

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

January 13, 2022

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 9:05 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Board of Directors:

Director Gary Thomas, President
Director Paul Molinelli, Jr., Vice President
Director Susan Peters
Director Randal Livingston
Director Richard Farrington

Staff in Attendance:

Larry McKenney, General Manager
Karen Gish, HR/Risk Management Manager
Rick Ferriera, Operations & Engineering Manager
Joshua Horowitz, Legal Counsel
Lucy Hackett, Public Relations Consultant
Denise Landstedt, Landstedt Consulting, Grant Consultant
Mike Antos, Stantec, Grant Consultant

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AUTHORIZATION TO MEET REMOTELY

MOTION: It was moved by Director Farrington, seconded by Director Molinelli, Jr., to find under Gov. Code § 54953, subd. (e)(1)(B), for this Board and its Committees, that as a result of the COVID-19 emergency: (i) meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and (ii) meetings are authorized to be held by teleconference pursuant to Gov. Code, § 54953, subd. (e)(1)(C) for Board, Special and Committee meetings, and carried by the following vote:

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

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA- None

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (9:08)

None

SAFETY TOPIC (9:09)

Cardiac Incidents – Heart Healthy Life Style

CONSENT AGENDA (9:15)

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

AGENCY GENERAL

2022 Committees and Special Assignments (9:16)

MOTION: It was moved by Director Molinelli, Jr., seconded by Director Farrington, to approve the 2022 Committees and Special Assignments with edits and carried by the following vote:

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

Grants: Initial Funding Research Report (9:31)

Staff and Grant Consultants provided an informational update and answered Board member questions

Public Comment:

Larry Patterson

RECESS was called at 10:34 a.m.; **SESSION RESUMED** at 10:40 a.m.

Accounting and Financial Reporting Services RFQ (10:40)

Staff provided a report and recommendation.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Peters, seconded by Director Molinelli, Jr., to authorize the General Manager to issue a Request for Qualifications to acquire controller services and carried by the following vote:

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

Groundwater Management: Budget Process (10:51)

Staff presented information on the ACGMA (Amador County Groundwater Management Authority) and CGA (Cosumnes Groundwater Authority) budget processes.

AB 1434 (Friedman) – Status Update (11:22)

Staff provided a status update

MOTION: It was moved by Director Farrington, seconded by Director Peters, to continue the Agency's OPPOSE position on AB 1434 and carried by the following vote:

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

Drought Status (11:35)

Staff provided a status update.

Wastewater Lift Station 2 (11:50)

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Staff provided informational update.

PG&E Tiger Creek Regulator Project – Planning Update (12:04)

No update to provide today

LEGAL COUNSEL’S REPORT (12:05)

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT (12:22)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS, SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS
(12:42)**

Budget & Finance Committee – 1/5/2022

Watershed & Regional Collaboration Committee – 1/6/2022

ACGMA – 1/10/2022

Jackson Valley ID – 1/12/2022

UMRWA – RPC meetings

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS (12:53)

Raw water connection requests (2)

JPIA Commitment to Excellence Program

Fire Protection Update

ADJOURNMENT

President Thomas adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.



Karen L. Gish

Clerk of the Board of Directors

Approved: _____ 1/27/2022 _____