

Approved

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

**February 25, 2021**

**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 9:03 a.m.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**ROLL CALL**

**Board of Directors:**

Director Peters, President  
Director Thomas, Vice President  
Director Molinelli, Jr.  
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  
Lucy Hackett, Public Relations  
Jeff Meyer, Financial Consultant

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA-Supplemental packet information posted**

**PUBLIC COMMENT FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA- none**

**CONSENT AGENDA (0:04:08)**

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Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 11, 2021

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Molinelli, Jr., seconded by Director Farrington, and carried to approve the consent agenda with minor edits by the following roll call vote:

**Roll Call Vote:**

AYES: Directors Farrington, Livingston, Molinelli, Jr., Thomas, Peters  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**SAFETY TOPIC (0:07:24)**

Director Livingston-Safety Culture

**AGENCY GENERAL**

**Strategic Plan Update (0:11:50)**

Staff reported on accomplishments during the past year with regard to the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan. The Board added comments and directed the General Manager to update the Plan and post it on the website.

**Pioneer Phase III Financing and Construction (0:22:52)**

Staff provided a status update.

**Legislation (0:34:20)**

The Outreach & Legislation Committee recommended:

- A. AB 59 (Gabriel) – Capacity fees statute of limitations -- **OPPOSE**
- B. AB 297 Fire Protection (Gallagher) – Funding, tax advantage, and CEQA exemption for certain fire risk reduction activities -- **SUPPORT**
- C. AB 339 (Lee) – Virtual access to public meetings -- **WATCH**
- D. AB 361 (Rivas) – Virtual public meetings -- **WATCH**
- E. AB 377 (Rivas/Hertzberg) – Fishable Swimmable Drinkable surface waters -- **WATCH**
- F. SB 45 (Portantino) – Wildfire and water bond -- **WATCH**
- G. SB 222 (Dodd) – Low Income Water Rate Assistance Program – **OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED**
- H. SB 223 (Dodd) – Residential water shut-offs for non-payment -- **WATCH**
- I. SB 323 (Caballero) – Water rate challenge statute of limitations – **SUPPORT**
- J. Federal -- HR 535/S 91 -- Special district eligibility for COVID assistance -- **SUPPORT**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Molinelli, Jr., seconded by Director Farrington, to adopt the Outreach & Legislation Committee recommendations and carried by the following roll call vote:

**Roll Call Vote:**

AYES: Directors Farrington, Livingston, Molinelli, Jr., Thomas and Peters  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**GENERAL MANAGER REPORT (0:43:33)**

Recognized City of Lone Fire Chief Ken Mackie's letter of appreciation of Kreg Miller, Distribution Supervisor

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR DISTRICT REPORTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS (1:02:02)**

Budget and Finance (2/17/21)  
Outreach and Legislation (2/23/21)  
Mokelumne ERC  
Amador Calaveras Consensus Group  
Consumnes GSA  
Amador Fire Safe Council (2/17/21)

**FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS (1:33:02)**

Rate Study Workshop – March 4, 2021  
Groundwater Management

**CLOSED SESSION** was called at 10:41 a.m.  
Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov Code Section 54957.6)

**RECESS** was called at 10:42 a.m.; **CLOSED SESSION** resumed a 10:46 a.m.

**OPEN SESSION** resumed with no action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Peters adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

  
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Karen L. Gish  
Clerk of the Board of Directors

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ 3/11/2021 \_\_\_\_\_

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