

**SIERRA COUNTY WATERWORKS (CALPINE) – DISTRICT #1**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, February 14, 2024**

**Directors in Attendance:** Bruce Troedson, Bob Busse, Lindsey Hamilton

**Public in attendance:** Pat Baird, Jim Murphy

**Call to Order:** 6:00pm

**Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2024:** Approved as written.

**Public Comment:** N/A

**NEW BUSINESS:** N/A

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **HANSFORD CONSULTING/FUNDING APPS PROGRESS & OTHER: SWRCB improvements grant funding;** Updated documents have been submitted to the Credit Unit for Clearance.
2. **ENGINEERS REPORT:** Dean has submitted the revised technical scope/cost, combining the well, treatment plant and new tank, to the State.
3. **WATER OPERATORS REPORT:**
  - a. **Upcoming samples for February;** Routine Coliform, Wells #1 & #2 post filter arsenic, VOCs for Wells #1 & # 2.
  - b. **2024 Arsenic RAA (Running Annual Average);** Well #1 – 9.78 ppb. Anticipated to reach State maximum allowable level in 2026. Well #2 - 20.33ppb; Well #2 – post filter – 1.86ppb. Both Wells are operating in compliance and below the arsenic MCL for 2024.
  - c. **System Operation;** The system is operating as designed. A new acid chemical pump has been ordered and will be installed to replace the old one.
  - d. **Usage and Leak Reports;** Distributed to board members.
  - e. **Production;** January 2021 through 2023 – 509,630 average gallons. January 2024 – 375,869 gallons. Overall usage down 38%.
  - f. **State Sponsored Leak Detection;** The program has been discontinued. Pat intends to purchase, at his expense, the tools to perform this function, thereby saving the District money by avoiding unnecessary digging to locate leaks.
  - g. **State Reports;** Consumer Confidence and Annual Reporting in progress. New cross-connection requirement guidelines have been issued to all water districts.

- h. Leak repair procedure;** **1.** 24 hour notice to customers prior to shutoff. **2.** Depressurize line. **3.** Make all repairs using the sanitation and Bac T procedures. **4.** Request consumers flush starting with outdoor hose bibs. **5.** Boiling notices advisable.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/ MAINTENANCE - ACTION AND DISCUSSION:**

1. **ACWA JPIA Insurance;** Flood and earthquake coverage is part of the package and can't be dropped. The policy includes coverage in case of fire.
2. **Cost recovery for repairs servicing 99 Mountain View;** Comments recieved from residents were considered. Further discussion has been tabled pending a statement from Mr. Mitchell. It was noted that the hydrant valve at that location has been buried.
3. **Spring cleanup and maintenance assessment for District facilities;** Outdated equipment will be discarded and shelving will be purchased to organize spare parts and equipment in order to make room for media deliveries. Fire safe clearance will be conducted. Areas that are subject to damage during snow removal operations will be staked.
4. **Damages to Well #1 pumphouse and storage unit at 420 Main St;** Repaired.

**BUDGET/ FINANCIAL UPDATE: Beginning Balance - \$257,812.83. Ending Balance - \$223,630.77.**

It was noted that reimbursements from Title III funding for reservoir dredging has not yet been credited to the District.

**Invoices approved:**

• Mountain Water Management & Services Inv #1045	\$ 1,031.25 a/c# 7012
• Janet Drummond, Secretary Duties 1/10/24 through 2/14/24	810.28 a/c# 7012
• Melody Strong Bookkeeping Inv #156	50.00 a/c# 7012
• Sauers Engineering, Inc Inv #13183	330.00 a/c# 5165
• "*****" Inv #13207	700.00 a/c# 5165
• WET LAB Inv #24010330	167.00 a/c#7012
• "*****" Inv #24010331	41.00 a/c# 7012
• Hansford Economic Consulting LLC Inv #658	360.00 a/c# 5165
• USA Bluebook Inv #00252000	537.54 a/c# 7012
• Sierra County Department of Public Works Ref #1880	200.00 a/c# 7012
• USDA Forest Service Land Use Fees 2022, 2023 & 2024	221.32 a/c# 7012
• Kamstrup Water Metering LLC Inv #CD99006979	933.80 a/c# 7012

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:04 pm**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Drummond, Secretary**

