

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

**January 12, 2017**

**MINUTES**

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

**Staff Present:** Gene Mancebo, General Manager  
Cris Thompson, Assistant General Manager  
Joshua Horowitz, Agency Counsel

**CALL TO ORDER-** President Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** – None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** (0:01:40- 12:32)  
Mr. Andres Stenstedt

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (13:07- 15:03)**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Molinelli, seconded by Director Manassero and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda with suggested revisions to the minutes of December 8, 2016

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS (15:17- 48:59)**

Administration/Finance  
Operations

**AGENCY GENERAL (49:00-52:12)**

**Quarterly Investment Report**

Report of the Agency's investment performance through December 31, 2016

**AdHoc Committees (52:14- 1:05:03)**

Discussion and possible action regarding the current Ad hoc committees

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Manassero, seconded by Director Farrington and unanimously carried to eliminate the ARSA Ad hoc committee

The following Ad Hoc committees are in effect:

Groundwater Sustainable Agency - Directors Thomas and Molinelli

Agency Security Review- including Cyber, Water System, - Directors Thomas and Toy

Board Appointment- Directors Toy and Farrington

Engineering Reorganization- Directors Manassero and Toy

Contract Negotiations- Directors Farrington and Thomas

### **WATER SYSTEMS (1:05:04- 1:24:20)**

#### **Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)**

Discussion and possible direction to the General Manager and staff regarding the proposed Joint Powers Agreement for Formation and Operation of a SGMA Groundwater Sustainability Agency in Amador County among the Agency, Amador County, and JVID, and to: (a) bring the proposed agreement back to the Board for final approval at its February 9, 2017 meeting; (b) set a public hearing at the February 9, 2017 Board meeting for approving the Agency's participation in the Authority and to file a notice with the Department of Water Resources of the Authority's election to become the County GSA as soon as the County and JVID approve the agreement; and (c) publish the notice of public hearing before the February 9, 2017 Board meeting as required by SGMA.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Manassero, seconded by Director Molinelli and unanimously carried to bring the proposed agreement back to the Board for final approval at its February 9, 2017 meeting; set a public hearing at the February 9, 2017 Board meeting for approving the Agency's participation in the Authority and to file a notice with the Department of Water Resources of the Authority's election to become the County GSA as soon as the County and JVID approve the agreement; and publish the notice of public hearing before the February 9, 2017 Board meeting as required by SGMA.

**RECESS was called at 10:29 a.m. SESSION resumed at 10:35 a.m.**

### **AGENCY PROJECT UPDATES (1:25:05- 1:46:53)**

#### **LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT (1:46:58- 2:04:29)**

A. Legislative report

B. Discussion and possible action regarding Agency positions on pending bills

C. Other Legal Matters

**RECESS was called at 11:13 a.m. SESSION resumed at 11:18 a.m.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS (2:10:34- 2:37:34)**

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**FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS (2:37:35- 2:38:45)**

Bob Valdez Resolution

**CLOSED SESSION was called at 11:47 a.m.**

Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9(a) and (d)(1) -  
- Existing Litigation – Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, et al. v. Amador Water Agency, et  
al. (Amador Superior Court Case No. 16-CVC-09564/Third District Court of Appeal Case No.  
C081757).

Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) –  
Pending Litigation - Amador Water Agency v. Lazy Creek Family Trust, et al. (Amador Superior  
Court Case No. 15-CV-9203).

**OPEN SESSION RESUMED** at 12:09 p.m. with nothing to report

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Thomas adjourned the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

  
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Cris Thompson  
Clerk of the Board of Directors

Approved: 1-26-17