

# Amador Regional Sanitation Authority

## Amador Regional Sanitation Authority Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 2:30 PM

33 Church Street, Sutter Creek, CA 95685

The Agenda can be found on the City's Website: [www.cityofsuttercreek.org](http://www.cityofsuttercreek.org)

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### 1. Call to Order and Establish a Quorum for Regular Meeting

**Present:** Carnell (LG), Gunselman (CG), Swift (JS), Sherrill (BS)

**Absent:** Epperson

Staff: Tom DuBois (TD), Dan Lafontaine (DL), Aaron Wolcott (AW)

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Pledge led by Jim Swift

### 3. Public Forum

No speakers

### 4. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of June 19, 2025

*Approve as presented.*

Motion by Gunselman, second by Carnell, 4-0

B. Reservoir reports - July, Aug, Sept (1 week)

C. ARSA Budget v Actual September 2025

D. ARSA Check Detail September 2025

**Consent Agenda Approved - Motion by Gunselman, second by Carnell, 4-0**

### 5. Administrative Agenda

A. Henderson Dam Repair Update

DL: built a pump around and wall to keep the sludge out - trying to find a better sludge barrier and debris barrier. Concrete around the pipe is in place and will do a cure in place process instead of slipline. Cleaning and removal of pipe, ext week. Schedule has slipped about a week. Looking to finish October 10th.

Swift: Entire length of pipe encased in concrete? DL: up to the Y in the pipe.

Swift: end product no different than slip line? DL: yes, just technique different.

LC: when are you lining it? DL: first week of October. Going to be done by NorCal. Can you send an email when they are doing the work?

BS - how long will new liner last? DL: 50-100 years.

#### B. Waterboard Response Letter for Joint Water Balance

TD: Sent in Final letter for the Joint Water Balance to the Regional Water Board. Some of the implications are that we won't be able to continue flood irrigation at Bowers Ranch. At the moment nothing is changed, but they are starting the process.

LC: why don't they allow Bowers anymore. TD: don't allow flood irrigation anymore.

LC: could potentially be a spray field.

Swift: Goal is for a new plant in 6 years that makes this a moot point.

Can keep doing Bowers until new permit is issued.

Gunselman: are we in communication with Bowers about this? DL: Cory talks to him. Gunselman: good idea to let him know that we won't be able to give water in a bit.

#### C. Update on Sutter Creek Treatment Plant Plans

Summary of how we got where we are at with the new plant.

Selected Schneider Electric to do a Design-Build for the new WW Plant. Idea of design-build is that we save time and efficiencies in the process. Doing an energy efficiency project that takes advantage of State support to the project. 3 phases: Assessment (regulatory), Design, Build. The plant is in the FEMA flood plain. A firm that is an expert in FEMA working with Schneider. Goal is to keep the plant where it currently is. Part of proposal is to use a "package plant" as a way to manage costs.

Swift: The treatment part of it is prebuilt? TD: yes the treatment part is standard built.

TD: Also taking advantage of solar incentives and bought panels now.

LC: Concerned about cost per resident for the construction

TD: Potential 5-10million dollar gap, which we will try to cover with grants.

LC: expensive. TD: but deferred maintenance on ARSA would be more expensive than new plant.

LC: lots of debt for water facilities...

Swift: Cosina plants are adaptable - can add if necessary? TD: yes, starting with two modules and will leave room for pumping station and additional expansion.

TD: major milestone for the city

Swift: on the council 15 years and was an issue when it started.

**6. General Manager's Report - informational**

**No additional report**

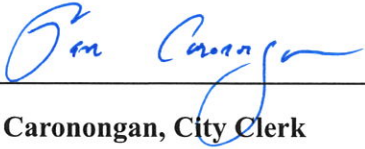
**7. Closed Session**

**8. Report from Closed Session**

**9. Adjournment**

Adjourned at 2:55

**Meeting Minutes Approved on November 20, 2025**



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**Pam Caronongan, City Clerk**