1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
   Items added to the agenda must be approved by the Board pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2

3. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA
   A. Discussion items only, no action to be taken. Any person may address the Board at this time upon any subject within the jurisdiction of Amador Water Agency; however, any matter that requires action will be referred to Staff for a report and action at a subsequent Board meeting. Please note there is a three (3) minute time limit per person.

4. CONSENT AGENDA
   A. Items listed on the consent agenda (see attached) are considered routine and may be enacted by one motion. Any item may be removed for discussion and made a part of the regular agenda at the request of a Board member(s).

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
   Staff Reports will be provided by Managers to update the Board of Directors on current activities within their areas of responsibility
   A. Administration/Finance
   B. Operations

6. PERSONNEL MATTERS
   A. Board Recognition
      1. Adoption of Resolution No. 2017-05 Honoring Doug Yardley upon his retirement from service as Water Treatment Supervisor of the Amador Water Agency

   B. Agency Staffing
      1. Update regarding recent staffing changes during 16/17 fiscal year
2. Discussion and possible action to approve the Distribution I position and authorize the General Manager to initiate the process to fill a Distribution I position

7. AGENCY GENERAL
   A. Bay Delta Plan Flow Requirements
      1. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 2017-06 supporting the ACWA Policy Statement regarding the Bay-Delta Flow requirements.

   B. Ecological Resources Committee Membership
      1. Discussion and possible action to confirm the Water Agency’s willingness to meet New Membership Protocols for the Mokelumne River Project Ecological Resources Committee and discuss the goals, objectives and interests related to participation in the Ecological Resource Committee and Settlement Agreement activities.

   C. Board Meeting of May 11, 2017
      1. Discussion and possible action regarding canceling the May 11, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

   D. Quarterly Investment Report
      1. Report of the Agency’s investment performance through March 31, 2017

   E. Hazard Tree Removal Program
      1. Update only

8. WATER SYSTEM
   A. Water Rate Study
      1. Discussion and possible action to authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment 1 to the contract with The Reed Group, Inc.

9. LEGAL COUNSEL’S REPORT
   A. Legislative report
   B. Discussion and possible action regarding Agency positions on pending bills
      1. Discussion and possible action to send a letter to the author of AB 975
   C. Other Legal Matters

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS
    A. Budget and Finance (03-29-17)
    B. Engineering Committee (03-29-17)
    C. Personnel Committee (04-06-17)
    D. AC-GMA Committee (04-03-17)

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

   Gary Thomas, President    Art Toy, Vice President    Rich Farrington    Paul Molinelli Jr.    Robert Manassero
12. CLOSED SESSION
   A. 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).

13. ADJOURNMENT
AMADOR WATER AGENCY
CONSENT AGENDA
April 13, 2017

Items listed on the consent agenda are considered routine and may be enacted by one motion. Any item may be removed for discussion and made a part of the regular agenda at the request of a Board member(s).

1. MINUTES
   A. Approval of minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 16, 2017
   B. Approval of minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 23, 2017

2. APPROVALS
   A. Approval of accounts payable for March, 2017

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a disabled person and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, then please contact Cris Thompson at (209) 223-3018 or (209) 257-5281 (fax). Requests must be made as early as possible, and at least two-full business days before the start of the meeting.

Documents and materials relating to an open session agenda item that are provided to the Amador Water Agency Board of Directors less than 72 hours prior to a regular meeting will be available for public inspection and copying at 12800 Ridge Rd, Sutter Creek CA 95685
CALL TO ORDER  President Thomas called the Special Board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

WATER SYSTEMS
Pioneer Water Rehabilitation Project
Discussion and possible action to certify that Vinciguerra Construction Inc. is the lowest responsive bidder with a bid amount of $1,191,750 and authorize the General Manager to issue the Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed to Vinciguerra Construction, when all contract requirements have been met by the contractor

Public Comment:
Mr. Wayne Vinciguerra, Vinciguerra Construction

MOTION: It was moved by Director Manassero, seconded by Director Molinelli Jr and unanimously carried to certify that Vinciguerra Construction Inc. is the lowest responsive bidder with a bid amount of $1,191,750 and authorize the General Manager to issue the Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed to Vinciguerra Construction, when all contract requirements have been met by the contractor, this construction is for phases I and 2 only.

Bay Delta Plan Update Phase 1 Substitute Environmental Document
Discussion and direction regarding a joint comment letter
MOTION 1: It was moved by Director Toy, seconded by Director Molinelli Jr to authorize the General Manager to sign the stand alone letter as presented, or with some modifications, if okay with the adhoc committee.

MOTION 1 was extinguished by MOTION 2

MOTION 2: It was moved by Director Farrington, seconded by Director Molinelli Jr and unanimously carried to authorize the General Manager the authority to sign one or both comment letters on the Phase I Bay Delta SED (Supplemental Environmental Document) as appropriate.

RECESS was called at 9:38 a.m. SESSION resumed 10:15 a.m.

Buckhorn Disinfection Byproducts Project
Board members will travel to the Buckhorn Disinfection Byproducts Project construction site at 26810 Meadow Vista Lane, Pioneer for groundbreaking at approximately 10:00 a.m or as soon thereafter as possible.

ADJOURNMENT- President Thomas adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Cris L. Thompson
Clerk of the Board of Directors

Approved:

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AMADOR WATER AGENCY
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
March 23, 2017

MINUTES

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

Absent: Robert Manassero

Staff Present: Gene Mancebo, General Manager
Cris Thompson, Assistant GM/Clerk of the Board
Damon Wyckoff, Operations Manager

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

President Thomas called for a moment of silence in honor of Connie Fritz, Purchasing Agent for AWA for 25 years

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA –

MOTION: It was moved by Director Molinelli Jr. seconded by Director Farrington and carried to add discussion regarding closing the Agency for staff to attend funeral services for staff member Connie Fritz

Ayes: Directors Molinelli Jr, Farrington, Toy, and Thomas
Noes: None
Absent: Director Manassero
Abstain: None

Discussion to close the office/Agency so that staff can attend funeral services Connie Fritz on Tuesday March 28, 2017

MOTION: It was moved by Director Molinelli Jr and seconded by Director Farrington and approved to have the office to open from 8-10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2017
and close for the remainder of the day to and allow the employees to attend the funeral services and pay their respects for Connie Fritz.

Ayes: Directors Molinelli Jr, Farrington, Toy, and Thomas
Noes: None
Absent: Director Manassero
Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: (11:47 -12:23)

MOTION: It was moved by Director Molinelli Jr, seconded by Director Toy, and carried to approve the consent agenda as presented

Ayes: Directors Molinelli Jr, Farrington, Toy, and Thomas
Noes: None
Absent: Director Manassero
Abstain: None

AGENCY GENERAL (12:23- 31:26)
Agency Infrastructure Winter Storms Damage Report
No action- Informational only

RECESS was called at 9:30 a.m. SESSION resumed at 9:38 a.m.

Agency Newsletter (33:34- 54:15)
Discussion and possible action regarding Agency newsletter distribution

MOTION: It was moved by Director Farrington, seconded by Director Molinelli Jr and carried to mail a hard copy of the newsletter to the customers who receive electronic bills.

Ayes: Directors Farrington, Molinelli Jr, and Toy
Noes: Director Toy
Absent: Director Manassero
Abstain: None

Committee Assignments (54:17- 1:00:58)
Discussion and possible action to add the Groundwater Sustainability Agency/ JPA to the Agency’s standing committee list and assign an Agency chairperson and member to the committee

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MOTION: It was moved by Director Farrington seconded by Director Molinelli Jr. and
carried to appoint Director Thomas as chairperson and Director Toy as member to the
the Groundwater Sustainability Agency/ JPA and add this committee to the Agency’s
standing committee list.

Ayes: Directors Molinelli Jr, Farrington, Toy, and Thomas
Noes: None
Absent: Director Manassero
Abstain: None

President Thomas declared the Adhoc committee for Groundwater Sustainability
Agency/ JPA extinguished

AGENCY WATER (1:01:00- 1:12:13)
Rainfall and Reservoir Levels
Update only

Water Production and Water Sales
Update only

LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS (1:12:13- 1:50:14)
Discussion and possible action regarding Agency positions on pending bills

MOTION: It was moved by Director Toy, seconded by Director Molinelli Jr and carried
to oppose AB 975 unless amended

Ayes: Directors Molinelli Jr, Farrington, Toy, and Thomas
Noes: None
Absent: Director Manassero
Abstain: None

It was moved by Director Toy, seconded by Director Farrington and carried to oppose
SCA 4 unless amended

Ayes: Directors Molinelli Jr, Farrington, Toy, and Thomas
Noes: None
Absent: Director Manassero
Abstain: None
MOTION: It was moved by Director Farrington, seconded by Director Thomas to oppose AB18 and SB5 unless amended

Ayes: Directors Farrington and Thomas
Noes: Directors Toy and Molinelli Jr
Absent: Director Manassero
Abstain: None

MOTION FAILED

PROJECT UPDATES (1:50:16- 2:06:16)

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Budget and Finance Committee (03-21-17) No report – meeting rescheduled

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT (2:06:30- 2:25:46)

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT (2:25:57- 2:32:58)

BOARD OF DIRECTOR DISTRICT REPORTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS – (2:33:16- 2:47:00)

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – 2:47:03- 2:47:44)
Legislative Positions

CLOSED SESSION was not called
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).

ADJOURNMENT
President Thomas adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

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Cris Thompson
Clerk of the Board of Directors
Approved: ______________________}

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ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Customer Service/Human Resources:

- The 2016/2017 (7/1/16-6/30/17) Safety Statistics for Agency staff are:
  - Lost time worker’s comp incident: 2 (date of last incident: 12/12/16)
  - Other Worker Comp incident: 2 (date of last incident: 9/30/16)
  - First Aid incident: 0
  - Avoidable vehicle accident: 0
  - Unavoidable vehicle accident: 0
- Training: Schafer, Haugland, Miller - Pesticide Application; PAPA seminar-K Miller;
- Certifications/Renewals: PAPA-K Miller; D4-M Thompson; T4-Mottishaw; Collection G2-Goshorn
- Staffing: Assistant Engineer-Lucas Carthew (4/1), Utility II-Construction-Dustin Miller; Meter Reader/CS Tech-Nick Yardley (4/17); Water Treatment Supervisor-Joel Mottishaw; Utility I-Construction-Mitch Gowen (4/10); Water Plant Operator III – Nick Lawson; Vacancies: Purchasing Agent (advertising); Distribution Operator III (advertising)
- Liens filed: 7 - $1,173
- Liens Released: 4 - $3,544
- Total Liens filed for the Agency 304- total dollar amount $508,256

Finance/Accounting:

Water Sales Revenues through the month of March are $5,081,600

Wastewater Sales Revenues through the month of March are $1,134,256

Reimbursements received: $0

Outstanding Reimbursements are approximately $595,568

Restricted and Unrestricted Cash: Next Page

Prepared by: Karen Gish – HR / Office Manager

Tracey Hays – Finance Manager
## Restricted and Unrestricted Cash

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Operations Manager:
1. Continued work on infrastructure failure costs for CDAA emergency assistance funding through Cal OES.
2. Worked with Engineering to select Foothill Resource Management as the Agency's Registered Professional Forester for our CDAA funded Tree Mortality Hazard Tree Removal program.
3. Developed budget proposals for each department in Operations.
4. Worked with Engineering, Construction and Distribution to develop a list of needed pipeline infrastructure replacements/improvements.
5. Attended Tree Mortality Core Planning Group meeting.
6. Continued to upload performance monitoring data for our UMRWA Prop 84 funded grant projects-Camanche Service Laterals, Camanche Tank Lining project, and AWS metering project.
7. Attended Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Consumnes Sub-Basin working group meeting.

Admin Assist III:
2. Attended Applicant Briefing for storm related events with Office of Emergency Services.
3. On-going updates to Office of Emergency Services on wastewater discharges due to storm events. Tracking total gallons discharged.
4. Attended live broadcast of the Revised Total Coliform Rule presented by the Environmental Protection Agency.
5. Created sampling plan, ordered bottles, registered schools and coordinated with Distribution Supervisor to commence lead testing at the public schools in our service areas.

Water Treatment Plants:
1. Completed Clean in Place at both PGE @ Tiger Creek and Buckhorn water treatment plants.
2. Placed Gravity Supply Line back in service and retuned Tiger and Silver pump stations to standby status.
3. Completed one year interior inspection with Auburn Construction of the backwash tank #2 at Lone Plant. Initial findings showed no pitting or discrepancy in paint. Integrity of structure and coating looks good. Final report to be sent.
4. Coordinated with Construction and Electrical department to replace raw water influent meter at Tanner plant.
5. Completed flow test to verify valve location/operation and ability to bypass main in Sutter Creek for the upcoming meter replacement and vault repair.

Wastewater:
1. Continue to monitor Mace Meadows Golf Course Pond #7 levels.
2. On-going discharges at Gayla WWTP with daily sampling due to storm waters.
3. Monitoring Pine Grove Camp wastewater storage pond as needed due to high storm waters.
4. Continuing to identify and correct any Inflow and Infiltration issues at all systems.
Engineering

1. Agency Projects:
   a. CDBG: Bid opening 3/14/17 with Notice of Award before the Board 3/23/17.
   b. Lone WTP Expansion: 90% design delivered.
   c. New York Ranch Rd Intersection: No activity this period
   e. Lake Camanche Tank 9 & Intertie: Notice of Award issued. Notice to Proceed pending submission of insurance, contract etc... Construction Apr-Dec 2017.
   f. Highway 88 overlay: No activity this period
   g. Sutter Creek Bridge: Postponed by City of Sutter Creek until 2018
   h. Badger Street Bridge: No activity this period

2. Developer Projects:
   a. Gold Quartz (Sutter Creek): Pressure test completed. Backflow device certification pending.
   b. Wildflower Units 4 & 5 (lone): Unit 4 Punch list nearly complete, excepting improvements for which Developer proposing to bond. Unit 5 proposal received for bonding.
   d. ARCO (Martell): No activity relative to AWA facilities this period.
   e. Ventosa Collina (Sutter Creek): Construction in progress weather permitting
   f. Washington Place (lone): Preliminary design meeting.

Electrical:

1. Gravity Supply Line antenna replacement
2. Replaced a bad GFCI at Camanche wastewater treatment plant
3. Mount Crossman
   a. RTU communication failure. Replaced solar inverter
   b. Replaced PLC
   c. Replaced bad relay
   d. Removed burnt service
4. Jackson Pines battery failure- replaced battery.
5. Buckhorn plant- replaced lights and ballasts around plant.
6. Tanner plant-Installed raw water influent meter.
7. Installed standby generator at Gayla Lift Station

Construction:

1. Storm Repairs:
   a. Slides on Silver Drive and at Ranch House tank
2. Replaced the raw water influent meter at Tanner plant.
3. New service line and meter set on Spanish Street in Sutter Creek
4. Potholing and line locating for CDBG.

Distribution:

1. Service line leak repairs:
   a. Buckhorn Ln. (100 gpm, CAWP)
   b. Barton Rd. (25 gpm CAWP)
2. Fire hydrant flow tests in lone at:
   a. Wildflower
   b. Spyglass
   c. Oakridge
3. Consolidated lone Pressure Zones (post Preston Pump Station)
4. Rebuilt Preston Pressure Reducing Valve (PRV) Station (lone)
5. Mount Crossman Pump Station power outage response
6. Line locating and potholing for Pioneer main line extension
7. Tested and reset lone PRV Stations at:
   a. E. Main
   b. Vista
   c. Preston

Canal:
1. Leak repairs:
   a. Flume #6 (10 gpm, Pioneer Drive)
   b. Waste Gate 22 (5 gpm, Hamricks Grade)
2. Downed Tree Removals:
   a. Mile Marker 0.06, Lk Tabeaud
   b. Mile Marker 1.00, Tabeaud Rd.
   c. Mile Marker 10.25, W. Clinton Rd.

Prepared by: Damon Wyckoff, Operations Manager
STAFF REPORT

Staffing Changes 16/17 Fiscal Year

Requested Action:

No action. Informational Only

Background:

Over the course of this fiscal year, the Agency has seen significant employment opportunities for both internal and external candidates. Following are the changes that have occurred:

In September 2016, Dennis Larson resigned from Agency employment – leaving a Distribution III position available. This position was filled by Nick Tamantini, an in-house candidate on October 1st, who promoted from a Distribution II position. The vacant position left by Nick’s promotion was filled by Steve Hess on October 24th. Steve’s promotion to Distribution II left a Utility I position in Construction vacant. Dustin Miller made a lateral move from Utility I on the Canal crew to Utility I on the Construction crew effective in February, 2017.

Dustin’s lateral move left a Utility I position on the Canal crew available, which was filled by Aarron Haugland on February 27th. Aarron’s promotion left a Meter Reader position available which is being filled by an external candidate, Nick Yardley, with a start date of April 17th.

In November, 2016 Bob Valdez retired, leaving the Inspector position vacant, which was filled with an internal candidate, Seth Karschner on February 27th. Seth’s promotion left a Utility II position available in Construction. This position was filled with Dustin Miller on March 31st. With Dustin’s promotion from Utility I to Utility II in construction, a Utility I position became available, which was filled with an external candidate, Mitch Gowan, who started April 12th.

The Agency added a Resident Engineer position, which was filled by an internal candidate, Brandt Cook, on February 1st. Brandt’s promotion left a vacant Assistant Engineer position, which was filled by an external candidate, Luke Carthew, on April 3rd.

Doug Yardley informed the Agency that he is retiring effective April 30th, which a last day of April 14th. Doug’s retirement left the Water Treatment Supervisor position available. This position was filled by an internal candidate, Joel Mottishaw, effective March 31st.
Joel's promotion left a Water Treatment Operator III position available, which was filled by Nick Lawson on April 5th. Nick's promotion leaves a Distribution III position available which is currently being advertised.

With the loss of Connie Fritz, the Purchasing Agent position is also available and currently being advertised.

*Prepared by:* Karen L. Gish, HR/Office Manager

*Presentation Material by:* Damon Wyckoff, Operations Manager
STAFF REPORT

Distribution 1 Operator

Requested Action:

Board approval of the Distribution I position and authorization to the General Manager to initiate the process to fill a Distribution I position

Background:

In 2008 due to the financial crisis, the Agency was forced to dramatically reduce the size of its workforce from 62 employees to 41 in order to remain solvent. Shortly after this action the Agency instituted a hiring freeze. Since that time the level of field staff has remained unchanged with the exception of the reduction of 1 position in the Electrical / Instrumentation Department. Agency crews have worked very hard to accomplish required day to day and emergency work tasks with static staff levels and have managed to do a very good job of keeping the Agency’s water and wastewater systems operational, but the unfortunate result of that work effort is the fact that Preventative Maintenance (PM) work has suffered. The longer systems go with little or no PM work completed (valve exercising, Pressure reducing/sustaining valve maintenance, pump maintenance, etc), the greater the exposure to failures, outages, violations, etc. This is particularly evident in our Distribution Department. This Department’s infrastructure covers the widest breadth of the Agency’s service area. Within the CAWP Distribution System alone, there are 27 storage tanks, 10 pump stations, 45 pressure zones, and approximately 2,500 water meters. Couple that infrastructure with that of the lone, Sutter Creek, and Amador City Distribution Systems and it becomes clear that there is quite an extensive breadth of PM responsibility for this crew. The Agency needs to more aggressively address this responsibility. The Agency recently acquired the Rabb Park Distribution System, and provides vacation, emergency, and on-call support to River Pines and could provide the same support to Pine Grove CSD and First Mace Water Association in the future. The depth and age of the infrastructure within the Agency requires a higher level of preventative maintenance than current staffing levels allow. PM needs, and the possibility of adding more outside services work, coupled with providing assistance to both the Engineering (inquiries, line locates, project assistance, etc.) and Customer Service
(shutoffs/turn-ons, door tags, re-reads, etc) make it clear to Agency Management that the Distribution Department needs an additional crew member.

After much discussion and review, Staff recommends adding an entry level Distribution Operator 1. This position would assume a multitude of less complicated tasks in the Department, such as turn-ons, shutoff, re-reads, etc. which would in-turn free up Distribution 2 and 3 Operators to complete needed PM work.

Management staff recommends approving this position as a pro-active, necessary approach to ensure the Agency’s Distribution System is well maintained and continues to provide safe reliable water and wastewater services to our customers.

**Alternatives:**

Choose not to add a Distribution 1 position. Budget for and defer the addition to the 2017/18 Fiscal Budget.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Salary Range for this position is $20.15 - $26.73. $3,493 - $4,633 monthly. $41,912 - $55,984 annually.

Current fiscal year impact to salaries and benefits are approximately $9,500. Annual fiscal impact to salary and benefits are approximately $65,811.

**Reviewed by Committee:**

Yes. Reviewed by the Personnel Committee.

**Recommendation:**

Board approval of the Distribution 1 position and authorization to the General Manager to initiate the process to fill a Distribution 1 position.

**Prepared by:**

Damon Wyckoff, Operations Manager
SUMMARY
Under direction of the Distribution Supervisor and/or Distribution III, is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the distribution systems. This position requires direct and indirect support for customer service and the operation and maintenance of distribution facilities. Occasional related work Agency-wide is required.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following. Other duties may be assigned.

Distribution I – entry level into the Distribution operations. Under close supervision, learn the District systems and facilities, use of tools and equipment; perform maintenance on water distribution systems. Incumbents may advance to the next level after gaining additional experience, knowledge, skills and certification, typically within two years of Agency employment.

Distribution II – additional experience in Agency systems and facilities; maintenance of systems; SCADA experience, additional responsibilities and certifications required.

Works cooperatively on all operation, maintenance and repair work related to distribution, pressure reducing stations, wells, disinfection, water quality sampling and procedures, storage, piping and pumping systems; maintain and repair pressure reducing stations; troubleshoots all systems; conducts preventative maintenance work, including the routine updates of the computer data base system. Provide USA utility locations; provide for major and minor system repairs; leak detection; respond to customer service issues including water, taste & odor, service turn on/off, meter reads, pressure complaints and miscellaneous door tags. Install new service lines and meters and remove old as necessary. Work with the SCADA system to monitor and help maintain functioning of the storage and pumping systems; perform minor building maintenance needs; update system as-built drawings; work with independent contractors and other internal departments; perform scheduled 24-hour standby duties which include responding to emergency calls of any nature.

QUALIFICATIONS To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE
Distribution I - High School Diploma or GED, experience in mechanical maintenance and/or underground pipeline installation/maintenance desired.

Distribution II – High School Diploma or GED, experience in mechanical maintenance and/or underground pipeline installation/maintenance desired; two years of responsible experience in
the operation and maintenance of distribution and collection systems; including preventative maintenance, repairs, installations and troubleshooting.

OTHER SKILLS AND ABILITIES
Ability to read and interpret documents such as safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions and procedure manuals. Ability to write routine reports and correspondence. Ability to speak effectively before groups of customers or employees. Knowledge of hydraulics, pumping systems, piping and storage facilities. Backflow prevention principals; regulatory requirements. Recognize unusual, inefficient or dangerous operating conditions; communicate effectively both orally and in written form. Interpret plans, schematics and piping diagrams; draft sketches of system as-built modifications.

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS
Distribution I - Must possess a valid California driver's license with a continuing acceptable driving record. Ability to obtain a California State Distribution Operator Certificate Grade I within 18 months of employment.

Distribution II - Must possess a valid California driver's license with a continuing acceptable driving record; a California State Distribution Operator Certificate Grade I is required, with the ability to obtain a Grade II within 18 months.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS
The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to stand; walk; use hands to finger, handle, or feel; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; talk or hear; and taste or smell. The employee is occasionally required to stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 75 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include ability to adjust focus.

WORK ENVIRONMENT
The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently exposed to moving mechanical parts, fumes or airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, outside weather conditions, and risk of electrical shock. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

This job description should not be construed to imply that these requirements are the exclusive standards of the position. Incumbents will follow any other instructions, and perform any other related duties as may be required.

Created: 4/7/2017
STAFF REPORT
Bay-Delta Flow Requirements
ACWA Policy Statement
Resolution of Support

Requested Action:
Adoption of Resolution 2017-06 supporting the ACWA Policy Statement regarding the Bay-Delta Flow requirements.

Background:
Previously, the Board discussed and provided direction to sign letters opposing the State Water Board's proposal to base new water quality objectives on a "percentage of unimpaired flow" which could have negative impacts on Amador Water and its customers. ACWA's policy statement on the Bay-Delta Flow Requirements aligns with the Water Agency's concerns and position. The attached resolution has been reviewed and recommended by the Bay-Delta Flow Requirement Ad-Hoc Committee.

Alternatives:
1. Fail to adopt the resolution
2. Adopt the resolution with amendments
3. Provide direction to convey the Agency's position without a resolution

Fiscal Impact:
None

Reviewed by Committee:
Yes, the Bay-Delta Flow Requirement Ad-Hoc Committee reviewed and recommends approving the resolution.

Reviewed by Legal Counsel:
No

Recommendation:
Adoption of Resolution 2017-06 supporting the ACWA Policy Statement regarding the Bay-Delta Flow requirements.

Prepared by: Gene Mancebo, General Manager
COLLABORATIVE APPROACH IS KEY TO CALIFORNIA’S FUTURE

California is facing a defining moment in water policy. A staff proposal under consideration by the State Water Resources Control Board presents a decision point about the future we want for California and its communities, farms, businesses and ecosystems. The State Water Board’s staff proposal to base new water quality objectives on a “percentage of unimpaired flow” would have impacts that ripple far beyond water for fish.

The proposal could lead to widespread fallowing of agricultural land, undercut the state’s groundwater sustainability goals, cripple implementation of the Brown Administration’s California Water Action Plan, negatively affect water reliability for much of the state’s population and impact access to surface water for some disadvantaged communities that do not have safe drinking water. These effects are not in the public’s interest.

Local water managers overwhelmingly believe the proposal’s singular focus on “unimpaired flow” is the wrong choice for the state’s future. California’s urban and agricultural water managers are united in their vision for a future that includes a healthy economy as well as healthy ecosystems and fish populations. That vision is best achieved through comprehensive, collaborative approaches that include “functional” flows as well as non-flow solutions that contribute real benefits to ecosystem recovery.

On behalf of its more than 430 member public agencies serving urban and agricultural customers throughout the state, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) adopts the following policy statement regarding the State Water Board’s proposed approach to updating the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.
LOCAL SUCCESS STORIES

Collaborative efforts have been successful on many rivers in the Bay-Delta watershed.

**Lower Yuba River:** A voluntary, collaborative settlement among Yuba County Water Agency, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, National Marine Fisheries Service, PG&E and conservation groups resolved 20 years of controversy and resulted in a continuing program to improve 24 miles of salmon and steelhead habitat while protecting water rights and the needs of local communities. State Water Board members have specifically recognized the value of the agreement, which was formally implemented in 2008.

**Lower American River:** A broad representation of water suppliers, environmental groups, local governments and others negotiated an historic agreement that led to a flow management standard that was successfully incorporated into a 2009 biological opinion issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service.

**Feather River:** Six years of negotiations among water users, fisheries agencies and environmental groups yielded a comprehensive agreement that includes a habitat improvement program with specific flow and temperature requirements to accommodate spawning salmon and steelhead. The State Water Board adopted the agreement, with some modification, in 2010 as a water quality certification under the federal Clean Water Act.

CHOOSING OUR VISION FOR CALIFORNIA’S WATER FUTURE

Since 2009, state law has required water resources to be managed in a way that achieves the coequal goals of improving water supply reliability for California and protecting, restoring and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. ACWA and its public water agency members believe that policy requires a commitment from state agencies and stakeholders to advance both water supply and environmental goals together. ACWA and its members further believe that effective implementation of the coequal goals requires transparent, collaborative processes and comprehensive solutions.

In 2014, the Brown Administration released its California Water Action Plan outlining priority actions addressing water-use efficiency, groundwater sustainability, ecological restoration, Delta conveyance solutions, water storage, safe drinking water and more. Embedded in the plan is the Brown Administration’s commitment that planned actions “will move California toward more sustainable water management by providing a more reliable water supply for our farms and communities, restoring important wildlife habitat and species, and helping the state’s water systems and environment become more resilient.”

ACWA believes the policy of coequal goals and the commitment embedded in the California Water Action Plan have the potential to put California on a path that includes a vibrant agricultural and urban economy and a healthy ecosystem.

ACWA and its members believe the unimpaired flow approach proposed by State Water Board staff undercuts and threatens that potential and cannot lead us to the future we want for California. Simply put, any strategy that would result in vast amounts of agricultural land going out of production and ultimately reduce water supply reliability for the majority of Californians is irreconcilable with a policy of coequal goals and blatantly inconsistent with the water policy objectives of the Brown Administration.

ACWA strongly supports the collaborative approach called for by Governor Jerry Brown to move these important decisions out of adversarial processes and into negotiated, comprehensive agreements. The following principles can assure success in that endeavor,
A BETTER PATH TO THE FUTURE

The State Water Board is responsible for updating the Bay-Delta Plan in a manner that establishes water quality objectives that ensure the reasonable protection of all beneficial uses of water (including domestic, municipal, agricultural and industrial supply; power generation; recreation; aesthetic enjoyment; navigation; and preservation and enhancement of fish, wildlife, and other aquatic resources) while considering past, present and probable future beneficial uses, environmental characteristics, water quality conditions and economic considerations, among other things. (See California Water Code Section 13241.) It also has a responsibility to update the plan in a way that is consistent with the coequal goals and respects and implements the commitments made in the California Water Action Plan.

ACWA and its members urge the State Water Board to set aside the unimpaired flow approach and heed Governor Brown’s call for negotiated agreements. ACWA believes that a successful flows policy must be consistent with the following principles:

- **Collaboration:** The governor has called for work on a comprehensive agreement on environmental flows in both the San Joaquin and Sacramento River basins. He has asked that State Water Board members and staff prioritize analysis and implementation of voluntary agreements. Further, the Brown Administration committed in the California Water Action Plan that the State Water Board and the California Natural Resources Agency will work with stakeholders to encourage negotiated implementation of protective Delta standards. ACWA strongly supports the collaborative approach called for by the governor because it is the least contentious, most effective way to achieve the coequal goals. Negotiated agreements have been demonstrably successful at achieving outcomes and widespread support for appropriate environmental flows; forced regulations have not yielded the same track record. The State Water Board should wholly embrace this approach and allow enough time for it to work.

- **Comprehensive Solutions:** A successful collaborative approach will require comprehensive solutions for both water supply and ecosystem management. Water users will need to continue and build on their commitment to integrated resources management in order to maintain reliability without undue impacts on the ecosystem. Similarly, ecosystem managers will need to focus on the entire life cycle of affected species and multiple variables, such as predation, food, and habitat availability to develop integrated management portfolios that accomplish ecosystem goals without undue impacts on water supply. Utilizing the single variable proposed in the “percentage of unimpaired flow” approach will not achieve the desired ecological outcomes and is, by far, the most destructive policy approach from the perspective of protecting and improving water supply. ACWA firmly believes the ecological outcomes can be achieved with even better results through a comprehensive approach that considers multiple solutions and benefits.

- **Science:** The State Water Board needs to incorporate the best available science to inform its work and assist with the development of voluntary settlement agreements. The unimpaired flow approach, in which flow objectives are not tied to any specific ecological outcome, fails to incorporate the best available science. As noted above, the updated plan needs to focus on the entire life cycle of affected species and multiple variables, such as predation, food, and habitat availability, and incorporate relevant current scientific information. Science alone cannot identify the best policy choice, but it can inform us about the policy tradeoffs we confront and help structure integrated solutions that provide ecosystem benefits with far less impact on water supply, the California economy and the public interest.
**FUNCTIONAL FLOWS: A BETTER APPROACH**

**Sacramento Valley:** Sacramento Valley water users and conservation partners are working together to advance a new generation of innovative projects to promote salmon recovery.

Over the past two and a half years, 12 projects have been completed through the Sacramento Valley Salmon Recovery Program to address fish passage, improve the timing of flows and increase habitat for salmon and other species. Priority projects have included removal of structural barriers to fish passage, modifying riffles, eliminating predator habitat, restoring floodplains and creating side channel spawning and rearing areas.

In addition, program partners are exploring creative ways to reconnect water with the land in floodplains and agricultural areas to enhance habitat and food production and create rearing habitat in rice fields.

While each of these collaborative projects provides independent value, implementation of the entire comprehensive suite is generating unique benefits that can significantly improve ecological outcomes for salmon in the Sacramento Valley.

**Merced River:** Merced Irrigation District has spent millions of dollars and decades undertaking intense and in-depth scientific research on the Merced River. This research has included analysis of flows, temperatures, biological resources and habitat. MID is poised to put this research into action through its Merced S.A.F.E. Plan (Salmon, Agriculture, Flows, and Environment) to provide certainty for both the environment and local water supply in Eastern Merced County.

The plan would provide increased flows using science to dictate the amounts and timing, restore critical sections of habitat for spawning and rearing juvenile salmon, protect local drinking water quality, upgrade an existing salmon hatchery with state-of-the-art facilities and reduce predation.

Based on in-depth science and technologically advanced computer modeling, MID seeks to take immediate action and dramatically benefit salmon on the Merced River:

- **Functional Flows:** Science shows that functional flows have very promising benefits for fish as well agricultural and urban water users. Timed and tailored for specific purposes, functional flows can benefit species in ways that unimpaired flow requirements cannot. Examples abound of collaborative, innovative projects currently underway by local water agencies and stakeholders that include functional flows and non-flow solutions that reconnect land and water to restore habitat and address the full life cycle of species needs. These efforts contribute real benefits to ecosystem recovery while maintaining water supply reliability.

- **Economic Considerations:** The State Water Board has a statutory obligation to consider economic impacts when establishing water quality objectives that reasonably protect all beneficial uses of water. Having a robust economic analysis is critical. The board also has a policy obligation under the coequal goals to ensure its actions related to a revised Bay-Delta Plan increase water supply reliability and thereby allow for a healthy, growing agricultural and urban economy in California.

- **Consistency with State Policy:** ACWA urges the State Water Board to heed the governor's direction and recognize that achieving the coequal goals will lead to a more reliable water supply and healthy ecosystem. Pursuing the coequal goals should be a guiding principle for the board's decisions related to adopting a revised Bay-Delta Plan. The State Water Board also should ensure that its decisions on the Bay-Delta Plan enable, rather than obstruct, the implementation of the California Water Action Plan.

- **Leadership:** The best policy choice will come through the give and take of the negotiating process and the enlightened leadership of the State Water Board members. Ultimately, the board must establish water quality objectives that ensure the reasonable protection of all beneficial uses of water as it implements negotiated solutions. The State Water Board should actively engage in this work and lead in a manner that is grounded in an awareness of how its actions can affect the implementation of the California Water Action Plan and the achievement of the coequal goals.

ACWA and its members have taken a strong policy position in support of comprehensive solutions such as those outlined in the California Water Action Plan. We stand ready to work with the Brown Administration to pursue the collaborative and comprehensive approaches needed to ensure a future for California that includes a vibrant agricultural and urban economy and a healthy ecosystem.
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-06
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUPPORTING THE ACWA POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING THE BAY-DELTA FLOW REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, California is facing a defining moment in water policy that will be substantially impacted by the State Water Resources Control Board’s approach to water quality objectives under the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Board has the responsibility for updating the Bay-Delta Plan in a manner that establishes water quality objectives that ensure the reasonable protection of all beneficial uses of water in a way that is consistent with the coequals goals of improving water supply reliability and protecting, restoring and enhancing the Delta ecosystem and with respect to the commitments made in the California Water Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State Water Board staff’s current proposal, which focuses singularly on an “unimpaired flow” approach, is irreconcilable with a policy of coequal goals of improving both water supply reliability and ecosystem health; it is also inconsistent with the broader water policy objectives of the Brown Administration; and

WHEREAS, the ACWA Board of Directors has unanimously adopted a strong policy statement calls for a better approach that can more effectively achieve ecological objectives while maintaining water supply reliability. The statement calls on the State Water Board to set aside its “unimpaired flow” approach and heed Gov. Jerry Brown’s call for negotiated agreements, which have been successful on many rivers and tributaries in California, including the 1998 Joint Settlement Agreement on the Mokelumne River and;
WHEREAS, the ACWA statement notes that to be successful, the state’s flow policy must be consistent with the principles of collaboration, comprehensive solutions, science, functional flows, economic considerations, consistency with state policy, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, California’s local urban and agricultural water managers are united in their vision for a future that includes a vibrant California economy as well as healthy ecosystems and fish populations, and believe that vision is best achieved through a comprehensive, collaborative approaches;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Amador Water Agency hereby supports ACWA’s Policy Statement on Bay-Delta Flows and encourages the State Water Resources Control Board to embrace the approach articulated in ACWA’s policy statement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Amador Water Agency on this 13th day of April, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

By: ____________________________
Gary Thomas
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

By: ____________________________
Cris Thompson
Clerk, Board of Directors
STAFF REPORT
Ecological Resources Committee
Membership

Requested Action:
Discussion and possible action to confirm the Water Agency's willingness to meet New Membership Protocols for the Mokelumne River Project Ecological Resources Committee and discuss the goals, objectives and interests related to participation in the Ecological Resource Committee and Settlement Agreement activities.

Background:
The Amador Water Agency Strategic Plan includes becoming a member of the Ecological Resources Committee.

In June 1999, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (Licensee), the USDA Forest Service (FS), the USDA Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), the USDI Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), American Whitewater (AU), Friends of the River (FOR), Foothill Conservancy (FC), and Natural Heritage Institute (NHI) agreed to engage in a public, collaborative process with the goal of executing a Settlement Agreement (Settlement) by June 30, 2000, which would resolve all streamflow issues among them in support of FS issuing its Final 4(e) Conditions and FERC issuing a new Project license. The Settlement was developed and executed with an Effective Date of July 21, 2000. All of the Parties listed above with the exception of SWRCB and EBMUD became signatories to the Settlement.

PG&E was required to implement an ecological resources adaptive management program, which generally consists of: (a) formation of an Ecological Resources Committee (ERC), (b) implementation of a stream ecology monitoring program, (c) specific adaptive management measures that shall be implemented if the ERC determines through the monitoring program and other scientific information that the applicable ecological resource objectives described in the Settlement will likely not be met without adjustment of the initial streamflows and other initial Protection, Mitigation, and Enhancement (PM&E) measures, and (d) a PM&E fund to address other items.

The ERC determines or recommends items such as water releases for recreation flows and drawdown on the upper old reservoirs. The Water Agency has increased its interest and participation in the Watershed through Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority and has directed staff to continue these efforts through participation in the ERC.
In order to become a member of the ERC, the Water Agency would need to meet new membership protocols (attached) one of which is the willingness to sign and support the Settlement Agreement.

**Alternatives:**
1. Decide to not be a member of the ERC

**Fiscal Impact:**
Mainly staff time.

**Reviewed by Committee:**
No.

**Reviewed by Legal Counsel:**
Yes, Legal Counsel will report out during the meeting.

**Recommendation:**
Confirmation of the Water Agency’s willingness to meet New Membership Protocols for the Mokelumne River Project Ecological Resources Committee and discuss the goals, objectives and interests related to participation in the Ecological Resource Committee and Settlement Agreement activities.

**Prepared by:** Gene Mancebo, General Manager
Mokelumne River Project Ecological Resources Committee
New Membership Protocols

On January 15, 2015, the Mokelumne River Project, FERC No. 137, Ecological Resources Committee (ERC) approved the following new membership protocols. These protocols are consistent with the new membership protocols discussed in the Mokelumne Relicensing Settlement Agreement, Mokelumne Relicensing Settlement Agreement Rational Report, and FERC License.

1. A prospective new member shall make a good faith effort to attend all ERC meetings for one year so that the regularly attending ERC members can interact with and evaluate the prospective new member's constructive participation in the ERC.

2. Prospective new members of the ERC may be individuals or organizations, but there may not be duplications through multiple memberships of essentially the same person or group.

3. A prospective new member must provide to the ERC a written statement containing the identity and contact information of its proposed representative, a description of its constituency, goals, objectives, expertise and interests related to the Mokelumne River Project, the Settlement Agreement, and resource management within the Mokelumne River Project. The statement must also include an acknowledgement that the prospective new member has read the Settlement Agreement and is willing to sign and support the Settlement Agreement as a condition of admission as a member of the ERC.

4. A prospective new member must adhere to Non-Member Meeting Attendance Protocols at ERC meetings. A prospective new member will not be involved in discussions or decisions about membership in the ERC for itself or other prospective new members. A prospective new member should avoid actions that primarily prevent, block or interfere with the ERC members reaching consensus on any issue or decision.

5. Admission of a new prospective member to the ERC is only through unanimous agreement of the regularly attending members and the admission of a new prospective member is not subject to dispute resolution under the Mokelumne Relicensing Settlement Agreement (See, Settlement Agreement, Appendix B, Section 2).

6. The regularly attending ERC members will make decisions about admitting a prospective new member. The ERC shall maintain the confidentiality of this meeting and the deliberations. The notes of the ERC regarding this decision about admitting a prospective new member will reflect only that admission of the prospective new member was accepted or declined by the ERC; individual decisions or comments by ERC members from this meeting shall not be reported in the ERC notes to maintain the confidence of this process.
7. Admission as a new member of the ERC shall not be effective until the prospective new member has signed the Settlement Agreement after a decision by the regularly attending ERC members to accept admission of the new member. Once a new member has been accepted and has signed the Settlement Agreement, the new member shall have the full rights and responsibilities of the other ERC members, and as provided to signatories to the settlement agreement.
Excerpts from Mokelumne River Project
Settlement Agreement, Rationale Document, and License discussing ERC membership and withdrawal

Excerpts from Settlement Agreement

Section 2. Ecological Resources Committee – Members
The membership of the ERC shall consist only of representatives of the Original Parties to the Settlement except FS, which will designate a liaison(s) to the ERC. The ERC may add to its membership by unanimous agreement not subject to dispute resolution.

Section 4. Implementation of Settlement – Withdrawal from Settlement
4.10.4 Continuity After Withdrawal. The withdrawal of a Party, other than the Licensee, does not terminate the Settlement for the remaining Parties. If a Party withdraws from the Settlement, the withdrawing Party shall not be bound by any term contained in the Settlement. Additionally, the withdrawing Party shall be deemed to have resigned from the ERC upon the effective date of the withdrawal and shall not be eligible for membership in the ERC for a period of 5 years. The withdrawing Party shall continue to be bound by the Collaborative protocols, to the extent permitted by applicable law.

Excerpt from Rationale Document

Rationale for Recommended Adaptive Management Program: Ecological Resources Committee [page 34]
The primary purpose of the recommended ERC is to assist the Licensee in the design of the monitoring plans, review and evaluation of data, and making specified decisions regarding ecological resources adaptive management measures for implementation by the Licensee as provided in the Settlement. The membership of the ERC will consist of representatives of the Original Parties to the Settlement except FS, which will designate a liaison(s) to the ERC. The members of the ERC will have a strong technical orientation in a variety of aquatic resource disciplines. Additionally, the ERC will be able to bring in other technical experts as needed. The ERC will have a strong knowledge-base relative to resource issues associated with the Project, allowing the group to make sound, scientifically-based resource management decisions within the limits of the recommended adaptive management program.

Excerpt from License

None applicable

January 15, 2015
Page 3 of 3
STAFF REPORT
May 11, 2017 Board Meeting

Requested Action:
Discussion and possible action to cancel the Regular Board Meeting of May 11, 2017.

Background:
The General Manager, Assistant General Manager and the Operations Manager will all be attending the Association of California Water Agencies during the week of May 8th and will not be available for the May 11, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. Director Molinelli Jr is also unavailable that week.

Alternatives:
1. Leave the meeting scheduled
2. Schedule a special board meeting as needed

Fiscal Impact:
None

Reviewed by Committee:
No

Reviewed by Legal Counsel:
No

Recommendation:
Cancelation of the May 11, 2017 Board meeting

Prepared by: Gene Mancebo, General Manager
Requested Action: None

Background: The Amador Water Agency’s Investment Policy requires and Government Code Section 53646 encourages submittal to the Board of Directors a quarterly investment report reflecting the quarterly interest earnings received by the Agency from institutions holding Agency funds for investment purposes.

This report presents the Agency’s investment portfolio as of March 31, 2017. It includes all investments managed by the Agency but not those held by external trustees. Funds held by trustees include assets such as bond reserve funds and deferred compensation plans.

- The portfolio is invested in short-term investments with the American River Bank and the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) administered by the State Treasurer. These are very high quality investments available to public agencies in terms of safety, liquidity and yield. These funds are FDIC insured up to $250,000 per investor and excess values are collateralized in accordance with Government Code Section 53651 and 53652.

- The balance represents the amount invested at a given point in time and is equal to the purchase price, par or face value, account balance and all represent the cost paid or funds invested in the vehicle.

- The market value of any instrument is the spot price between a willing buyer and seller and is a function of supply & demand, market and credit risk. The market value on instruments being bought and sold will fluctuate on a daily basis, while the purchase price, par or face values are constants. The market value for short term interest bearing accounts that are currently within the Agency’s portfolio is simply the balance in the account. Interest is credited to the Agency’s investment accounts on a monthly and quarterly (LAIF) basis and is given in the interest earned column.

- The quoted yield is given on an annual basis and taken from the monthly statement. The yield is a function of average daily balances, considering deposits and withdrawals, for short-term interest accounts or agreed rates for instruments that are bought and sold. Purchased instruments that are traded have purchased dates and maturities associated with them.
**Alternatives:** Alternatively, the Agency could choose to invest more in longer term securities. However, higher yield investments with longer maturities will increase liquidity risk.

**Fiscal Impact:** The overall weighted average return of the portfolio is .57% which is the product of the individual instruments' weights and yields, this equates to $10,776 for the March 31st period. The attached table provides some significant statistics on the Agency's portfolio. The valuation source is the March 31st, 2017 month ending statements from each of the respective institutions.

**Reviewed by Committee:** No

**Recommendation:** Presently, the Agency's portfolio is consistent with its investment policy and the prudent investor rule.

**Prepared by:** Tracey Hays, Finance Manager
## Amador Water Agency
### Investment Report
March 31, 2017

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Unrestricted            | 1,636,391            
Restricted              | 1,398,944            
**3,035,335**

Portfolio Weighted Average Return 0.57%
STAFF REPORT

Registered Professional Forester for the Agency’s Hazard Tree Removal Program

Requested Action:
None. Informational only

Background:
On October 27th, 2016 the Amador Water Agency Board of Directors authorized staff to apply for funding through California’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) in order to remove dead trees killed by drought that threaten Agency infrastructure. The Agency’s application was successful and $480,000 has been made available to the Agency for identification and removal of dead trees. There is a 25% matching cost component as part of the funding.
In January 2017 the Agency issued a Request for Proposal to obtain the services of a Registered Professional Forester and/or Certified Arborist to perform a Tree Mortality analysis; provide GPS locations, identification/marking, and documentation of dead and dying trees threatening Agency infrastructure; perform all necessary tree harvesting documentation and manage the Licensed Timber Operator. Engineering and Operations staff reviewed five proposals from consultants and ranked them from one to five. Cost proposals were then opened and the top ranked consultant’s proposal was $138,000. The Second ranked proposal was less than $25,000. Based on these findings, staff selected the second ranked proposal, Foothill Resource Management, which is also a local business.

Alternatives:
None

Fiscal Impact:
25% of the cost of the Registered Professional Forester’s proposal which is $6,250 and ultimately 25% of the Licensed Timber Operator’s tree removal activities.
Reviewed by Committee:
No

Recommendation:
Informational only

Prepared by:
Damon Wyckoff, Operations Manager
STAFF REPORT
Water Rate Update Study

Requested Action:
Discussion and possible action to authorize the General Manager to execute amendment #1 to the contract between the Reed Group Inc and AWA for additional work related to the Water Rate Study Update as provided in the attached letter from the Reed Group for an additional cost not to exceed $9,900.

Background:
The Agency entered into a contract with the Reed Group, Inc. to conduct a water rate update study on February 9, 2017. Previously the Board discussed expanding the scope to address specific areas of concern during the February 9, 2017 Board meeting, but decided to hold on funding additional work, if necessary at a future date. This included a more in depth review of the raw water charges and potential rate structure for both the Gravity Supply Line and wholesale water service to EBMUD’s for their Lake Camanche Northshore customers. Recent discussions have raised the need to also review standby rates. In addition, staff and Mr. Reed have encountered significant challenges in retrieving the data from the financial system in a beneficial format. The newness of the system has provided reporting challenges that requires a significant amount of time for both staff and Mr. Reed. The attached scope of work outlines the additional tasks for consideration. The amendment to the contract would be a not to exceed $9,900, bringing the total cost for the Water Rate Update Study to $45,400.

Alternatives:
1. Eliminate preparation of new wholesale water rates and other items not included in the original scope of work
2. Reduce work effort in areas of the study not yet completed.

Fiscal Impact:
None

Reviewed by Committee:
No

Reviewed by Legal Counsel:
No
Recommendation:
Discussion and possible action to authorize the General Manager to execute amendment #1 to the contract between the Reed Group Inc and AWA for additional work related to the Water Rate Study Update

Prepared by: Gene Mancebo, General Manager
April 6, 2017

Gene Mancebo
Amador Water Agency
12800 Ridge Road
Sutter Creek, CA 95685

Subject: Scope Amendment for Water Rate Update Study

Dear Gene,

As you know, The Reed Group, Inc. is in the midst of a water rate update study for the Agency. In recent conversations you indicated a desire to expand the scope to address some specific issues of interest to you and the Board. This letter briefly identifies those additional tasks, as well as an estimate of the additional time required to address them.

In addition, in 2015 the Agency implemented a new financial and utility billing system (Springbrook). This is the first rate study for the Agency in which I will be relying on utility billing data from the new system. Extracting the necessary customer account and water usage data has proven to be a greater task than envisioned, due in part to the newness of the system and reporting features for staff. It has also been necessary for me to expend an unexpected amount of time to review, verify, compile, and organize data (often in hard copy format) for the rate study. I would like to add additional hours to the project budget for this additional effort as well.

Below is a list of additional task to be performed during the current water rate update study:

- Provide a closer examination of the costs of untreated water service with consideration of the cost differences between service from untreated water pipelines and the Amador canal. This will include consideration of canal maintenance costs. Potential future untreated water service to both the Mace Meadows golf course and the Shenandoah Valley would also be considered in this task.

- Develop a pricing approach for raw water service to EBMUD. This service would not rely on the Agency’s water system facilities, as water would be diverted by EBMUD from the Mokelumne River.

- With assistance from staff, identify the Agency’s efforts to reduce and/or limit costs and highlight the rate impact of such efforts.

- Examine the current water rate structure and consider alternative approaches that may be more sensitive to small volume customers, while still meeting constitutional cost of service requirements.

- Assist staff in reviewing existing standby charges, capital facilities fees, and similar long-standing fees to determine whether they should be continued, updated, and/or discontinued.
I am assuming that the above issues can be discussed with the Board of Directors within the previously planned two board workshops, and that an additional workshop will not be necessary. It may be advisable, however, to plan on at least one conversation with the Agency's legal counsel on some of the issues outlined above.

The estimated cost to perform these additional tasks, as well as cover extra time working with utility billing data, is $9,900.

Because the study started at a later date than originally planned, the following is an updated timeline for completing the study:

- Initiate study: Mid-February
- Obtain, review, and compile utility billing data: March
- Evaluate current situation and develop financial plan: April
- Conduct board workshops: May 11 & May 25
- Refine financial plan and calculate water rates: Late May
- Prepare study recommendations and draft report: Early June
- Present study recommendations to Board: June 22
- Mail Proposition 218 public notice on water rates: Late June
- Conduct public hearing on water rates: August 15

I appreciate the opportunity to be of continued service to the Agency. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this proposed contract amendment. If the amendment is acceptable, please sign below and return a copy to me.

Sincerely,

Robert Reed
The Reed Group, Inc.

Gene Mancebo, General Manager

Date
MEMORANDUM

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AMADOR WATER AGENCY
CC: GENE MANCEBO, GENERAL MANAGER
FROM: KATRINA NELSON & JOSHUA HOROWITZ
DATE: APRIL 6, 2017
RE: LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR THE APRIL 13, 2017 AMADOR WATER AGENCY BOARD MEETING

The following are bills of potential interest to the Amador Water Agency pending in the California Legislature:

STATE ASSEMBLY

Introduced: 12/05/16
Status: 01/19/2017 – referred to Assembly Comm. on Labor & Employment.
Existing law, with certain exceptions, establishes 8 hours as a day’s work and a 40-hour workweek, and requires overtime pay for additional hours work. AB 5 would require an employer with 10 or more employees to offer additional hours of work to an existing non-exempt employee before hiring an additional employee or subcontractor using a transparent, nondiscriminatory process to distribute the additional hours of work among existing employees, except that the employer will not be required to offer an employee additional work hours if it would result in the employer having to compensate the employee with overtime pay under applicable laws or a collective bargaining agreement. The bill also would require the employer to post a specified notice of employee rights and to maintain certain related documentation. In addition, it would authorize an employee to file a complaint for violations of AB 5’s provisions with the Division of Labor Standards Employment, and would make a violation of AB 5 punishable by civil penalty.
ACWA: None.

AB 12 (Cooley) – State Government: Administrative Regulations: Review.
Introduced: 12/5/2016
Status: 04/05/2017 – Referred to suspense file by Assembly Comm. on Appropriations following passage by Assembly Comm. on Accountability and Admin. Review.
This bill would require each state agency to review that agency’s regulations by January 1, 2020, identify any regulations that are duplicative, overlapping, inconsistent, or outdated, to revise those identified regulations, and report to the Legislature and Governor, as specified. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2021.
ACWA: None.

Introduced: 12/5/2016

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Status: 03/20/2017 – Urgency clause adopted and passed by the Assembly; ordered to the Senate and referred to Senate Comm. on Rules for assignment.
This bill would enact the California Clean Water, Climate, and Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in an amount of $3,105,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a clean water, climate, and coastal protection and outdoor access for all program.
ACWA: Favor if amended.

AB 277 (Mathis) – Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program.
Introduced: 02/01/2017
Status: 04/05/2017 – Referred to suspend file by Assembly Comm. on Appropriations following passage by Assembly Comm. on Water, Parks & Wildlife with author’s amendments (03/27/2017).
This bill would authorize the SWRCB to establish the Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program that would provide funds to nonprofit organizations (that provide financial and technical assistance to disadvantaged communities) and counties for projects benefiting residents and small water systems for the following purposes: extend or connect water or wastewater service lines to the applicant’s residence or plumbing; pay reasonable charges or fees for connecting to a water or wastewater system; pay costs to close abandoned septic tanks and water wells; deepen or improve an existing groundwater well; install a water treatment system if the groundwater exceeds a primary or secondary drinking standard; and improve, rehabilitate, replace, or repair existing groundwater wells and associated equipment.
ACWA: Favor.

AB 313 (Gray) – Water rights.
Introduced: 02/06/2017
Status: 02/21/2017 – Referred to Assembly Comm. on Water, Parks & Wildlife.
AB 313 would revise the qualifications for membership to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), which members are appointed by the Governor, by eliminating qualification requirements in the field of water rights (i.e., the current requirements that one member be an attorney who is qualified in water supply/water rights law, and another that the member be a civil engineer qualified in the fields of water supply and water rights). Among other things, this bill would transfer authority over water rights matters from the SWRCB to the Department of Water Resources (DWR); require DWR to base its fee schedules for permits and licenses to appropriate water solely upon a ratable share of the average total actual diversion of water as reported by each water right holder in the two years prior; require DWR to set the amount of total revenues collected each year through these fees at an amount equal to 50% of the amount appropriated by the Legislature for water rights fund program activities. This bill also would transfer the SWRCB’s authority under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) to DWR, establish a new State Water Project Commission within the Natural Resources Agency, and establish a new Water Rights Division within the Office of Administrative Hearings.
ACWA: Watch.

AB 321 (Mathis) – Groundwater sustainability plans.
Introduced: 02/07/2017
Status: 04/04/2017 – Co-authors revised following cancellation of 03/20/2017 hearing before Assembly Comm. on Parks, Water & Wildlife at author’s request.
Under SGMA, all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins under DWR’s Bulletin 118 and that are designated as basins subject to critical overdraft conditions must be managed under a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) by January 31, 2020 developed by the
groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) for that basin. This bill would require the GSA to solicit the participation of farmers, ranchers, and other qualified professionals within a groundwater basin prior to and during the development and implementation of a GSP.

ACWA: Not favor.

AB 474 (Garcia) – Hazardous waste: Spent brine solutions.
Introduced: 02/13/2017
Status: 04/05/2017 – Referred to Assembly Comm. on Appropriations following passage by Assembly Comm. on Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials.
Existing law exempts from certain requirements of the Hazardous Waste Control Law the wastes from extraction, beneficiation, or processing of ores and minerals that are not subject to regulation under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, including spent brine solutions used to produce geothermal energy that meet specified requirements. This bill would exempt spent brine solutions that are byproducts of the treatment of groundwater for purposes of meeting California drinking water standards from those same requirements if certain conditions are met, including: (i) that spent brine solutions are transferred for dewatering via a closed piping system to lined surface impoundments regulated by regional water quality control boards; (ii) the spent brine solutions are treated, prior to transfer to lined surface impoundments, with a technology that renders the spent brine solutions nonhazardous for all contaminants, except selenium; and (iii) mitigation measures are used to prevent birds from coming into contact with spent brine solutions in lined surface impoundments containing hazardous levels of selenium.
ACWA: Favor.

AB 851 (Caballero) – Local agency design-build projects.
Introduced: 02/16/2017
Status: 03/23/2017 – Re-referred to Assembly Comm. on Local Government following author’s amendments (03/22/2017).
This bill would authorize special districts that provide or operate flood protection, habitat restoration or enhancement, groundwater recharge or storage, surface water storage, water treatment facilities, wastewater facilities, solid waste management facilities, water recycling facilities, and fire protection facilities to use the design-build procurement process when contracting for specified public works. It also expands the list of public works projects for which local agencies may utilize the design-build procurement process.
ACWA: Support.

AB 975 (Friedman) – Natural resources: Wild and scenic rivers.
Introduced: 02/16/2017
Status: 04/05/2017 – Passed by Assembly Comm. on Appropriations.
Existing law states California’s policy that certain rivers possessing extraordinary scenic, recreational, fishery, or wildlife values shall be preserved in their free-flowing state, together with their immediate environments, for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of the State. This bill would revise that policy to specify that certain rivers possessing extraordinary scenic, recreational, fishery, wildlife, historical, cultural, geological, ecological, hydrological, botanical, or other similar values shall be preserved in their free-flowing state, together with their immediate environments, for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of the State. It would also revise the definition of “immediate environments” and add a definition for the term “extraordinary value” to mean “a natural, cultural, or similar value that is outstanding or remarkable in a local, regional, or statewide context.
ACWA: Oppose.

AB 1654 (Rubio) – Water shortage: urban water management planning.
Existing law requires urban water suppliers that provide water for municipal purposes to prepare and adopt urban water management plans and update such plans once every five years on or before December 31 in year ending in 5 or 0, except as specified. This bill would require urban water suppliers to update their urban water management plans on or before July 1 in years ending in 1 and 6, and require each urban water supplier to report annually by June 15 to DWR the status of its water supplies for that year, including whether such supplies will be adequate to meet projected customer demand. The bill also would require urban water suppliers to implement the responses described in its water shortage contingency analysis if available supplies for that year will not be adequate to meet demand, to continue implementing mandatory demand reduction measures until certain conditions have changed to the point that the supplier finds that it is able to meet projected demand over the next 12 months without continued implementation of the measures, and to file a report with DWR by the 15th of each month during the period that mandatory demand reduction measures are being implemented. In addition, the bill would require DWR to establish an electronic portal through which suppliers can provide the reports.

The bill also would add to the required elements of the urban water management plan a description of how an emergency supply has been established to increase water supply reliability during shortage, how the supply is in addition to the supplies that the agency draws upon during non-shortage times, if an emergency supply is identified as an existing or planned source of water available to the supplier. The bill also would require a description of the reliability and vulnerability for 5 consecutive years consisting of a repeat of the 5 consecutive historic driest years experienced by the supplier, except as provided, rather than multiple dry water years, and specifies that distribution system water loss to be included in the plan is potable distribution system water loss.

The bill also would prohibit an urban water supplier, during a statewide drought, local drought, or water shortage, from being required to reduce its use or reliance on any water supply available for its use and identified in its plan or from being required to take additional actions beyond those specified in its water shortage contingency analysis for the specified level of water shortage.

ACWA: Support.

**AB 1667 (Friedman) – Urban water suppliers: landscape water meters.**

*Introduced: 02/17/2017*

**Status:** 03/16/2017 – Referred to Assembly Comm. on Water, Parks & Wildlife.

This bill would require an urban water supplier to install dedicated landscape water meters on commercial, institutional, industrial, and multifamily service connections that are located in its service area on or before January 1, 2020, if the property has greater than 1,000 square feet of irrigated landscape, and on or before January 1, 2025, if the property has greater than 500, but less than 1,001, square feet of irrigated landscape. It also would require a supplier to install dedicated landscape water meters on single-family residential service connections that are located in its service area on or before January 1, 2030, if the property has greater than 5,000 square feet of irrigated landscape. In addition, the bill would authorize a supplier to waive these requirements for a customer that, before January 1, 2018, has installed one or more separate submeters that exclusively measure all water usage for irrigated landscape and that agrees to provide water consumption data recorded by the submeter at least annually to the urban water supplier. Finally, it would exempt from these requirements a service connection where a separate water meter for landscape purposes is required by existing law as a condition of new retail water service.
ACWA: Oppose.

STATE SENATE

Introduced: 12/5/2016
Status: 04/05/2017 – Set for hearing on April 17 before the Senate Comm. on Appropriations.
Would enact the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in an amount of $3,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program. SB 5 includes $1.5 billion for four Proposition 1 funding categories. $375 million would be provided for each of the following categories: Clean Water/Drinking Water SRF; Integrated Regional Water Management; Groundwater Sustainability/Cleanup; and Recycling/Desalination.
ACWA: Favor if amended.

SB 80 (Wieckowski) – California Environmental Quality Act: Notices.
Introduced: 01/11/2017
Status: 04/05/2017 – Set for hearing on April 17 before the Senate Comm. on Appropriations.
Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), lead agencies are required to post certain notices for environmental documents for a period of 20 or 30 days in the office of the county clerk in the county where the project will be located, and also to mail the notices to persons who have filed written requests for notices. This bill would require the lead agency to post notices on the agency’s website and to offer to provide those notices by e-mail if it determines that a project falls within a class of projects that is exempt from CEQA. It also would require the county clerk to post the CEQA notices on the county’s website for 30 days, and require that a notice of determination be filed with the county clerk for projects that are exempt from CEQA’s requirements.
ACWA: Oppose unless amended.

SB 163 (Bradford) – Elections: Domicile: Residence.
Introduced: 1/19/2017
Status: 02/02/2017 – Referred to Senate Comms. on Judiciary and Elections & Constitutional Amendments.
Existing law defines “residence” for voting purposes as a person’s domicile. Existing law describes the domicile of a person as that place in which his or her habitation is fixed, wherein the person has the intention of remaining, and to which, whenever he or she is absent, the person has the intention of returning. Existing law provides that a person may have only one domicile at a given time, but may have more than one residence. Existing law also provides that, for purposes of determining the domicile of a Member of the Legislature or a Representative in the Congress of the United States, it shall be conclusively presumed that the residence address indicated on that person’s currently filed affidavit of voter registration is that person’s domicile. This bill would provide that a person’s domicile or residence may also be the place in which the person has legal tenancy. This bill would define legal tenancy for voting purposes to mean a person’s right to possess or hold property, whether by lease or by title. This bill would provide that the conclusive presumption for determining a Member of the Legislature’s domicile applies if the person has legal tenancy at the residence address indicated on his or her affidavit of voter registration.
AWA: None.
SB 224 (Jackson) – California Environmental Quality Act: Baseline conditions.
Introduced: 02/02/2017
Status: 04/05/2017 – Re-referred to Senate Comm. on Environmental Quality following author’s amendments.
This bill would require the state Office of Planning and Research (OPR), on or after January 1, 2018, to prepare and develop proposed changes or amendments to the CEQA guidelines to determine the baseline physical conditions by which a lead agency determines whether a project has a significant effect on the environment. This bill would require OPR to, in developing its recommendations, limit the consideration of modifications to the environment at the project site caused by certain actions.
ACWA: None.

SB 229 (Wieckowski) – Accessory dwelling units.
Introduced: 02/02/2017
Status: 03/30/2017 – Set for hearing on April 5 before the Senate Comm. on Governance and Finance. (It appears no action has been taken by the committee as of the date of this memorandum.)
Under existing law—specifically, under SB 1069 that was passed by the Legislature last year, cities and counties are prohibited from considering accessory dwelling units as a new residential use for purposes of calculating connection fees or capacity charges for utilities, including water and sewer service, under the Planning and Zoning Law. Moreover, for an accessory dwelling unit constructed in an existing space, existing law prohibits cities and counties from requiring the applicant to install a new or separate utility connection directly between the accessory dwelling unit and the utility and from imposing a related connection fee or capacity charge. This bill would prohibit a special district from considering an accessory dwelling unit a new residential use for purposes of calculating connection fees or capacity charges. It also would extend the applicability of the above prohibition to special districts.
ACWA: Watch.

SB 231 (Hertzberg) – Local government: Fees and charges.
Introduced: 02/01/2017
Status: 04/05/2017 – Passed by the Senate Comm. on Governance and Finance.
Proposition 218 generally require that assessments, fees, and charges be submitted to property owners for approval or rejection after the provision of written notice and the holding of a public hearing. The Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act prescribes specific procedures and parameters for local jurisdictions to comply with Prop. 218 and defines terms for these purposes. This bill would define the term “sewer” for these purposes. The definition is broad and would include storm sewers and storm waters. The bill would also make findings and declarations relating to the definition of the term “sewer” for these purposes.
ACWA: Watch.

SB 427 (Leyva) Public water systems: Lead user service lines.
Introduced: 02/15/2017
Status: 04/05/2017 – April 5 hearing postponed by the Senate Comm. on Environmental Quality.
After agreeing in the 2016 legislative session to substantially amend SB 1398 to soften its impacts on public water system, this bill would resurrect the stringent provisions that Senator Leyva removed from her SB 1398. SB 427 would, by July 1, 2020, require a public water system to provide the timeline for replacement of known lead user service lines in use in its distribution system to the SWRCB. It also would require a public water system that has identified areas that may have lead user service lines in its distribution system to (a) provide to the SWRCB a determination as to whether there are in fact any lead user service lines in use and provide a timeline for replacement of those lead use service lines, and (b) provide findings as to whether there are any areas for which it cannot determine the content of the user service lines and a
timeline for the replacement of those user service lines. This bill also would impose related reporting requirements.

ACWA: Oppose.

**SB 623 (Monning) – Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund.**

*Introduced: 02/17/2017*

*Status:* 03/30/2017 – Re-referred to Senate Comm. on Environmental Quality following author’s amendments; set for hearing on April 19.

This bill would establish the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury and would provide that moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the SWRCB. As currently written, the bill would require the SWRCB to administer the fund and would require the SWRCB to expend moneys in the fund for grants, loans, contracts, or services to assist those without access to safe and affordable drinking water consistent with a fund implementation plan that is adopted annually. According to ACWA staff, SB 623’s current language serves as a placeholder for a major proposal on drinking water funding and is likely to become a major bill for ACWA. Accordingly, ACWA will be monitoring this bill closely.

ACWA: Watch.

**SB 740 (Wiener) – Onsite treated water.**

*Introduced: 02/17/2017*

*Status:* 04/05/2017 – April 5 hearing postponed by the Senate Comm. on Environmental Quality.

This bill would, on or before December 1, 2018, require the SWRCB, in consultation with other state agencies, to adopt regulations for a comprehensive risk-based framework to assist local jurisdictions in developing oversight and management programs for onsite treatment of water for nonpotable use. It would require the framework to be flexible to adapt to new water sources, end uses, and advances in approaches and methodologies to estimate the risk of onsite water treatment to public health. The bill also would specify that a local jurisdiction is not required to adopt the practices set forth in the framework.

ACWA: None.

**SB 778 (Hertzberg) – Water systems: consolidations: administrative and managerial services.**

*Introduced: 02/17/2017*

*Status:* 04/05/2017 – Re-referred to Senate Comm. on Environmental Quality following author’s amendments; set for hearing on April 19.

Similar to SB 623, SB 778’s current language serves as a placeholder for a major proposal on drinking water funding that the environmental justice community and others are developing. As currently written, the bill would require, on or before March 1, 2018, the SWRCB to submit a report to the Legislature on voluntary and ordered consolidations of water systems, including the resulting outcomes of the consolidations and whether the consolidations have succeeded or failed in providing an adequate supply of safe drinking water to the communities served by the consolidated water systems.

According to ACWA staff, two major issues are being discussed: the operation and maintenance costs for drinking water treatment in certain disadvantaged communities; and drinking water affordability. This bill is likely to address the funding sources for one or both of these issues and will likely be a major bill for ACWA. Accordingly, ACWA will be monitoring this bill closely.

ACWA: Watch.

**SCA 4 (Hertzberg) – Water conservation.**

*Introduced: 02/01/2017*
**Status:** 02/16/2017 – Referred to Senate Comm. on Rules for assignment.

This Senate Constitutional Amendment states the intent of the Legislature to propose a ballot measure to amend the California Constitution to include Article X C, which would provide local water agencies with the discretion to offer "lifeline" subsidized water rates to low income customers and increased flexibility to set and impose tiered water rates to promote water conservation.

**ACWA:** Sponsor on specified conditions