

APPROVED

Arrowbear Park County Water District

Regular Meeting

February 16, 2017

6:30 PM

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Arrowbear Park County Water District was held February 16, 2017 at the Water District office, 2365 Fir Drive, Arrowbear Lake, California.

Directors in attendance:

President Terisa Bonito
Vice President Pat Oberlies
Director Rick Weber
Director Mark Bunyea
Director Sheila Wymer

Directors who were absent:

Also present were the following:

General Manager Huff
Secretary Caroline Rimmer
Fire Chief Isaiah Hall
Field Supervisor Paul Miller

Visitors who were present:

Trevor Miller
Ouida Rendelman

Open Session

President Bonito called the meeting to order. Director Wymer led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. President Bonito certified the posting of the agenda. President Bonito performed a roll call, all Directors were present.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Director Weber made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Second was by Director Bunyea. After a brief discussion regarding the Expenses and Budget for the month of January, the Consent Agenda was approved. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Public Comments:

There was no public comment.

Staff Reports:

- A) Supervisor Miller reported a total of 29 maintenance issues for the month of January. There were 10 turn-ons after water shut off, 13 customer requests to turn off/on water, 0 District initiated shut-offs, 0 District equipment repairs, 1 meter replaced, 0 meter reads/re-reads, 2 main repairs, 8 service line repairs, and 0 customer inquiries requiring investigation. There were also 4 new owners, 2 liens filed, 0 liens released, 55 shut-off notices and 15 non-payment shut-offs. Supervisor Miller reported that the Technicians were performing preventative maintenance on the Treatment Plant by prepping it for painting, were preparing for the next pipeline project, and manhole raising project. Director Wymer asked about the tracking procedure for water lost through leaks with Supervisor Miller replying that it is only an estimate and it is tracked as non-revenue or lost water.

- B) Chief Hall reported on the Fire Department calls for the month of January. There were a total of 23 calls, 20 were in-District and 3 were out-of-District. Chief Hall reported that he had established a new form for coverage that provides for on-call coverage from home for most days and as a result the Volunteers are missing fewer calls. Chief Hall also reported that an EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) class would begin sometime in March, the fire engine was scheduled to be delivered no later than the 3rd week in March and that he was using the Homeland Security Grant funds for new radios in the fire engine. Chief Hall continued his report by letting the Board know that Battalion Chief Ozias was in Pennsylvania conducting the final inspection of the fire engine before it is brought out to Ontario by KME who will conduct the training on the engine. Chief Hall was going to debut the new engine to the community at the annual Picnic on July 1, 2017 at Tucker Field.
- C) General Manager Huff reported that Running Springs Water District requested their water connection be turned off until further notice as their District's wells have experienced increased water production due to the recent precipitation.

President Bonito excused any individuals who were not required for the balance of the meeting.

Discussion / Action Items:

- A) General Manager
1. There was a report and discussion on the status of the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Agreement negotiations with Running Springs Water District (RSWD). General Manager Huff reported on his visit and comments to the RSWD Board at their meeting where an ordinance setting the WWTP costs for upstream contributors was presented to the RSWD Board for information. In his comments before the RSWD Board he challenged the authority cited by the proposed ordinance as applicable to properties they served outside of their District, but not contractual relationships between independent special districts. There he also disputed the relevance of their rate methodology using EDU's and why this methodology is not a considered a viable option by Arrowbear Park County Water District as all waste water sent to RSWD is metered and as such, actual flows would be a more accurate measurement of WWTP proportional usage. General Manager Huff reported that he has requested supporting documentation to support RSWD's claim that the WWTP was/is sized based in EDUs with RSWD responding that they do not have historical EDU data. Director Bunyea asked how much our WWTP invoice would increase with General Manager Huff replying that our proportional share would go from 14%-15% to 19% of the total WWTP costs if it was based on EDUs instead of actual flows. There was a brief discussion regarding the impact of the RSWD plan on individual APCWD ratepayers. General Manager Huff also stated that he has, on more than one occasion, suggested independent engineering reviews or third party mediation/arbitration as a solution to the issue and those have been rejected by RSWD. He has been told by RSWD General Manager, Ryan Gross that RSWD would just pass by Ordinance, the increase in the WWTP invoice with no negotiations. There was some discussion as to where CSA-79 stood regarding these latest developments with General Manager Huff sharing his opinion that they were still opposed to the EDU methodology but that they might just pass on the increased costs due to the methodology to the residents of Green Valley Lake. General Manager Huff said he had made a suggestion to the CSA-79 Manager that if it did escalate to a legal fight that APCWD and the County could share costs. The CSA-79 Manager said he would forward that suggestion to his superiors at County. As Trevor Miller, WWTP Manager from RSWD, was in attendance as a member of the

public, Director Wymer asked him how RSWD charges its customers for sewage with Mr. Miller replying that customers in Running Springs are charged by EDU and that the number of EDUs per house was determined plans were submitted to Running Springs Water District. General Manager Huff countered that probably less than 2-3% of the homes in Running Springs had had any type of plumbing fixture count done to assess accurate EDU counts. General Manager Huff also reported that throughout the negotiation/communication process RSWD General Manager Gross has made some highly inaccurate statements regarding how WWTPs are sized, whether APCWD could benefit from economies of scale resulting from a consolidation of the two districts, as well as stating that upstream contributors do not pay their fair share of depreciation at the WWTP. Director Bunyea asked where we go from here? General Manager Huff concluded that at this point we can only wait and see what the RSWD Board does at their next meeting where they may vote on the proposed ordinance. If they pass the ordinance, General Manager Huff said the next step would be consultation with our legal counsel to determine options and next steps. General Manager Huff discussed the cost of a protracted legal disagreement and that he was not sure where each Running Springs Board member stood on the issue. There was no action taken and no motion needed.

B) Board

1. Ad Hoc Committee Chairperson Wymer reported on the meetings for the Fire Department Ad Hoc Committee since the last Board meeting stating that Chief George Corley would be attending the meeting on February 21, 2017 to discuss the possibility of contract services with Running Springs Fire Department.
2. President Bonito reported on the standing committee assignments for 2017, no changes were made, all committee members will be on the same committees as 2016.

Announcements:


- A) The President had no announcements.
- B) Board Members had no announcements.
- C) General Manager Huff let the Board know of the LAFCO Governance Training on March 22, 2017. A reminder will be sent to the Board members before the training to check for attendance.

The next board meeting was to be March 16, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Adjournment of Open Meeting:

There being no further business, President Bonito adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:56 PM.


Terisa Bonito, President


Caroline V. Rimmer, Secretary