

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
The Board of Directors of the  
Aromas Water District  
December 18, 2013

**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 Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 7:02 p.m. at the District Office located at 388 Blohm Ave, Aromas, California.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

President Holman, Vice President Mahler, Directors Dutra, Norton and Leap were in attendance. General Manager Vicki Morris, Maureen Cain, Gina Patten and Counsel Bob Bosso were also present.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President 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 November 26, 2013 Regular Meeting were presented for acceptance and approval.

Director Norton moved to approve the minutes and Director Mahler seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**VII. ORAL COMMUNICATION:** None

**VIII. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Director's Reports:** None

**B. Attorney's Report:** Counsel Bosso gave an update on the Pendry/Griffith case against PVWMA is going to the California Supreme Court. It could be up to 90 days before a decision is rendered. The two items being considered: Tiered rates being allowed via Proposition 218 and whether PVWMA has the right to charge tiered rates. The anti-tax groups are seeking to decertify the published opinion. The City of San Juan Capistrano tiered rates have been ruled unlawful under Proposition 218, but the City has filed an appeal.

**C. Manager's Report:**

Operations:

- Production in November was 8.9 million gallons. Low rainfall amounts show slightly higher production/use.
- Carpenteria Well pump is down, the warranty expired 6 months ago. Maggiora and Salinas Pump have investigated; Maggiora estimates \$9,000 to pull and re-install. Estimate for motor is \$5,000 to \$7,000. Grounding could be the issue, potentially overloaded.
- Generator delivered to Carpenteria well location. It has a 350 gallon diesel tank, on an elevated cement pad, designed for drainage needs.
- TESCO has begun update on SCADA system.
- Carr Booster has one of two motors down and out for repair, motor is three years old.
- Pleasant Acres Well - will be run once a week through filter system

Staff:

- Welcome Lisa Dobbins, new District Secretary of Aromas Water District.

- AWD Intern Micah Kimura - is working numerous hours unpaid to assist the operators and gain technical knowledge. Interns are covered by AWD Workers' Compensation insurance.
- Marty and Micah participated at "line locating" class in Hollister.
- Staff has participated in safety meetings and classes on policy/procedures and personnel.

Projects:

- Rate Study - staff is drafting a request for proposals (RFP), NBS has submitted a proposal. Tiered rates could be an issue going forward. The Directors discussed tiered rates and encouraging conservation utilized by many local and regional agencies.
  - GM Morris is continuing the lengthy USDA Application for the *Oakridge/Via del Sol Assessment*. The application needs to be redone to meet specific Federal environmental requirements. Monterey County Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to the \$270,500 loan contract for the Engineering, CEQA and Planning for the project.
  - Hearing on the Seely Avenue Annexation is at the San Benito LAFCO meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 6pm in the San Benito County Supervisors Chambers.
- D. Correspondence: Director Norton inquired about tentative subdivision letter on Cole Road. GM Morris explained that it is standard to comment on building and planning notifications. The area in question is within the AWD Sphere of Influence but not currently being pursued for annexation into the AWD boundary.

## IX. ACTION ITEMS

### A. Resolution 2013-12 to Honor Laurie Goodman for Fourteen Years of Service and Dedication to the District:

President Holman moved to approve the resolution and Director Dutra seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved. Discussion: GM Morris is grateful to Laurie for her years of service as the backbone of AWD. Laurie will work one day a week on special projects at AWD beginning in January 2014.

**B. Presentation of Financial Reports for the Month of November 2013:** Revenue for October was \$65,334.55. Total assets are \$6.4 million. Total liabilities are \$1.4 million. Expenses from November 19<sup>th</sup> to December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 were \$ 48,738.50. Payments were reviewed by Pres. Holman.

Director Dutra moved to accept the financials as presented and Vice President Mahler seconded. The financials were accepted unanimously.

**C. Election of Officers for 2014:** GM Morris explained that the Board elects its officers annually. President Holman nominated Wayne Norton as President for 2014. Director Leap seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. Newly elected President Norton nominated Director Leap as Vice President. Director Dutra seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

## X. ADJOURNMENT

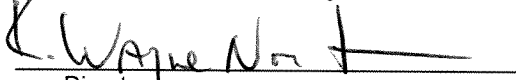
Director Holman adjourned the meeting at 7:55 PM.


Report submitted by Lisa Dobbins, District Secretary

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2014.

Date: January 28, 2014

Read and approved by:

  
Director K. WAYNE NORTON, PRESIDENT

Attest:   
Lisa Dobbins, Board Secretary