



Amador Regional Sanitation Authority Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 17, 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

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

Present: Board Members Bruce Sherrill, Dan Epperson, Jim Swift, Claire Gunselman

Absent: Board Member Logan Carnell

Staff: Tom DuBois – City Manager, Dan Lafontaine – Public Works Director, Aaron Wolcott – City Clerk

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Chair Jim Swift

3. Public Forum

4. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of March 19, 2025 - for approval

B. Monthly Reservoir Report February 2025

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, by Epperson, second by Gunselman.

AYES: Sherrill, Epperson, Swift, Gunselman

NOES:

ABSENT: Carnell

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

5. Administrative Agenda

A. Awarding Construction Contract for Henderson Underdrain Repair

City Manager Tom DuBois gave a brief overview of the recent bid process for the Henderson Under Drain Repair Project. The bid was awarded to Campbell Construction. Staff would like the Board to approve the bid award to Campbell Construction and also approve ARSA to seek a loan from the City of Sutter Creek to cover the difference in funds immediately available for the project in order to allow the project to move forward this summer. DuBois also explained that there was a bid protest from Soracco, Inc and a copy of the response to the protest was given to Board members.

Board Member Epperson noted that there was a very big difference in the bid amounts between Campbell Construction and other bids. Public Works Director, Lafontaine and DuBois explained that they double

checked the areas where the bid was lowest and are confident that Campbell will be able to do the work given experience with Campbell. Lafontaine also clarified that the work is expected to begin as soon as the dam is drained completely.

DuBois noted that the resolution before the Board would be contingent on the City of Sutter Creek approving the loan to ARSA.

Motion to approve the resolution awarding the construction contract for Henderson under drain repair to Campbell Construction and a loan from City of Sutter Creek, by Gunselman, second by Epperson.

AYES: Sherrill, Epperson, Swift, Gunselman

NOES:

ABSENT: Carnell

MOTION CARRIED 4-0

B. Update to Ione regarding ARSA/ City of Sutter Creek Wastewater planning

City Manager, DuBois, shared a letter that was sent to the City of Ione. He explained that the aim of the letter is to keep open communication with Ione and make clear what Sutter Creek's plans are so that Ione has better clarity for decision making over the next few years. The timeline of Sutter Creek's new Wastewater plant is not yet set so there is a need to keep some flexibility.

Board Member Epperson mentioned that he had also talked to the Ione manager when he saw him and agreed that keeping communications open was important. Trying to keep comms open.

Lafontaine said that operator meeting would be restarting next month which would help with keeping commutation clear.

6. General Manager's Report - Informational

A. General Manager Report

City Manager DuBois gave a short report explaining that the Water Board has yet to provide final approval for individual water balances. While awaiting this, the joint water balance deadline of May 1st necessitates a letter requesting an extension. The current water balance is negative for a number of reasons and the City is working with Ione and others to address this. The loss of Bowers contributes significantly to the negative water balance, and a groundwater management discussion might offer leverage by highlighting past practices before the directive to stop using Bowers. The water balance analysis considers dry, normal, and 100-year rain years, aligning with the three-party agreement regarding water delivery, even in drought years.

Board Member Gunselman requested an update on the dissolution of ARSA. DuBois explained that progress on dissolving the board continues, with the immediate focus on legal agreements, particularly with AWA.

Numerous old and potentially conflicting agreements and addendums between the city and AWA regarding treatment and collection are being reviewed.

7. **Closed Session**

9. **Adjournment – 2:55pm**

Minutes Approved: June 19, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Wolcott", written over a horizontal line.

Aaron Wolcott, City Clerk