

Approved

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

December 10, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Board of Directors:

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

Staff in Attendance:

Larry McKenney, General Manager
Rick Ferreira, Operations & Engineering Manager
Karen Gish, HR Risk Management Manager/Clerk of the Board
Joshua Horowitz, Agency Legal Counsel
Jeff Meyer, Financial Consultant
Russ Branson, Financial Consultant
Lucy Hackett, Public Relations

President Farrington adjusted the agenda to accommodate the time assigned to the Oath of Office.

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PUBLIC COMMENT FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Katherine Evatt

SAFETY TOPIC (0:12:23 – 0:15:56)

Director Thomas – Vehicle Safety & Speed

AWA Board of Directors – Election of Officers for 2021 (0:17:10 – 0:21:42)

1. President, Vice President, Secretary, Clerk of the Board and Deputy Clerk of the Board

MOTION: Director Thomas nominated Susan Peters as President, seconded by Director Molinelli, Jr. Director Molinelli, Jr. nominated Gary Thomas as Vice President, seconded by Director Peters. Director Livingston nominated Karen Gish as Secretary and Clerk of the Board and Jessi Bylund as Deputy Clerk of the Board, seconded by Director Peters. The motions were combined per Board of Director consent and passed by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION (0:21:43 – 0:28:44)

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 2020-28 Thanking and Recognizing Cristina Thompson for her 19 years of service upon her retirement
- B. Adopt Resolution No. 2020-29 thanking and Recognizing George Barnes for his 15 ½ years of service upon his retirement

Motion: It was moved by Director Molinelli, seconded by Director Thomas, to adopt Resolution 2020-29 Thanking and Recognizing George Barnes for his 15 ½ years of service upon his retirement, and approved by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion: It was moved by Director Molinelli, Jr., seconded by Director Thomas to adopt Resolution 2020-28 Thanking and Recognizing Cristina Thompson for her 19 years of service upon retirement, and approved by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

OATH OF OFFICE (0:28:45 – 0:34:12)

Directors Livingston, Thomas and Farrington were sworn in to new terms of office.

BOARD CALENDAR (0:34:15 – 0:36:40)

1. Approval of the 2021 Board Calendar

MOTION: It was moved by Director Molinelli, Jr., seconded by Director Farrington, to approve the 2021 Board Calendar as revised, and approved by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - None

CONSENT AGENDA (0:36:57 – 0:37:41)

MOTION: It was moved by Director Farrington, seconded by Director Thomas and carried to approve the consent agenda by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT (0:37:42- 0:41:56)

- A. Legislative Update
- B. Other Legal Matters

AGENCY GENERAL

Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Annual Audit (0:42:00 – 1:30:10)

1. Presentation of FY2019/2020 Annual Audit by Ingrid Shepline from the firm of

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Richardson and Co.

2. Direction to auditors to finalize the audit ending June 30, 2020

Public Comment: Katherine Evatt

MOTION: It was moved by Director Molinelli, Jr., seconded by Director Farrington, to direct the auditors to finalize the audit ending June 30, 2020, and approved by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

OPEB Actuarial Report (1:30:12 – 2:29:08)

1. Informational presentation by Joe D’Onofrio of Bartel & Associates

RECESS was called at 11:29 a.m.; **SESSION RESUMED** at 11:35 a.m.

AWA Employee Handbook (2:29:10-2:54:29)

1. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2020-30 adopting the revised Employee Handbook.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Farrington, seconded by Director Molinelli, Jr. to adopt Resolution No. 2020-30 adopting the revised Employee Handbook, and approved by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

2021 Committee Assignments (02:54:30 – 3:45:02)

1. Discussion and possible action to restructure Standing Committees and approve Committee Assignments for 2021

MOTION: It was moved by Director Livingston, seconded by Director Molinelli, Jr., to adopt the 2021 Committee Structure with the addition of the Fire Protection Committee and revise the Watershed & Regional Collaboration Committee to an Ad Hoc Committee and to revisit the structure in June/July 2021, and approved by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote:

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

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Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

RECESS was called at 12:53 p.m.; **SESSION RESUMED** at 1:00 p.m.

First Reading of the Water Code 2020 Update (3:45:48 – 4:27:45)
Public Comment – Katherine Evatt

Response to Grand Jury Report Update of October 2020 (4:27:46 – 4:31:52)
The Board directed staff to submit the response as drafted.

Administrative Code (4:31:55 – 4:37:01)

1. Discussion and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 2020-31 adopting the updated Conflict Code

MOTION: It was moved by Director Farrington, seconded by Director Molinelli, Jr., to adopt Resolution No. 2020-31 adopting the updated Conflict Code with recommended changes, and approved by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Directors Livingston, Thomas, Farrington, Molinelli, Jr., Peters
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS (4:37:05 – 4:54:40)

Administration/Finance
Operations & Engineering

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT and COVID 19 Update (4:54:02 - 5:06:49)

COMMITTEE REPORTS, SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS (5:06:50 – 5:17:30)

- A. Budget & Finance Committee
- B. Policy Committee
- C. Planning Operations Engineering Committee

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS (5:17:42)

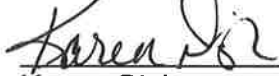
Board Policy 11 Review
CalPERS Unfunded Liability

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Wastewater Code

ADJOURNMENT

President Peters adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.



Karen Gish

Clerk of the Board of Directors

Approved: 1/14/2021