

**AMADOR WATER AGENCY
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
May 25, 2017**

MINUTES

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

Absent: None

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

CALL TO ORDER- President Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: (0:00:48- 1:38)

MOTION: It was moved by Director Molinelli Jr, seconded by Director Farrington, and carried to approve the consent agenda: minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 27, 2017 with suggested revisions, minutes of the Special Board Meeting of April 27, 2017 and Accounts Payable for the month of April, 2017.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS (00:02:00- 00:08:44)

- A. Administration/Finance
- B. Operations

WATER SYSTEMS (08:50- 31:40)

Camanche Area Regional Water Supply Project (CARWSP)

Discussion and possible adoption of Resolution No. 2017-07 adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan and direction to staff to file the notice of determination

MOTION: It was moved by Director Toy, seconded by Director Molinelli Jr. and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 2017-07 adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan and direction to staff to file the final mitigated negative declaration, Initial study, Mitigation monitoring plan and the notice of determination for the Lake Camanche Village Area Regional Water Supply Project Phase II (CARWSP II)

CAWP Water Rights Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (31:45-1:52:10)

Presentation of Draft EIR by RMC Water and Environment, Robin Cort and Dave Richardson

Public Comments on Draft EIR – Steven Frederick, General Manager JVID

RECESS was called at 10:56 a.m. SESSION resumed at 11:03 a.m.

Hydroelectric Generation Projects (1:52:28- 3:14:04)

Tanner Hydro Project

Performance update by Steven Herrera, Nline Energy

Lone Hydro Project

Review of project cost and savings over time

Discussion and possible action to authorize expenditure of funds to proceed with completing the design bid documents for the Lone Hydro project

MOTION: It was moved by Director Farrington, seconded by Director Toy and unanimously carried to authorize continued work towards the design and preparation of bid documents for the Lone Hydroelectric Generation project under the current contract with Nline Energy Inc. and as funded under the California Energy grant and low interest loan with a report back on PG&E interconnect fees, followed by 75% design and 90% design.

Mokelumne River Project Ecological Resources Committee Membership (3:14:08- 3:37:00)

Discussion and possible action to confirm the Water Agency's request to become a member of the Mokelumne River Project Ecological Resources Committee

Public Comment: Ruben Childress, Foothill Conservancy

MOTION: It was moved by Director Farrington, seconded by Director Toy and carried to confirm the Water Agency's request to become a member of the Mokelumne River Project Ecological Resources Committee and direct the General Manager to provide a written statement as required in the New Membership Protocols for the Ecological Resource Committee for Board approval at a future meeting.

Ayes: Directors Toy, Farrington, Molinelli and Thomas

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Director Manassero

Closed Session was called at 12:52 p.m. for item A.

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).

Open Session resumed at 1:12 p.m. with nothing to report

PROJECT UPDATES (3:37:32- 3:53:04)

Closed Session was called at 1:28 P.M. for item B.

B. Conference with Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 (Gene Mancebo, Karen Gish, Gary Thomas, Rich Farrington) - AWA Employee Association Bargaining Unit

Open Session resumed at 2:47 p.m. with nothing to report

Grant Funding 3:53:20- 3:59:40)

Status Update regarding the 2014 Drought Grant Funding

Water Rate Inflationary Adjustment (3:59:49- 4:05:17)

Discussion and possible action regarding the 2017-18 inflationary rate adjustment

MOTION: It was moved by Director Farrington, seconded by Director Molinelli Jr. and unanimously carried to implement a 3% inflationary adjustment previously adopted by the Board of Directors on July 21, 2015 and provide notification to customers of the upcoming adjustment

AGENCY GENERAL (4:05:10- 4:07:51)

Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority (UMRWA)

Discussion and possible action to approve the Proposed UMRWA Member -funded Budget for FY 2018

MOTION: It was moved by Director Manassero, seconded by Director Molinelli Jr and unanimously carried to approve the proposed UMRWA Member funded budget for FY 2018

Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) (4:08:00- 4:12:50)

Discussion and possible adoption of Resolution No. 2017-08 placing General Manager Mancebo in nomination for ACWA Region 3 Board of Directors

MOTION: It was moved by Director Farrington, seconded by Director Manassero and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 2017-08 placing General Manager Mancebo in nomination for ACWA Region 3 Board of Directors

Discussion regarding ACWA committee participation

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT (4:12:47- 4:27:24)

Legislative report

Discussion and possible action regarding Agency positions on pending bills

Discussion and possible action regarding additional participation or support for legislative activities

Other Legal Matters

COMMITTEE REPORTS (4:27:34- 4:34:55)

AC-GMA Committee (05-01-17, 05-17-17)

Engineering Committee (05-03-17)

ACWA Conference (4:34:58-4:44:35)

Report on attendance by Managers Mancebo, Thompson and Wyckoff

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (4:44:40- 4:48:50)

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (4:48:52- 4:56:29)

BOARD OF DIRECTOR DISTRICT REPORTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS – (4:56:32- 5:01:32)

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS – (5:01:34-5:08:00)

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Airport Ground use

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ADJOURNMENT

President Thomas adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

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Cris Thompson
Clerk of the Board of Directors

Approved: 6/8/17