

SIERRA COUNTY WATERWORKS (CALPINE) – DISTRICT #1

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, March 13, 2024

Directors in Attendance: Bruce Troedson (via phone conference), Bob Busse, Lindsey Hamilton, Craig Dodson

Call to Order: 6:06pm

Also in attendance: Pat Baird, Water Operator

Public Comment: Cost recovery for repairs servicing 99 Mountain View Rd. The Board approved moving this Agenda item to the top of the list. The response to the letter, dated January 21, 2024, was submitted.

Public in attendance: The following customers were present to share their opinions regarding the Board's request for reimbursement of damages incurred during snow removal operations - Alyssa Deacon, John and Beverly Mitchell, Marlene Boggs, Ken and Debbie McMaster, Steve and Lorre Wallace, Tim Butler. Salli Wise and Jo Ann Chesney, former Board Members, shared their recollections of discussions in past meetings regarding snow removal. All customers in attendance were in support of rescinding the District's request for cost recovery. Some took the opportunity to ask unrelated questions regarding District Services.

The Board referred to the fact that all District expenses, related to this issue or not, are ultimately passed on to the customer. Excerpts from past Meeting Minutes regarding damages during snow removal were cited, documenting that repairs since 2022 have been an ongoing issue.

Inconsideration of services previously rendered to the District at no cost, a motion to rescind the letter mailed to John Mitchell, dated January 21, 2024, requesting cost recovery, was approved. AYES; 3 ABSTAIN; 1 ABSENT; 1

A permanent resolution to recurring problems caused by snow removal at this site, as well as others, will be addressed at future Meeting.

Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2024: Approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **HANSFORD CONSULTING/FUNDING APPS PROGRESS & OTHER: SWRCB improvements grant funding;** No updates.
2. **WATER OPERATORS REPORT:**
 - a. **Upcoming samples for March;** Routine Coliform and Well #2 post filter arsenic.
 - 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. **Usage and Leak Reports;** Distributed to board members.
 - d. **Production;** February 2024 – 445,765 (gal); 3-Year Average – 457,907 (gal); Percent Difference -3%.
 - e. **Water Leak- Service to 99 Mountain View;** The meter shows a flow of 4 gallons per minute and is getting progressively worse. Previous repair was temporary and performed as such to provide the customer with water until conditions improved for a successful repair.

ADMINISTRATIVE/ MAINTENANCE - ACTION AND DISCUSSION:

1. **Annual Statement of Economic Interest form 700 & Conflict of Interest Code;** Distributed.
2. **Board member Compensation;** New Board members were made aware that they were eligible to receive compensation for meetings attended. To honor the District's mission, all members waived this opportunity in the interest of the District's mission, as follows:

Sierra County Water Works District #1, Calpine, is dedicated to delivering high quality, clean water in accordance with California State Water Standards while maintaining and improving the delivery system at the lowest possible cost to its users.

3. **Training Opportunities;** (a) Fees Stakeholder Meetings (b) XIO Training (c) Cyber Security. Information was provided. Pat felt that XIO training would be the most beneficial and offered to train Board members.

BUDGET/ FINANCIAL UPDATE: Beginning Balance - \$223,630.77 Ending Balance - \$252,43050.

Reimbursements from Title III funding for reservoir dredging expenses have been credited to the District in the amount of \$35,000.

Invoices approved:

• Mountain Water Management & Services Inv #1049	\$ 1,437.50 a/c# 7012
• Janet Drummond, Secretary Duties 2/14/24 through 3/13/24	658.90 a/c# 7012
• Melody Strong Bookkeeping Inv #159	50.00 a/c# 7012
• Sauers Engineering, Inc Inv #13245	1,750.00 a/c# 5165
• WET LAB Inv #24020274	68 .00 a/c# 7012
• "*****" Inv #24020275	482.00 a/c# 7012
• "*****" Inv #24020276	110.00 a/c# 7012
• High Sierra Gas Annual Tank Lease	117.98 a/c# 7012

ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Drummond, Secretary

