

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

August 13, 2020

MINUTES

In order to accommodate the social distancing practices required to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 and provide for the safety of the public, our employees and Board of Directors, the Agency will conduct its public meetings via teleconference until further notice.

OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER AT 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Board of Directors:

Director Thomas
Director Molinelli Jr.
Director Peters
Director Livingston
Director Farrington

Staff in Attendance:

John Kingsbury- Interim General Manager
Cris Thompson, Acting Financial Services Manager/ Clerk of the Board
Rick Ferriera, Operations & Engineering Manager
Karen Gish, HR Risk Management Manager
Joshua Horowitz, Agency Legal Counsel
Lucy Hackett, Public Relations
Larry McKenney- General Manager

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - None

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA- None

CONSENT AGENDA (1:00- 10:12)

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MOTION: It was moved by Director Molinelli Jr, seconded by Director Thomas and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda with revisions to the minutes of July 9, 2020, approval of Accounts payable June, 2020 and July 2020 and approval of word change to the Health and Safety Value in the Strategic Plan. The salary schedules were approved with the addition of a foonote for the website.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Directors Molinelli Jr., Thomas, Peters, Livingston, and Farrington

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

AGENCY GENERAL (10:12- 25:01)

General Manager Employment Agreement

Discussion and possible action for the Board's approval of a General Manager Employment Agreement with Larry B. McKenney as the Agency's new permanent General Manager

MOTION: It was moved by Director Peters, seconded by Director Thomas and unanimously carried to approve the Employment Agreement with Larry B. McKenney as the Agency's new permanent General Manager

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Directors Molinelli Jr., Thomas, Peters, Livingston, and Farrington

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The Board authorized General Manager McKenney to continue on the Metropolitan Water District Board as a Board member until such time as they can fill the Board seat or at the longest, to the end of October.

Green Gen Project Briefing- Mokelumne Water Battery Project (25:02-40:50)

Public Comment: Shane Dante, Foothill Conservancy

COVID 19 Update (41:11- 48:45)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS (48:50-1:26:10)

Administration/Finance

Operations & Engineering

RECESS was called at 10:29 a.m. SESSION resumed at 10:36 a.m.

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WATER SYSTEM (1:26:12 – 2:08:27)

Contracts for Expert Witness Services for SWRCB Hearing on Agency's Petition and Application to Obtain a new CAWP water right

Discussion and possible action to authorize the General Manager to execute an amendment to the existing agreement with Wagner & Bonsignore for water right expert services for an amount not to exceed \$60,000

Discussion and possible action to authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with Woodard & Curran for environmental expert services for an amount not to exceed \$15,000

Discussion and possible action to authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with MBK Engineers Term 91 expert services for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Livingston, seconded by Director Thomas and unanimously carried to authorize the General Manager to execute an amendment to the existing agreement with Wagner & Bonsignore for water right expert services for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Directors Molinelli Jr., Thomas, Peters, Livingston, and Farrington

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

MOTION: It was moved by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Molinelli Jr. and unanimously carried to authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with Woodard & Curran for environmental expert services for an amount not to exceed \$15,000

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Directors Molinelli Jr., Thomas, Peters, Livingston, and Farrington

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

MOTION: It was moved by Director Thomas, seconded by Director Peters and unanimously carried to authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with MBK Engineers Term 91 expert services for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Directors Molinelli Jr., Thomas, Peters, Livingston, and Farrington

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Direction was given to staff to approach the Board of Supervisors to request a Resolution of support and funding support of \$125,000.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT (2:08:37- 2:24:20)

A. Legislative report

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

Director Farrington asked to pull AB 2421 and SB 1348 for discussion

C. Other Legal Matters

MOTION: It was moved by Director Molinelli Jr., seconded by Director Peters and unanimously carried to support AB 2421 and SB 1348.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Directors Molinelli Jr., Thomas, Peters, Livingston, and Farrington

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS, SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS

(2:25:01- 2:34:13)

Budget and Finance Committee (07-21-20)

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

CFD Overview

Financial Policies

Water and Wastewater Code Update

CLOSED SESSION was called at 12:00 p.m.

Conference with Legal Counsel -- Existing Litigation; Government Code sections 54954.5(c) and 54956.9(a) and (d)(1); State Water Resources Control Board hearing on Agency's Petition and Application for new water right to serve the CAWP System

OPEN SESSION resumed at 12:44 p.m. with direction to staff and legal counsel

ADJOURNMENT

President Farrington adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.



Cris Thompson

Clerk of the Board of Directors

Approved: 8/27/20

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