

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

April 13, 2017

MINUTES

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

Staff Present: Gene Mancebo, General Manager
Karen Gish, Deputy Clerk of the Board
Damon Wyckoff, Operations Manager
Tracey Hays, Finance Manager
Joshua Horowitz, Agency Counsel

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (0:01:09)

MOTION: It was moved by Director Manassero, seconded by Director Molinelli, and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda with suggested revisions to the Special Board Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2017 and Regular Board Meeting minutes of March 23, 2017

General Manager requested moving agenda items around to accommodate staff present.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Board Recognition (0:05:20)

Adoption of Resolution No. 2017-05 Honoring Doug Yardley upon his retirement from service as Water Treatment Supervisor of the Amador Water Agency

MOTION: It was moved by Director Molinelli, seconded by Director Farrington, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 2017-05 Honoring Doug Yardley upon his retirement from service as Water Treatment Supervisor of the Amador Water Agency after 32 years of service.

Agency Staffing (0:14:42-41:50)

Update regarding recent staffing changes during 16/17 fiscal year

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 (0:27:55)

MOTION: It was moved by Director Farrington, seconded by Director Toy, and unanimously carried to approve the Distribution I position and authorize the General Manager to initiate the process to immediately fill the position.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS (0:41:55)

Administration/Finance
Operations

Public Comment: Sherry Curtis

AGENCY GENERAL

Bay Delta Plan Flow Requirements (0:57:09)

Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution 2017-06 supporting the ACWA Policy Statement regarding the Bay-Delta Flow requirements.

Public Comment: Sherry Curtis

MOTION: It was moved by Director Farrington, seconded by Director Toy, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2017-06 supporting the ACWA Policy Statement regarding the Bay-Delta Flow Requirements

Ecological Resources Committee Membership (1:07:02)

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.

Public Comment: Pete Bell, member of the ERC and Foothill Conservancy
Sherry Curtis

President Thomas assigned Director Farrington and Director Toy to be the members of the ERC Ad Hoc Committee

RECESS WAS CALLED at 10:47 a.m.; **SESSION RESUMED** at 11:01 a.m.

Board Meeting of May 11, 2017 (1:48:10)

Discussion and possible action regarding canceling the May 11, 2017 Regular Board Meeting

MOTION: It was moved by Director Farrington, seconded by Director Manassero, and unanimously carried to cancel the May 11, 2017 Regular Board meeting.

Quarterly Investment Report (1:48:55)

Report of the Agency's investment performance through March 31, 2017

Hazard Tree Removal Program (1:53:33)

Update only

Board President moved Agenda Item to accommodate members of the audience

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Discussion and possible action to send a letter to the author of AB 975 **(1:56:20)**

Public Comment: Sherry Curtis

MOTION: It was moved by Director Molinelli, seconded by Director Toy, and unanimously carried to authorize the General Manager to send a letter opposing AB 975 with authorization to include EBMUD.

Discussion and possible action regarding Agency positions on pending bills

MOTION: It was moved by Director Molinelli, seconded by Director Farrington, and unanimously carried to authorize the General Manager to write and send a letter of support for AB 851

Public Comment: Sherry Curtis

AYES: Directors Molinelli, Manassero, Toy, Thomas and Farrington

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

MOTION: It was moved by Director Manassero, seconded by Director Molinelli, and carried to authorize the General Manager to issue a letter of support for AB 968 and AB 1654 as amended and oppose trailer bills.

AYES: Directors Molinelli, Manassero, Thomas and Farrington
NOES: Director Toy
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

President Thomas moved up Closed Session to accommodate legal counsel

CLOSED SESSION was called at 11:52 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION (2:39:11)

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 12:10 p.m. with nothing to report

Legislative report resumed (2:39:25)
Other Legal Matters

12:23 p.m. Director Manassero excused himself from the Board meeting

WATER SYSTEM

Water Rate Study (2:59:35)

Discussion and possible action to authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment 1 to the contract with The Reed Group, Inc.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Farrington, seconded by Director Toy, and carried to authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment 1 to the contract with The Reed Group, Inc. by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Molinelli, Thomas, Farrington, Toy
NOES: None
ABSENT: Director Manassero
ABSTAIN: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS (3:10:07)

Engineering Committee (03-29-17)
ACGMA Committee (04-03-17)


FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS (3:30:20)

Budget and Finance (03-29-17)

Personnel Committee (04-06-17)
Groundbreaking for Camanche
River Pines PUD (4/27/17 meeting)

ADJOURNMENT

President Thomas adjourned the meeting at 1:07 p.m.



Cris Thompson

Clerk of the Board of Directors

Approved: 4-27-17