

MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Thursday, February 16, 2023
2:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Agency Personnel Present Who Spoke: ANDY FECKO, General Manager; DAN KELLY, General Counsel; LORI YOUNG, Clerk to the Board; DARIN REINTJES, Director of Resource Management; BRIAN RICKARDS, Planning and Development Services Manager; LAURA RODARTE, Associate Engineer; JEREMY SHEPARD, Director of Technical Services; MATT YOUNG, Director of Customer Services

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dugan called the regular meeting of the Placer County Water Agency Board of Directors to order at 2:00 p.m. in the American River Room, Placer County Water Agency Business Center, 144 Ferguson Road, Auburn, California.

1. Roll Call

The Clerk to the Board called roll.

Present: Vice-Chair GRAHAM "GRAY" ALLEN, JOSHUA ALPINE, Chair ROBERT DUGAN, MICHAEL "MIKE" LEE, and PRIMO SANTINI, III

Absent: none

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Gerry LaBudde led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Announcements, introductions, and recognitions

There were none.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chair invited the public to comment. There were no comments.

C. REPORTS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS

Director of Customer Services provided an update on Project Go's Low-Income Water Assistance Program.

Director of Customer Services reported on the communications plan for the new untreated water service customer acknowledgement (PowerPoint presentation and 2 handouts provided).

D. AGENDA CHANGES AND REVIEW:

There were no changes.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Action:

1. Consider approving two budget amendments to increase the 2023 Operating Budget for Agency Wide and the Water Division.
2. Consider adopting Resolution 23-07 and Resolution 23-08 concurring with the nominations of Scott Ratterman and John Pang to the Executive Committee of ACWA/JPIA.
3. Consider approving the January 5 and 19, 2023, Minutes.

Information, Receive and File:

4. Supply and Demand Report for Water Systems; summary of water commitments.
5. Check Register 23-04 expenses disbursed.
6. Board of Directors' expenses for January 2023.
7. Treasurer's Investment Report for month ended January 31, 2023.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Director Santini approving Consent Calendar items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7; motion seconded by Director Lee. Roll call vote: Director Allen AYE, Director Alpine AYE, Director Lee AYE, Director Santini AYE, and Chair Dugan AYE. The motion passed.

F. AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS:

Action:

1. Consider approving Change Order No. 1 to Bid Contract No. P-21-03 with GE Grid Solutions, LLC for the Purchase of Generator Circuit Breakers for Middle Fork Powerhouse.
2. Consider approving Amendment No. Two to the 2020 Design Professional Services Agreement with Northwest Hydraulic Consultants.
3. Consider approving Amendment No. 1 to the On-call Professional Services Agreement with Rubicon Construction Management for Inspection Services.

4. Consider awarding agreements for Paving and Concrete Maintenance Services to Simpson & Simpson, Inc., Pavement Coatings Co., and B&M Builders, Inc.
5. Consider awarding an agreement to Marsh Management Services Inc. to perform an Insurance Captive Feasibility Study.
6. Consider approving continuation of sole source vendor, Rapid7 LLC, for the purchase of ongoing licensing and support of Nexpose vulnerability management software.
7. Consider approving the continuation of sole source vendor, Rexel, for the purchase of SCADA software and hardware.
8. Consider approving the purchase of a John Deere 410P-Tier 4 Backhoe Loader and a John Deere 444P-Tier 4 Wheel Loader from Pape' Machinery.
9. Consider approving Amendment No. 13 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for the American River Water Rights Extension Project.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Director Alpine approving Agreement and Contract items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9; motion seconded by Director Allen and adopted by unanimous vote of Directors present.

G. WATER:

1. Receive a presentation on the current 2023 water supply conditions and the recent aerial snow survey performed by Airborne Snow Observatories, Inc.

(PowerPoint presentation and handout provided)

Director of Resource Management provided a water supply update, and a presentation on different methods for measuring snow and the recent airborne snow observatory flown over the American River Basin for the first time.

There was no public comment.

2. Receive report on a revised supply and demand report that incorporates new data and shifts the baseline year from 2020 to 2021.

Planning and Development Services Manager reviewed the proposed changes to the supply and demand report and provided justification on why the changes are needed.

There was no public comment.

3. Receive a report on progress in 2022 on water system consolidation efforts and an update on State Water Resources Control Board funding opportunities for these efforts. No action requested.

(PowerPoint presentation provided)

Planning and Development Services Manager reported on the State Water Resources Control Board's recent momentum on consolidations and work addressing failing and at-risk drinking water systems.

Associate Engineer reported on the Agency's consolidation efforts in 2022 and funding opportunities and efforts.

There was no public comment.

4. Consider approving the following for the Weimar Water Company Acquisition Project:
 - a. A budget amendment;
 - b. Declare the project exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and authorize the Clerk to the Board to file a Notice of Exemption;
 - c. The purchase of the Weimar Water Company; and
 - d. A General Services Agreement with Hydros Engineering, Inc.

(PowerPoint presentation provided)

Director of Technical Services explained how the acquisition opportunity triggers potential rephrasing of the Colfax to Applegate Regionalization Study. He provided the background of the Weimar Water Company, listed their major assets, reported on the valuation of assets and long-term benefits, and explained the transition plan and the Agency's outreach plan.

General Manager suggested a change on the recommendation section of the Board memo for agenda item G.4.c. He suggested inserting 'authorize the General Manager or their designee to sign' after 'Master Agreement (Weimar Water Company) and...'. The addition would authorize the General Manager or their designee to sign documents such as the Bill of Sale, General Assignment of Easements/Leases, etc.

Providing a suggestion on the recommendation section of the Board memo for agenda item G.4.d., General Manager suggested changing the word 'Chair' to 'Director of Technical Services'. We want the agreement with Hydros Engineering, Inc. to begin at the close of escrow. Not knowing when that exact date will fall, staff recommends allowing the Director of Technical Services to sign the General Services Agreement with Hydros Engineering, Inc. to begin the one-year clock upon close of escrow.

General Counsel explained the process of events that would happen should the Board approve the acquisition.

Gerry LaBudde provided public comment. He complimented PCWA stating the Agency has been very good to work with throughout the entire process. The State is not making it easy for the smaller water systems to operate. Looking at the big picture on what is going on in Placer County and the consolidation efforts, now is the right time for this action. Weimar Water Company is very happy with the way this is working out.

Chair Dugan stated the motion would be to approve the following:

- a. A budget amendment in the amount of \$3,750,000 from Agency Wide Reserves;
- b. Declare the project exempt from CEQA and authorize the Clerk to the Board to File a Notice of Exemption;
- c. The purchase of the Weimar Water Company in the amount of \$3,750,000 and authorize the Chair to sign the Master Agreement (Weimar Water Company) and authorize the General Manager or their designee to sign all other documents necessary to complete the sale and transfer of the Weimar Water Company to PCWA; and
- d. A General Services Agreement with Hydros Engineering Inc. over a one-year term in an amount not-to-exceed \$300,000 and authorize the Director of Technical Services to sign on the Agency's behalf.

Motion by Director Alpine approving the above as stated by Chair Dugan; motion seconded by Director Lee. Roll call vote: Director Allen AYE, Director Alpine AYE, Director Lee AYE, Director Santini AYE, and Chair Dugan AYE. The motion passed.

Director Alpine expressed how happy he was, and he thanked the Weimar Water Company and the PCWA Board of Directors.

H. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS:

Director Santini reported he and Director Alpine attended the NID-PCWA Water Committee meeting at which staff updated NID on the Ophir Water Treatment Plant and the City of Lincoln's water supply was discussed.

Director Alpine reported on the following: 1) Director of Strategic Affairs presentation on the region's biomass efforts at the NID-PCWA Water Committee meeting, 2) ACWA Region 3 Annual Board meeting and the region's workplan, 3) ACWA's possible sponsorship of the water bond in 2024.

Director Allen reported he will attend tomorrow's Sites Reservoir Authority Board meeting.

Chair Dugan reported he attended the first regional Cap-to-Cap water team meeting for this year where they reviewed regional priorities for federal advocacy for this year's Cap-to-Cap meeting in

Washington, D.C. He also attended the California Municipal Utilities Association's Capitol Day and was able to meet with our new Assemblymember and Senator. A good foundation was laid with our new lawmakers, and they are very supportive of the Agency.

I. REPORTS BY LEGAL COUNSEL:

Legal Counsel 1) thanked staff for their hard work on the Weimar Water Company acquisition agenda item, and 2) reported on Executive Order N-3-23 signed by Governor Newsom on February 13, 2023.

J. REPORTS BY GENERAL MANAGER:

General Manager noted he will be in Washington, D.C. until late in the day on March 1st, but he does plan on being here for the March 2nd Board meeting. The 2022 Year End Report and the 2023 Strategic Plan are on the agenda for the March 2, 2023, meeting, and several of our strategic partners from the region have been invited to attend.

K. ADJOURNMENT:

At 3:32 p.m. Director Alpine made a motion to adjourn. Chair Dugan adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:

Lori Young, Clerk to the Board
Placer County Water Agency