

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

**April 14, 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 9:04 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, Clerk of the Board  
Rick Ferriera, Operations & Engineering Manager  
Joshua Horowitz, Legal Counsel  
Cindy Byerrum, EideBailly, Financial Consultant  
Lucy Hackett, Public Relations

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**Authorization to Meet per AB361**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Farrington, seconded by Director Peters, to authorize to meet per AB361 – 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) the meeting is authorized to be held by teleconference pursuant to Gov. Code § 54953, subd. (e)(1)(C) and carried by the following vote:

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA-** None

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

**SAFETY TOPIC (9:08)**

Slip, Trips and Falls  
Root Cause Analysis

**CONSENT AGENDA (9:18)**

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

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**AGENCY GENERAL**

**A. Introduction of EideBailly LLP (9:19)**

General Manager McKenney introduced Cindy Byerrum of EideBailly LLP.

**B. Financial Policies (9:26)**

Review and approve updated policies FIN-002 Capital Asset Policy, FIN-004 Reserve Policy, and FIN-012 Budget Policy

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Peters, seconded by Director Molinelli, Jr., to approve updated Financial Policies FIN-002 Capital Asset Policy, FIN-004 Reserve Policy with amended language in 200.0 1, and FIN-012 Budget Policy, with amended language in 200.0 F. and carried by the following vote:

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**C. Municipal Advisor RFP (9:55)**

Authorize the General Manager to issue a request for proposals for Municipal Advisor Services.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Molinelli, Jr., seconded by Director Farrington, to approve to authorize the General Manager to issue a request for proposals for Municipal Advisor Services and carried by the following vote:

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**RECESS was called at 10:07 a.m.; SESSION resumed at 10:14 a.m.**

**D. Drought Status (10:14)**

General Manager provided an information update

Public Comment:  
Katherine Evatt

**E. ACWA Conference Attendance (10:36)**

Direction provided to staff regarding registration for Director attendance to the ACWA Conference.

**F. Mokelumne Water Battery Project (10:44)**

Informational report provided regarding the project

Public Comment:  
Katherine Evatt

**G. Disadvantaged Communities Policy (11:13)**

Discuss and provide direction to staff regarding development of an Agency policy regarding disadvantaged communities.

President Thomas appointed Directors Peters and Livingston to an Ad Hoc Committee for creating a Disadvantaged Committee Policy

**GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT (11:38)**

**GENERAL MANAGER'S Report (11:44)**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS, SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS (11:52)**

Watershed & Regional Collaboration (4/1/2022)

Budget & Finance (4/6/2022)

JVID (4/13/2022)

ACGMA (4/4/2022)

**FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS (12:07)**

2022/23 Budget

No public for Closed Session

**RECESS was called at 12:11 p.m.; OPEN Session resumed at 12:18 p.m.**

**CLOSED SESSION – was called at 12:18 p.m.**

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

(Gov Code section 54957.6)

Agency designated representatives: Larry McKenney; Karen Gish

Employee organization: Amador Water Agency Employee's Association

**B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Gov Code section 54956.9 (State Water Resources Control Board Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan Update Proceeding)

**C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Gov Code section 54956.9 (one case)

**OPEN SESSION** resumed at 1:17 p.m. with no reportable action

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Thomas adjourned the meeting at 1:19 p.m.

Karen L. Gish  
Clerk of the Board of Directors

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_