

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
The Board of Directors of the  
Aromas Water District  
January 26, 2016**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Aromas Water District was called to order by President Leap on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the District office located at 388 Blohm Ave, Aromas, California.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

President Leap, Vice President Smith, Directors Dutra, Holman and Norton were present. , Counsel Bob Bosso and staff Louise Coombes were also in attendance. General Manager Vicki Morris was on vacation.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Leap led the pledge of allegiance.

**IV. STATEMENTS OF DISQUALIFICATION:** There were no disqualification statements.

**V. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS:** There were no additions or deletions.

**VI. MINUTES:** The minutes of the December 22, 2015 Regular Meeting were presented for acceptance and approval.

Director Smith moved to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Norton and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**VII. ORAL COMMUNICATION:** There was no oral communication.

**VIII. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Director's Report**

- Director Smith reported that the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources is holding their annual meeting on Wednesday, February 17 focusing on water recharge and the Groundwater Sustainability Act. He passed out information encouraging participation.
- President Leap went to the Special Districts meeting on January 19th. Speakers included Dave Stoldt of the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency. He spoke on desalinization and the Pure Water Project. A representative from the Monterey County Water Resources Agency discussed issues on the Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio issues over deciding who will manage their basin as a result of the Groundwater Sustainability Act. He also attended a workshop at the Eco Farming Conference in Asilomar and heard discussions on farming techniques and general impaction of aquifers.

**B. Attorney's Report:**

- Counsel Bosso reported on a Court of Appeals decision upholding the Great Oaks Water District vs. Santa Clara Valley Water District where there was a varying

pumping charge for agriculture paying less for water pumped as compared to residential. The water district's charges were upheld as being reasonable. There are other cases being reviewed.

- Director Norton asked counsel about the Attorney General's decision on the Brown Act regarding public meeting notifications. Secretary Goodman reported on the AWD process of posting to the website as well as emails and other postings within a short timeframe well before the 72-hour requirement.

**C. Manager's Report:** Detailed report in agenda packet. Highlights include:

Operations:

- December production was 4.86 million gallons.
- The new motor from Salinas Pump has been installed at the Carpenteria Well and it went back into service on January 8.
- There was a break on a 2-inch galvanized blow-off on our main line over 101 Auction property on January 16, repaired with 2-inch copper.

Marshall Well

- A well-video was completed by Hydrogeologist Martin Feeney and Craig Newman. Report to come.

Oak Ridge/Via Del Sol Water Supply Project

- The project construction work is 100% complete and warranties have begun as of 9/1/2015.
- MPE was contacted about urgency to repair erosion on Via del Sol.
- Annexation of two additional parcels will be considered by LAFCO of Monterey County on February 22.

**D. Correspondence:**

Staff attempted to answer questions about General Manager comments in response to San Benito Planning on two properties. Answers will be emailed to Directors.

**IX. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Financials:** Revenue for December was \$71,830.01. The expenditures between December 17, 2015 and January 20, 2016 are \$84,645.70 and included some of the cost of the new pump motor, annual fee to the State Water Resources Control Board and the final payment to MPE for the San Juan Road Relocation Project. Staff Louise Coombes brought to the Board's attention an expense in the amount of \$138.81 that was not shown on the packet. Total assets are over \$6.5 million and total liabilities are \$1.54 million. The financials were presented for discussion and approval. Expenses were reviewed by President Leap.

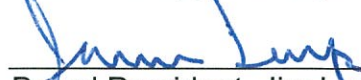
Director Holman moved to accept the financials as presented and Director Norton seconded. The financials were accepted unanimously.

X. **FUTURE MEETINGS & AGENDA ITEMS:** Next meeting will be February 23rd, 2016.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT** - Pres. Leap adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Date: February 23, 2016

Read and approved by:



Board President, Jim Leap

Attest:   
District Secretary