

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Directors of the
Aromas Water District
October 22, 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 Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 7:00 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 present. General Manager Vicki Morris, Counsel Bob Bosso and Staff Patten and Cain were 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 September 24, 2013 Regular Meeting and September 26, 2013 Special Meeting were presented for acceptance and approval. Director Norton noted that he was not at the Association of California Special Districts meeting as shown in the minutes.

Director Norton moved to approve the September 24 minutes as amended and President Holman seconded for the minutes to be approved. They were unanimously accepted as amended.

Director Mahler moved to approve the September 26 minutes and it was seconded by Dir. Norton. They were approved unanimously.

VII. ORAL COMMUNICATION: None

VIII. PRESENTATIONS

A. Director's Reports: Director Leap reported that he met with Director Norton and GM Morris on October 18 for the ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee. They prioritized core value and vision statements. A questionnaire was compiled for each Director to rank various areas of growth or improvements for the future of the District. Director Norton and President Holman attended a quarterly Monterey County Special Districts meeting. They discussed CEQA legislation and he reported proposed changes are not likely to pass in Sacramento at this time. Dir. Dutra reported that he visited the office last week.

B. Attorneys Report: Counsel Bob Bosso attended the ACWA conference in Newport Beach and updated the Board on judicial events affecting rates. PVWMA's augmentation charges were upheld by a decision in the District Court of Appeals. The decision will allow them to move forward with their Basin Management Plan.

C. Manager's Report:

Operations: The tank inspections were done by divers and reports on interior conditions were better than GM Morris had anticipated. The major work needed at this time is to remove the rust and paint the exterior of the Rancho Larios tank. She was happy with the work done by Potable Divers Inc. from Utah.

Staff: Staff is preparing for the changes necessary for reading the 60 new Master Meter radio read meters installed by Operators. The *Annual Audit for the 2012/2013 Fiscal Year* is nearing completion. President Holman and Vice Pres. Mahler volunteered to serve on the ad hoc Audit Committee. A new intern from Gavilan College is coming in to work with Operators approximately one day a week.

Projects: Slab and electrical conduit work has been prepared for the new *Seely Pump Station Engine Generator*, which is being manufactured and predicted to be installed around

December. GM Morris met with a San Benito County Sheriff to show the back unit for use as a substation. They are still expressing interest and will contact the other county Sheriff's. He indicated the possibility they could help with renovation costs, quoted at around \$11,000. The idea of a *Solar Power Purchase Agreement* at the Carpenteria Well property is still being discussed. It could bring \$15K-\$16K in power cost savings annually. It is unknown how the community would react to the panels. The solar company would prepare the required CEQA documentation. Dir. Norton expressed concern about implications for the site and long-term functionality of the solar framework. The *Oakridge/Via del Sol Assessment* is on the agenda as item IXB.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution 2013-11 to Retain Retiring Staff Member Laurie Goodman as a Part-Time Employee: Ms. Goodman will be retiring on December 6, 2013. She is willing to return to work for the District one day a week. The adoption of a resolution is required by CalPERS law to show that the District requires her specialized skills. If adopted, she can work up to 960 hours per year.

President Holman moved to adopt and Director Norton seconded. It passed with the following vote:

AYES: Holman, Mahler, Dutra, Norton, Leap

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Staff Goodman thanked everyone.

B. Agreement Between County of Monterey and Aromas Water District to Authorize Community Development Block Grant Funds: Two Oakridge/Via del Sol property owners qualify for funds from the grant which is under the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The money which will pay for the assessments to bring AWD service to their properties does not require repayment.

Director Dutra moved and V. Pres. Mahler seconded the agreement be approved. It passed unanimously.

C. Presentation of Financial Reports for the Month of September 2013: Revenue for September was \$87,558.42. Total assets are \$6.4 million. Total liabilities are \$1.4 million. Expenses from September 17th to October 15th, 2013 were \$98,769.44. Payments were reviewed by Pres. Holman.

President Holman moved to accept the financials as presented and Dir. Leap seconded. The financials were accepted unanimously.

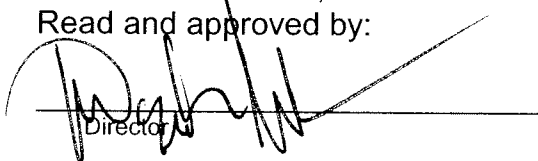
X. ADJOURNMENT

President Holman adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM.


Report submitted by Laurie Goodman, District Secretary

Date: November 26, 2013

Read and approved by:



Director

Attest: 
Laurie Goodman, Board Secretary