

SIERRA COUNTY WATERWORKS (CALPINE) – DISTRICT #1

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, June 12, 2024

Directors in Attendance: Bruce Troedson, Lindsey Hamilton, Craig Dodson

Call to Order: 6:05pm

Meeting Minutes of March 13, April 10 and May 8, 2024; Reviewed and approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. HANSFORD CONSULTING/FUNDING APPS PROGRESS & OTHER: Well and Treatment Grant;

The State has waived the need for another Financial Review. The project will resolve Category C issues, however, back-up generators are ranked as Category D. Due to limited availability of grant funding, DFA management has been removing generators as grant eligible items. To avoid funding delays, the Board is in support of having them listed as a separate line item on the bid schedule. The State can then deem them as ineligible and the District will be responsible for those costs, estimated at \$25,000.

All reviews/approvals of the funding application are complete. The Contacts Unit was sent the project file on 6-10-24. The Financing Agreement should be issued in mid/late July. Construction must be completed by 2-28-26 and funds must be spent by 6-30-26.

2. WATER OPERATORS REPORT:

- a. Upcoming samples for June;** Routine Coliform, and Well #2 Post Filter- Arsenic.
- b. System Operation;** Operating as designed. A quote from AdEdge to replace the arsenic media was reviewed and approved. Cost - \$8,647.79. The previous cost in 2021 – \$5,401.43. Replacement will take place in the fall.
- c. Usage and Leak Reports;** Reviewed
- d. Production;** May 2024 – 1,012,735 (gal); 3-Year Average – 1,193,741 (gal); Difference - less 23%.

ADMINISTRATIVE/ MAINTENANCE - ACTION AND DISCUSSION:

1. **Board Vacancies:** Applications have been submitted to the County Clerk for consideration by the Board of Supervisors at the meeting on 6-18-24.
2. **Website:** The Resolutions postings on the website was reconsidered. The page will remain.
3. **Rate Schedule: Tier 4 Increase;** Catherine has recommended that the Board approve the scheduled rate increase from \$83.15 to \$89.80 per EDU monthly Year 4 of the table shows that rates could be held upon completion of these two construction projects.for the following reasons;
 - a. The District needs cash reserves. Even with revenues projected with the authorized rate increases, we'll likely have to take out a bridge loan to cover costs during construction.
 - b. The new generators will not be grant-funded
 - c. The tank project could probably be completed in the next 5 years if the District increases it's rates as authorized in Resolution 21-3. The tank project cost is estimated by taking the 2022 bid and inflating it by 3.5% each year to 2026
 - d. Year 4 of the table shows that rates could be held upon completion of these two construction projects.

BUDGET/ FINANCIAL UPDATE: Beginning and ending balances are pending submission of the General Ledger from the County to the District's bookkeeper.

Invoices approved:

- **Mountain Water Management & Services Inv #1086** \$ **1,812.50 a/c# 7012**
- **Janet Drummond, Secretary Duties 5/8/24 through 6/12/24** **355.78 a/c# 7012**
- **Hansford Economic Consulting Inv #706** **1,505.00 a/c# 5165**
- **High Sierra Gas Inv #U032D285** **77.84 a/c# 7012**
- ******* Inv #U032D286** **131.90 a/c# 7012**
- **WETLAB Inv #24050147** **222.00 a/c# 7012**

ADJOURNMENT: 7:06 pm

**Respectfully submitted,
Janet Drummond, Secretary**

