



Approved

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

**May 26, 2022**

**MINUTES**

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**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 (opened meeting)

Director Susan Peters

Director Randal Livingston

Director Richard Farrington

**Staff in Attendance:**

Larry McKenney, General Manager

Rick Ferreira, Operations & Engineering Manager

Karen Gish, HR/Risk Management Manager

Lucy Hackett, Public Relations

Joshua Horowitz, General Counsel

Brandt Cook, Resident Engineer

Russ Branson, Financial Consultant

Ian Berg, Accounting Consultant

Ryan Tesch, WTO & AWA EA President

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - None**

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

**SAFETY TOPIC (9:08) – Vice President handed meeting over to President Thomas**

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Gardening  
Back Injuries

**CONSENT AGENDA (9:12)**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Molinelli, Jr., seconded by Director Farrington, to approve the consent agenda with corrected minute's date of the consent agenda, and carried by the following vote:

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**AGENCY GENERAL**

**Wastewater Master Plan (9:13)**

Presentation by Lumos & Associates followed by Board review and acceptance of the Wastewater Master Plan Study

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Peters, seconded by Director Molinelli, Jr., to accept the Wastewater Master Plan Study and carried by the following vote:

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**RECESS** was called at 10:33 a.m.; **SESSION RESUMED** at 10:40 a.m.

**Drought Status Update (10:40)**

Staff provided update and recommendation to remain at Stage 1 Water Alert

**FY22 Budget Amendment for Capital Projects (11:02)**

Following discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Livingston, seconded by Director Molinelli, Jr., to approve a budget amendment to the BY21-22 Capital Improvements Program to remove Operating Fund contributions of \$384,244 from Water and \$204,000 from Wastewater and reflect those amounts instead coming from Water and Wastewater Capacity Fees and carried by the following vote:

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**2022/23 Draft Budget (11:26)**

Presentation provided by Ian Berg, Eide Bailly. Direction provided to staff.

**RECESS** was called at 12:55 p.m.; **SESSION RESUMED** at 1:03 p.m.

**GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS (1:20)**

Customer Service/Finance  
HR/Risk Management  
Operations & Engineering

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (1:43)**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS, SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS  
(1:47)**

**CAMRA – 5/18/2022**

**Planning Operations & Engineering – 5/19/2022**

**Budget & Finance – 5/11/2022 & 5/23/2022**

**Mountain Counties Water Resources Association Legislation Committee –  
5/20/2022**

**Amador Fire Safe Council – 5/18/2022**

**FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS (1:57)**

FY22/23 Budget  
Wastewater Capacity Fees  
Grant Funding/Use

**CLOSED SESSION** – was called at 2:00 p.m.

Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov Code section 54957.6)

Agency designated representatives: Larry McKenney, Karen Gish

Employee organization: Amador Water Agency Employee's Association

**OPEN SESSION** resumed at 2:13 p.m.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Following review and discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION:** It was moved by Director Molinelli, Jr., seconded by Director Peters, to ratify a memorandum of understanding between Amador Water Agency and the Amador Water Agency Employee's Association and carried by the following vote:

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Thomas adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.



Karen L. Gish  
Clerk of the Board of Directors

Approved: 6/9/2022