

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Directors of the
Aromas Water District
February 24, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Aromas Water District was called to order by Vice President Leap on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the District office located at 388 Blohm Ave, Aromas, California.

II. ROLL CALL:

Vice President Leap, Directors Dutra, Holman, and Smith were in attendance. President Norton was absent. General Manager Vicki Morris, staff: Lisa Dobbins, Maureen Cain, and Counsel Bob Bosso were also present.

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

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

VI. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS: There were no additions or deletions.

VI. MINUTES: The minutes of the January 27, 2015 Regular Meeting were presented for acceptance and approval.

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

VII. ORAL COMMUNICATION: None

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Director's Reports:

- Director Smith attended a Cal Agronomy meeting on groundwater sustainability.

B. Attorney's Report:

- The San Juan Capistrano case had oral arguments on January 21, 2015 with a judgment following in the next 90 days.
- Soquel Creek Water District to develop a model Groundwater Sustainability Agency with California Department of Water Resources.

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

Operations:

- January 2015 production was low but higher than December 2014, a total of 5.99 MG.
- Operations staff is re-organizing the corporation yard for better ease of use.
- Operators attending training in sampling and distribution through Monterey Bay Water Works Association.

Projects:

- Staff is looking into refinancing AWD loan.

Oak Ridge/Via Del Sol Water Supply Project

- Underground pipeline is installed.
- First booster station required foundation improvements.
- Oak Ridge tank is installed and hydrants at Dunbarton are active.
- The project bio monitoring and arborist work is complete.
- Engineer Freitas is developing the scope of the contract to install 100 feet of service lines.
- AWD could be delivering water to Oak Ridge/Via Del Sol customers by May 2015.
- AWD Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee could meet within the next month before the March BOD.
- AWD may have another parcel to add to the Monterey County LAFCO application.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

A. Solar System Project at Seely/Carpenteria station to offset pumping costs: Solar Ad Hoc Committee, including Jeff Parr from Solar Technologies, will present proposal to implement solar project at the cost of \$276,837. Review and approve proposal.

- Staff met with the Solar Ad Hoc Committee, Directors Dutra and Holman, along with Jeff Parr, President of Solar Technologies to review the proposal for solar at AWD's Carpenteria site.
- The Ad Hoc Committee introduced Jeff Parr of Solar Technologies, he gave a brief background on Solar Technologies and presented the proposal.
- The project includes 95 KW system, 289 panels by Suniva (US made), at the net cost of \$276,837. If AWD finances \$200,000, the payments for six years would be comparable to estimated existing power costs, approximately \$36,000 annually.
- The Board discussed the financing tools which include engaging in a 3rd party agreement as well as the opportunity to pursue financing from CSDA Finance Corporation at the quoted rate of 2.90%.

Director Holman moved to accept the proposal as presented and VP Leap seconded.

- Discussion: there was a question about drainage from the panels. Mr. Parr indicated that there are enough gaps between panels to allow for proper drainage.
- Panels are under warranty for 25 years and inverters for 10 years.
- It was discussed that it would be good for the panels to be rinsed or washed every 2 or 3 years.
- It was thought to be a good idea to install security fencing along Carpenteria.

The motion was accepted unanimously.

B. Caltrans Request 315,000 Gallon Water Sale during 2015: Review request and give direction to staff.

- GM Morris explained that due to the drought she thought it best to engage the Board in the decision to allocate 315,000 gallons.
- The Board discussed that this is an administrative decision and that it was alright to sell the bulk water to Caltrans.

C. Resolution 2015-01 Concurring In Nomination To The Executive Committee Of The Association Of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority ("ACWA/JPIA")

- GM Morris explained that Mr. Hodgins has served the area and does a fine job.

Director Holman moved to pass Resolution 2015-01: Concurring In Nomination...It was seconded by Director Smith and passed by the following vote:

Ayes: Leap, Holman, Smith, Dutra

Noes: None

Absent: Norton

Abstain: None

D. Presentation of the Financial Reports for the Month of January 2015: Revenue for January is \$ 74,828.10. Expenditures between and January 21, 2015 and February 18, 2015 are \$64,308.96. These financials and monthly expenditures will be presented for discussion and approval.

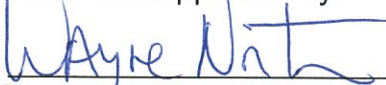
Director Smith moved to accept the financials as presented and Director Dutra seconded. The motion was accepted unanimously.

XI. FUTURE MEETINGS & AGENDA ITEMS

XII. ADJOURNMENT - Vice Pres. Leap adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Date: March 24, 2015

Read and approved by:


 Board President, Wayne Norton

Attest: 
 Lisa Dobbins, District Secretary