The Board also will consider directing staff to issue a public notice of the proposed water rate revisions in accordance with Proposition 218

**Public Comment:**

Ms. Sherry Curtis, Pioneer  
Mr. Julio Guerra, PGCSO  
Ms. Katharine Evatt  
Mr. Craig Walling, Lake Camanche

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Toy, seconded by Director Molinelli and carried to direct Bob Reed to revise the rate tables in the Prop 218 notice to reflect revenue neutral at the midpoint of each conservation stage, then to be reviewed by the Adhoc Committee and does not need to come back to the full Board before mailing.

Ayes: Directors Toy, Molinelli, Manassero and Farrington

Noes: Director Thomas

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Toy, Director Manassero and unanimously carried to authorize the General Manager to send the Prop 218 notice out with the changes in the water rate surcharges as voted on today following review by the Adhoc committee.

**RECESS** was called at 12:27 p.m. **SESSION** resumed at 12:37 p.m.

**Jackson Valley Irrigation District (3:25:41 – 4:10:19)**

Discussion and possible action regarding emergency water to Jackson Valley Irrigation District

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Toy, seconded by Director Thomas and carried to authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement for a drought water supply with Jackson Valley Irrigation District, subject to legal counsel's review and approval, Motion was amended to include the pricing at \$10.00 per acre foot.

Motion #1 Failed

**MOTION #2:** It was moved by Director Manassero, seconded by Director Molinelli and carried to authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement for a drought water supply with Jackson Valley Irrigation District, subject to legal counsel's review and approval, with the pricing at \$12.00 per acre foot for 1000 Acre feet total

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Steven Frederick, JVID General Manager

Ms. Sherry Curtis, Pioneer

Ms. Katharine Evatt, Foothill Conservancy

Ayes: Directors Toy, Thomas, Molinelli, Manassero

Noes: Director Farrington

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Approval of environmental review and direction to staff for execution of an agreement with JVID following concurrence with PG&E and EBMUD

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Manassero, seconded by Director Molinelli, and carried to approve of environmental review and direction to staff for execution of an agreement with JVID following concurrence with PG&E and EBMUD

Ayes: Directors Toy, Thomas, Molinelli, Manassero

Noes: Director Farrington

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**RECESS** was called at 1:25 p.m. **SESSION** resumed at 2:30 p.m.

**WATER CONSERVATION (4:10:25- 4:19:45)**

Drought Committee Update

Discussion and possible action regarding May 5, 2015 Mandatory Conservation- A Regulation by the State Water Resources Control Board

Discussion and Possible action regarding AWEA's Water Conservation Policy Section 2.19

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Toy, seconded by Director Manassero, and unanimously carried to direct staff to make revisions consistent with the Mandatory Conservation Regulation by the State Water Resources Control Board

**AGENCY GENERAL(4:19:46 – 4:57:44)**

**Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (UMRWA)**

Discussion and possible action regarding Upper Mokelumne River Water Authority's proposed financial contribution to support the cost of the study anticipated with the passage of AB 142

**Public Comment:**

Ms. Sherry Curtis

Letter read into the record for Linda Stroh

Ms. Katharine Evatt, Foothill Conservancy

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Toy, seconded by Director Molinelli and unanimously carried to commit to the Agency share of cost based on the request by UMRWA for \$9,200 to support the study identified in AB142 if required.

**ACWA Region 3 Nomination (4:57:50- 5:02:48)**

Discussion and possible action regarding placing General Manager Mancebo in nomination for ACWA Region 3 Director

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Molinelli, seconded by Director Thomas and carried to place General Manager Mancebo in nomination for ACWA Region 3 Director

Ayes: Directors Molinelli, Thomas, Toy, Manassero

Noes: Director Farrington

Absent:

Abstain:

Director Molinelli excused himself from the meeting

**ACWA Conference (5:02:49- 5:17:42)**

Report regarding General Manager Mancebo and Director Toy's recent attendance at the ACWA Conference in Sacramento

**AGENCY PROJECT UPDATES (5:17:45 - 5:32:02)**

**RECESS** was called at 3:55 p.m. **SESSION** resumed at 4:09 p.m.

**AGENCY COUNSEL REPORT (5:42:34 – 5:58:09)**

Legislative Report

Other Matters

**Public Comment:**  
Ms. Katharine Evatt

**COMMITTEE REPORTS (5:58:10 - 6:07:31)**  
Budget and Finance Committee 05-13-15

**DIRECTOR COMMENTS (6:09:32 - 6:15:08)**

**FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS (6:15:10- 6:19:40)**  
Conservation Plan Review  
Penalties  
Reserves

**CLOSED SESSION was not called at 4:42 p.m.**  
Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)-  
Pending Litigation- Kenneth Perano and Ken Berry vs Amador Water Agency (Amador  
Superior Court Case No. 12-CV-7718)

Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) -  
Anticipated Litigation - Initiation of litigation – One Case.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Farrington adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

  
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Cris Thompson  
Clerk of the Board of Directors

Approved: 5/28/15