

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

April 8, 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 9:01 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Board of Directors:

Director Peters, President
Director Thomas, Vice President
Director Molinelli, Jr. (9:04 a.m.)
Director Livingston
Director Farrington

Staff in Attendance:

Larry McKenney, General Manager
Karen Gish, HR Risk Management Manager/Clerk of the Board
Rick Ferriera, Operations & Engineering Manager
Joshua Horowitz, Agency Counsel
Lucy Hackett, Public Relations
Russ Branson, Financial Consultant
Jeff Meyer, Financial Consultant
Elizabeth Atkins, Customer Service Supervisor
Jessi Bylund, Acting Clerk of the Board

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ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA-Supplemental packet information posted

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA- none

INTRODUCE NEW EMPLOYEE – Brian Hess, Meter Reader/CST

CONSENT AGENDA (9:06 a.m.)

MOTION: It was moved by Director Molinelli, Jr., seconded by Director Thomas, to approve the consent agenda 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 (9:07 a.m.)

Contractor Safety Training Requirements

AGENCY GENERAL

Voluntary Agreements (9:13 a.m.) – Information report on the status of negotiations regarding voluntary agreements as an alternative to the State Water Resources Control Board’s proposed Water Quality Control Plan Update based on “unimpaired flows”

Public Comment:

Gene Mancebo
Jose Setka, EBMUD

Jackson Valley Irrigation District Water Purchase Request (10:03 a.m.) –

Consideration of JVID’s request for an agreement to allow JVID to purchase up to 5,000 acre-feet of raw water as an emergency supply for the 2021 season. Direction was provided to the General Manager to enter into agreement discussions with JVID.

Public Comment:

Steven Fredrick, JVID
Ed Gonzalez, JVID

RECESS was called at 11:03 a.m.; **SESSION RESUMED** at 11:13 a.m.

Rate Study – Financial Plan Development (11:13 a.m.) – Raftelis presented information on the development of the 5-year financial plan associated with the development of rate recommendations

Public Comment

Trevor Hoas, City of Jackson

Drought Planning (12:38 p.m.) – The Board received information about water conditions and Agency planning for potential shortage – implementation to be discussed at a future meeting.

Positions on Legislation (12:59 p.m.) – The Outreach & Legislation Committee recommended:

AB 418	WATCH
AB 602	WATCH
AB 697	SUPPORT
AB 1434	OPPOSE
AB 1500	WATCH
SB 45	WATCH
SB 223	OPPOSE
SB 427	SUPPORT

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

Legislative Report – Nothing to report.

Other Legal Matters – None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS (1:08 p.m.)

Customer Service/Finance
Human Resources/Risk Management
Operations & Engineering

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT (1:41 p.m.)

The General Manager updated the Board on current activities of the Agency

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**BOARD OF DIRECTOR DISTRICT REPORTS, COMMITTEE REPORTS AND
DIRECTOR COMMENTS (1:48 p.m.)**

Outreach and Legislation Committee – 3/30/2021

Planning Operations & Engineering – 4/6/2021

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS (1:58 P.M.)

Presentation on water treatments plants

Risk Management Progress report

Add future meetings to Agenda

ADJOURNMENT

President Peters adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.



Karen L. Gish

Clerk of the Board of Directors

Approved: _____ April 22, 2021 _____