

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
The Board of Directors of the  
Aromas Water District  
September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Aromas Water District was called to order by President Holman on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office located at 387 Blohm Ave, Aromas, CA.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

Pres. Holman, Vice President Mahler, Directors Dutra, Huggins and Borchard were present. General Manager Vicki Morris, Staff Maureen Cain and Counsel Bob Bosso were also present.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Pres. Holman 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 August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 Regular Meeting were presented for acceptance and approval.

Director Huggins motioned and Vice Pres. Mahler seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

**VII. ORAL COMMUNICATION:** Customer Steve Johnson commented on his appreciation of Aromas Water and service. He currently lives in Panama and has unreliable water quality as well as pressure in his village.

**VIII. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Director's Reports:** Vice President Mahler commented on the successful Aromas Day event and the AWD booth. President Holman met with Engineer Mike Freitas to go over the bid package for Carpenteria well-equipping. He visited the office while the auditor was here. They went over credit card usage by employees and the auditor is pleased with the practice of Directors making monthly visits to the office. Director Borchard will visit the office during October.

**B. Attorney's Report:** Counsel Bosso attended a legal conference in Southern California. He informed us about a case where the City of Palmdale vs. their water district challenged the tiered rates as a violation under Proposition 218. The Appellate court found that rates did not reflect cost of service. The decision could eventually affect how a district like ours can use a tiered rate system.

**C. Manager's Report:**

Operations: August 2011 production was 12.76 million gallons. All sampling has come back non-detect for iron and manganese. All coliform testing has been negative.

Maintenance: GM Morris showed photos of a line break Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> on Carr Ave near Nob Hill Rd. on the old 4" line. A temporary repair has been made until it can be done properly during the coming month. 181 hydrants have been labeled with ID tags.

Administration: GM Morris thanked Directors and Staff for taking part in Aromas Day at the AWD booth. She has completed the operator certification test for D-1. GM Morris complimented Staff G. Patten for the excellent job on organizing the information for the auditor. The audit has gone smoothly and near completion. V. Pres. Mahler and Director Borchard volunteered to serve on the ad hoc audit committee.

Projects: Funding for the *New Office Building* has been completed with closing on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. The *Carpenteria Well Replacement* has been tested for water quality with excellent results indicating that no filtration treatment will be necessary. Bid documents for equipping the well are available and publicized. Bid opening is Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>. GM Morris is in negotiations with Maggiora Brothers and Martin Feeney due to changes and overages. Directors Dutra and Huggins expressed their dissatisfaction with the overage charges. No settlement has been reached with MPE on the *Carr Tank and Booster Station*. The *Oakridge/Via del Sol Annexation* environmental documents are in review of the last draft changes. Work is moving forward in preparation for pipeline relocation for the *San Juan Road Interchange Project*. We are in negotiations with CalTrans for the determination of which portions AWD will be responsible to pay. Director Dutra inquired about the progress on the *New Office Building*. Site work is going out to bid by RFP (Request for Proposal) hoping to encourage local workers to bid. The Board approved separation of site work and building construction in May 2010 in hopes of lowering the costs.

## IX. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Resolution 2011-09 Certificate of Acceptance and Consent to Recordation:** Pipeline relocation for the San Juan Interchange project requires recordation of a quitclaim deed to the State and a new easement over privately owned lands. Staff L. Goodman showed the CalTrans map, pointing out the location of the changes. Director Borchard was concerned about the costs involved. GM Morris explained that this part of the project should be paid by CalTrans. There was a discussion about what determines which party is responsible for what relocation expenses.

President Holman motioned and Dir. Huggins seconded to approve the quit claim deed to the State and pass the resolution. It passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Holman, Mahler, Dutra, Huggins, Borchard

Noes: none

Abstain: none

- B. Financial Report:** GM Morris presented the financials for the month of August 2011. Total assets are \$6.25 million. Revenue for August was \$88,946.11. President Holman reviewed the payments for August 17<sup>th</sup> to September 19<sup>th</sup> 2011, which totaled \$217,772.13 and included a payment to Maggiora Bros. Drilling for the well replacement project. There was a discussion about the overage charges by Hydrogeologist Martin Feeney because of job delays and Maggiora's equipment failures. GM Morris will do whatever is possible to bring our costs down.

Director Huggins moved to accept the financials and Director Borchard seconded. They were approved unanimously as presented.

## X. FUTURE MEETINGS & AGENDA ITEMS

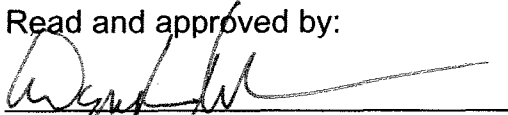
The next Regular Meeting will be Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:00 pm. The location will be at the District Office at 387 Blohm Avenue.


## XI. ADJOURNMENT

President Holman adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.  
Report submitted by Laurie Goodman, Board Secretary

Date: October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Read and approved by:

  
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Director

Attest:   
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Board Secretary