

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

February 9, 2017

MINUTES

Directors Present: Gary Thomas, President
Art Toy, Vice President
Richard Farrington
Paul Molinelli Jr.
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 9:01 a.m.

SWEARING IN OF DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR PAUL MOLINELLI JR. - Kim Grady,
Amador County Clerk/ Recorder

Director Paul Molinelli Jr. took his seat

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

PUBLIC COMMENT: (02:33-11:20)

Mr. Paul Molinelli Sr.
Mr. Anders Stenstedt

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (11:21- 13:01)

MOTION: It was moved by Director Toy, seconded by Director Farrington and carried to approve the consent agenda with suggested revisions to the minutes of January 26, 2017

Ayes: Directors Farrington, Toy, Thomas, and Manassero

Noes: None

Absent:None

Abstain: Director Molinelli Jr.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS (13:01-56:15)

Administration/Finance
Operations

WATER SYSTEMS (56:28- 1:18:17)

Public Hearing - Intent to Consider Becoming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

Discussion and possible action to consider adoption of Resolution No. 2017-03, a resolution approving a joint exercise powers of agreement between Amador County, Jackson Valley Irrigation District and the Agency to form a groundwater sustainability agency, electing to participate in that agency to implement SGMA in Amador County, and directing staff 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

President Thomas declared that the Public Hearing was open at 10:00 a.m. and has been duly noticed.

Public Comment: None

MOTION: It was moved by Director Manassero, seconded by Director Molinelli Jr. and unanimously carried to close the public hearing

MOTION: It was moved by Director Toy, seconded by Director Molinelli Jr and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No 2017-03 a resolution approving a joint exercise powers of agreement between Amador County, Jackson Valley Irrigation District and the Agency to form a groundwater sustainability agency, electing to participate in that agency to implement SGMA in Amador County, and directing staff 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

RECESS was called at 10:22 a.m. **SESSION RESUMED** at 10:34 a.m.

Water Rate Study Update 1:18:17- 2:04:00)

Discussion and possible action to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with the Reed Group Inc. to complete a Water Rate Study Update for an amount not to exceed \$35,500

MOTION: It was moved by Director Toy, seconded by Director Molinelli Jr. to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with the Reed Group Inc. to complete a Water Rate Study Update for an amount not to exceed \$35,500 to include a 10% contingency to be paid for by Operating Reserves

MOTION #1 was extinguished by the vote of Motion #2

MOTION 2: It was moved by Director Farrington, seconded by Director Manassero and carried to authorize the General Manager to execute a contract with the Reed Group Inc. to complete a Water Rate Study Update for an amount not to exceed \$35,500

AYES: Directors Farrington, Manassero, and Thomas

NOES: Directors Toy and Molinelli Jr.

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT (02:04:05- 2:34:30)

Legislative report

Discussion and possible action regarding Agency positions on pending bills

Other Legal Matters

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS (2:34:34- 2:40:40)

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS (2:40:41- 2:42:52)

CLOSED SESSION was called at 12:01 p.m.

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 12:03 p.m. with nothing to report

ADJOURNMENT

President Thomas adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.



Cris Thompson

Clerk of the Board of Directors

Approved: _____

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