

Amador Regional Sanitation Authority

“Servicing Amador City, Martell, & Sutter Creek”

MINUTES MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS August 15, 2024

Present:

Jim Swift, Chairman
Frank Axe, Board Member
Claire Gunselman, Board Member

Absent:

Richard Forster, Vice Chairman
Bruce Sherrill, Board Member

Staff Present:

Tom DuBois, ARSA GM
Dan Lafontaine, Public Works Director
Frank Splendorio, ARSA Attorney

1. REGULAR MEETING: CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Meeting called to order by Chairman Swift at 2:33 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Swift led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC FORUM- None

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of June 27, 2024- *for approval*
- B. ARSA August 2024 Warrant List
- C. ARSA July 2024 Balance Sheet
- D. ARSA July 2024 Budget v Actual

M/S Gunselman/Axe to Approve the Consent Agenda.

AYES: Axe, Gunselman and Swift

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Forster and Sherrill

MOTION CARRIED

5. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

- A. Board approval of agreement to resolve past invoices and determine how the parties will handle invoices going forward.

M/S Axe/Gunselman to authorize payment of \$88,000 towards invoices.

AYES: Axe, Gunselman and Swift

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Forster and Sherrill

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- B. Operations Update- for information discussion

Staff provided an update noting that Ione took 255 AF, Switched to Mule Creek. Have 65 AF left in system. 20' down at Henderson, 37 AF left. Sending to Preston about 1 AF a day. 25K gal a day at Hoskins at regular shift.

C. Freshwater Diversion and Henderson Project Updates- *for information*

ARSA agreed to two maintenance issues that CDCR insisted on:

1. Make sure the freshwater diversion is functional and
- 2) Maintenance of the diversion ditch around Henderson

Status - freshwater diversion, we've begun triaging the issue and going for bids to repair. Priority project but need more time. Remove rocks in the inlet and test the values, may need replacement, not sure yet. Staff walked Henderson with CDCR WW staff - agreed to place grates over 5 inlets to catch debris and prevent it from entering the system. Some of the land in question is privately owned and not part of ARSA so that is off the table. Confirming in writing with CDCR and then will complete.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Tom DuBois provided an update:

ARSA will continue until not needed, will try to minimize meetings but know we will need September meeting.

Working on CDCR transfer of lease, they are asking for concrete evidence that Sutter Creek will assume obligations - Will have Sutter Creek City council adopt resolution and bring back to ARSA at next board meeting. This should allow CDCR to transfer the lease contingent on final dissolution

JPA amendments to allow Sutter Creek to succeed ARSA approved by Amador County and Sutter Creek. Amador City is voting on it tonight. Need all 3 agencies to amend the JPA to enable dissolution process. Some turnover on Amador City Council but should have 4 members tonight and prepared.

Water Board - Draft letters and meeting on Water Balances. Individual and Joint. Final Letter was issued. Water Balance due Dec 13, 2024.

Will be followed up for a request for a joint water balance signed off on by Ione, ARSA and CDCR due Feb 1, 2025.

Regional Water board has said they will be issuing new permits to everyone.

Retaining Hydro Sciences to help us prepare the reports.

Golf Course Issue - A lot is being negotiated in closed session. Hahn leases land and owns buildings. Hahn gave notice to the city. City is trying to come to an agreement to prevent closure. Expectation is this should not impact irrigation while being discussed

Adjourned into Closed Session at 2:45 p.m.

7. CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(1):

Amador Regional Sanitation Authority v. City of Ione, et al.

(Case No. 22-CV-12824)

8. REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION – Direction as given to staff. No reportable action taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Karen Darrow, Secretary

James Swift, Chairman

Date Approved: