

## Auburn Valley Community Service

## **District**

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**Board of Directors** 

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## **Minutes**

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Meeting Held by Microsoft Teams and at 9965 Spyglass Circle, Auburn, CA 95602

Meeting called to order at 1:02 p.m.

Roll Call: All Directors were present (Byron Pipkin had to leave the meeting early)

Established a quorum.

#### **Public Comments:**

A homeowner asked about having back up pumps for the wells as insurance for well failures. It was noted that there is a back up pump for well 4. Discussion followed regarding having backup pumps for all the wells. Infrastructure maintenance, including back up pumps and parts, are included in the Capital Improvement Plan.

Approval of the February 28, 2023 meeting agenda (5-0)

## Reports:

## Treasurer's Report - Richard Welker

January 31, 2023 bank balances are:

#1120 - US Bank - Operations Acct.	\$ 61,	670.28
#1130 - US Bank - Bond Servicing Acct.	\$ 178,	888.49
#1150 - US Bank - Money Market - Reserve Acct.	\$ 200,	026.85

Total: \$ 440,585.62

Receivables

Accounts Receivable \$ 46,223.56

Liabilities

Current Accounts Payable \$ 6,200.00

This is a basic outline of current assets and liabilities. CSD payables are current.

## **President's Report (no report)**

**Vice President Report - Byron Pipkin (no report)** 

## **Technical Director Report - SP Mann**

#### Manganese Levels

The State Water Board's Division of Drinking Water (DDW) is proposing a notification level of 20 parts per billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (mg/l) and a response level of 200 mg/l for manganese. These levels are based on adverse neurotoxicological effects seen in laboratory animals exposed to manganese. DDW derived a health protective concentration (HPC) using several resources; the HPC is based on one specific candidate study.

The current manganese notification and response levels are 0.5 parts per million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l) and 5.0 mg/l, respectively.

AVCSD signed a 150 ppb waiver in 2018 with Placer County utilizing the blending technique that should be sufficient for now and not be effected by the proposal if it was to pass.

#### Well #6 Update

Well #6 was shut down on February 17th as it tested positive for coliform. Water chlorination was done and the well was back in service on February 21st after the water tested negative.

#### **Exposed Sewer Laterals**

Two sewer pipes were seen exposed along Auburn Valley on a couple of homeowners lots. AVPOA was notified and Mike Krug will address having the pipes covered.

#### Collections/Enforcement - Gerald Sherburne

Discussion was held on 30 day notices that need to be sent out.

#### **Consent Item**

A motion was made, seconded and passed to postpone the approval of the minutes for the meeting held January 31, 2023 until the board members could review them. (4-0 / 1 absentee)

#### Old Business

## Rate Study

Sp Mann volunteered to be the point person for collecting documentation for the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and Rate Study. Once all the documentation is collected, the CIP will be updated and prioritized and sent to Lechowicz & Tseng Municipal Consultants (L&T) for the Rate Study.

## **Budget (BENIEN)**

After discussion of the remaining funds in the budget for BENIEN, the motion was made to have BENIEN submit a proposed amendment to expand the budget to the end of the fiscal year (June 2023). The proposed amendment will be reviewed before the regular scheduled district meeting at the end of March and be on the March agenda for approval. The motion was approved. (4-0 / 1 absentee)

#### **Task Force**

Discussion was held regarding raising capital funds funds for an emergency situation as there are no reserve funds to address a catastrophe.

Per California Proposition 218: For assessments, this includes a mail ballot to all affected property owners and required approval of property owners representing at least 50 percent of the total assessment value. In the case of fees, if the proposed fee or increase is not rejected by a majority of property owners in written protests, it needs approval in an election by either (a) a majority of property owners, or (b) two-thirds of all voters.

A motion was made to establish a Task Force consisting of Board Member Sp Mann, and homeowner Mike Krug, to do a study for the Capital Improvement Plan. The motion passed 4-0 / 1 absentee.

Rich Welker will contact L&T and report back at the March meeting on how to finance in case of a catastrophic failure of our infrastructure.

## **Drought and Conservation Reporting**

Senate Bill (SB) 552 requires all counties to improve drought and water shortage preparedness for state small water systems and domestic wells within a county's jurisdiction by establishing a standing Drought and Water Shortage Task Force (Task Force) and developing a County Drought Resilience Plan (County DRP). Charlie Burr, 49er Water Services, will do the reporting.

The State Water Board has issued a Drought & Conservation Technical Reporting Order (January 2023) Per month, water systems are required to report if they are experiencing, or about to experience, a severe water shortage. Information about the system's Water Shortage Contingency Plan is also collected. A board member will contact Charlie Burr regarding the reporting.

## California Sanitary Sewer Management Plan

This order is intended to promote proper management of wastewater collection systems and reduce the occurrences of sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). All publicly owned sanitary sewer collection systems in California with more than one mile of sewer pipe must develop a Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) to comply with the Order. Effective June 5, 2023. Sp Mann will follow up with Mark Kahl.

## New Business Google Account

Sp Mann suggested having a Goggle AVCSD account as a way to access and share documents and to communicate. The AVCSD website can store the documents. It was suggested that board members get their own AVCSD gmail accounts.

#### **Administration**

## **Emergency Declaration**

The Board voted (4-0 / 1 absentee) to extend Resolution 2022-04 (Emergency Declaration) until March 31st.

**Adjournment** - there being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Diane Peterson Recording Secretary

Next Meeting:

March 28, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m.