

**AMADOR WATER AGENCY
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting**

May 26, 2011

MINUTES

Directors Present: Gary Thomas, Vice President
Robert Manassero
Art Toy

Directors Absent: Don Cooper, President
Paul Molinelli

Staff Present: Gene Mancebo, General Manager
Chris McKeage, Operations Manager
Erik Christeson, Interim Engineering Manager
Barry Birge, Distribution Construction Canal Manager
Cris L. Thompson, Clerk of the Board

MOTION: It was moved by Director Toy, seconded by Director Manassero and unanimously carried to open the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER – Vice President Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - There were no additions to the agenda.

Vice President Thomas stated that item 7.B.1 – Amador Catholic Center would not be discussed today.

PUBLIC COMMENT for matters not on the agenda (RM-A 0:01:33- 4:53)

Mr. Bill Condrashoff
Mr. Thornton Consolo

CONSENT AGENDA- (RM-A 5:01- 5:22)

MOTION: (RM-A 5:20) It was moved by Director Toy seconded by Director Manassero and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

AGENCY GENERAL

Residential Fire Suppression Requirements (RM-A 7:15 – 37:40)

Discussion and direction to staff regarding water supply for residential fire suppression systems.

Public Comment

Mr. Bill Condrashoff
Mr. Rob Aragon
Ms. Debbie Dunn

MOTION: It was moved by Director Manassero, seconded by Director Toy, and unanimously carried to move forward with the staff recommendation to charge residential domestic/ fire suppression system water service connections based on a standard 5/8 in meter participation fee.

Direction was given for the Engineering Committee to review the technical aspects of this new code, and then to the Policy Committee to create policy regarding the new building code.

Agency Reorganizational Structure (RM-A 37:40- 1:57:05)

Discussion and possible action regarding draft job descriptions and salary ranges for newly created positions recommended by the Personnel Committee.

Public Comment

Mr. David Evitt
Mr. Thornton Consolo
Mr. Peter Carisetti
Ms. Debbie Dunn

MOTION: (RM-A 1:49:27) It was moved by Director Toy, seconded by Director Manassero, and unanimously carried to move forward with the job descriptions as presented with the exception of the Administrative Manager position which has been referred back to the Personnel committee.

Direction was given for the position of Administrative Manager to go back to Personnel Committee for further review of the job description and requirements.

Vice President Thomas recused himself declaring a common law conflict of interest for the discussion regarding the Field Services Manager Position.

The Field Services Manager Position has been tabled for a future meeting.

RECESS was called at 11:59 a.m. **SESSION resumed** at 11:07 a.m.

Vice President Thomas re-joined the meeting.

AGENCY GENERAL

Special Tax for Gravity Supply Line Project and Amador Water System Infrastructure (RM-B 0:00:01- 1:00:05)

Presentation by Legal Counsel on the use of Special Tax Fees. (no staff report)

Public Comment

Mr. Bill Condrashoff
Mr. David Evitt
Mr. Thornton Consolo
Mr. Peter Carisetti
Ms. Judy Jebian
Mr. Rich Farrington
Ms. Debbie Dunn

No action taken

AMADOR WATER SYSTEM

Surplus plant purchase 1:02:01 -1:10:39)

Discussion and possible direction to staff to purchase/ negotiate surplus plant equipment.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Toy, seconded by Director Manassero and unanimously carried to authorize the General Manager to go ahead with purchase of unit upon approval of state and in parallel work with the Legislators to obtain support. The Motion was amended to authorize the General Manager to purchase the unit.

Public Comment

Mr. Rob Aragon

MOTION CARRIED

RECESS was called at 12:17 p.m. **SESSION RESUMED** at 1:39 p.m.

Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant (RM-D 0:00:47- 9:15)

Regional Wastewater Grant Update- Verbal report by Erik Christeson

EBMUD Urban Water Management Plan Update (RM-D 10:12- 49:56)

Discussion and direction to staff to send a comment letter regarding EBMUD's revised Urban Water Management Plan Update.

Public Comment

Mr. Rich Farrington
Mr. Pete Bell

Direction was given to the General Manager to draft a revised comment letter incorporating suggested changes.

IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

Water Improvement District No 7 (Lake Camanche Water) (RM-D 52:31- 1:34:45)

Camanche coffee meetings debrief

Discussion and possible direction to send out financial options to customers for feedback.

Direction was given by Director Manassero, seconded by Director Toy and unanimously approved to draft a notice to ratepayers that schedules a rate workshop June 16th, and identifies a proposed one year special surcharge, and rate increase that includes the construction cost index increase for two years following.

AGENCY GENERAL

State Revolving Fund Grants (RM-D1:35:31- 1:39:01)

Discussion and direction to staff to complete letters of intent to apply for funding by June 3, 2011.

MOTION It was moved by Director Manassero, second Toy and unanimously carried to accept staff's recommendation to bypass the application process for the spring 10-11 invitation cycle and remain on the funding list.

MOTION CARRIED

Amador Catholic Center

Discussion and direction to staff regarding payment of fees for the additional EDU's requested for water and wastewater by the Amador Catholic Church-

This item was not discussed.

Preston Youth Correction Facility Pipeline (RM-D 1:39:02- 1:50:48)

Discussion and direction regarding letters requesting transfer of ownership of the State owned raw water pipeline to the AWA.

MOTION: It was moved by Director Toy, seconded by Director Manassero, and unanimously carried to give General Manager the authorization to send a letter requesting transfer of ownership of the State owned raw water pipeline to the AWA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Item not discussed

- A. ACWA Conference**
- B. Personnel Committee**
- C. PR Committee**
- D. Policies Committee**

BOARD OF DIRECTOR DISTRICT REPORTS – Item not discussed

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT- Item not discussed

AGENCY COUNSEL REPORT

Legislative Report

Item not discussed

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS (RM-D 1:55:50- 2:02:54)

Lake Camanche Rates Discussion/ Workshop

Sanitary Sewer Management Plan

Tenant/ Owner Billing

CLOSED SESSION was called 3:42 p.m.

A. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 -Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gene Mancebo, Karen Gish, Robert Manassero, Paul Molinelli) Department Head Bargaining Unit (DHBUnit) Management Bargaining Unit (MBU) AWA Employee Association- Confidential Bargaining Unit Negotiations (CBU)

B. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (b) - Anticipated litigation (2 cases)

C. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a) – Conference with Legal Counsel Existing litigation- Ken Berry vs. Amador Water Agency (Amador County Superior Court Case No. 08-CV-5592)

OPEN SESSION RESUMED at 5:45 p.m. with direction given to staff

MOTION: It was moved by Director Toy, seconded by Director Manassero and unanimously carried to close the meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT – Vice President Thomas adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.



Cris L. Thompson
Clerk of the Board of Directors

Approved: 6/2/11