

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY**

**Thursday, February 20, 2025**  
**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; DARYL HENSLER, Director of Field Services; DARIN REINTJES, Director of Resource Management; BRIAN RICKARDS, Planning and Development Services Manager

**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,  
PRIMO SANTINI, III, and CHRIS WILSON

Absent: none

**2.       Pledge of Allegiance**

Jan Clark-Crets 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**

There were no reports.

**D.     AGENDA CHANGES AND REVIEW:**

There were no changes.

**E.     CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Action:

1. Consider approving the January 16, 2025, Minutes.

Information, Receive and File:

2. Supply and Demand Report for Water Systems; summary of water commitments.
3. Treasurer's Investment Report for month ended January 31, 2025.
4. Check Register 25-03 expenses disbursed.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Director Allen approving Consent Calendar items 1, 2, 3, and 4; motion seconded by Director Alpine and adopted by unanimous vote of Directors present.

F. AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS:

Action:

1. Consider approving Amendment No. 1 to General Services Agreement No. PS-2460494 with White Oak Land Management for On-call Vegetation Maintenance in Support of the Middle Fork Project in an additional amount not to exceed \$173,000 and extending the time of performance through August 6, 2028.
2. Consider approving the purchase of seven 2025 Dodge Ram 1500 trucks and three 2025 Ford Maverick trucks under the State of California Multiple Award Schedule Vehicle Purchase Contracts #1-22-23-20E and #1-22-23-20F in an amount not to exceed \$544,000.
3. Consider approving the purchase of a John Deere 333P Compact Track Loader from Pape Machinery using the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase Contract #032119-JDC in an amount not to exceed \$174,772.
4. Consider approving Professional Services Agreement with Blackburn Consulting for On-call Inspection Services in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 for a five-year term.
5. Consider approving General Services Agreement No. CS-2460656 with Florez Brothers Incorporated, dba Florez Paving for Meter and Endpoint Installation in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for a two-year term.

Providing public comment on item F.2., Anna Nakashoji suggested purchasing fewer trucks and redirecting that money towards maintenance of canals that are scheduled to be shut down.

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

G. WATER:

1. Receive a report on the ongoing PG&E Lake Spaulding repairs and the impacts to water deliveries.

Due to a conflict of interest, at 2:06 p.m. Director Alpine recused himself from participating in the discussion of item G.1. and left the room.

Director of Resource Management reported on 1) the status of PG&E's repairs at its Lake Spaulding facilities, 2) water availability and deliveries for 2025, and 3) conservation efforts and customer notifications. (Handout provided)

The following Public Comment was received: 1) Aaron Zurek spoke about customers receiving a reduction in charges or a refund to compensate for the reduction in water delivery, and 2) Dennis Bartell spoke about the inconvenience of having to carry/move water to feed animals when the canal is down, and his concerns about fire hazard of property.

Chair Dugan recessed the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

Director Alpine returned to the room at 2:43 p.m.

Chair Dugan reconvened the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

2. Receive a report on the investigation and operation of the Eastside Canal.

The Planning and Development Services Manager reported on the background of the canal, operational and maintenance challenges/problems, 2023-24 timeline of events, recent field investigation results, and canal revenue and expenses.

Director of Field Services provided additional information on the video inspection of the canal, explained the necessary work and cost (that has been identified) to return the canal to service, and spoke about the water loss associated with water delivery to the Eastside Canal.

The General Manager noted alternatives for future operation of the canal are still being refined based on what staff learned from the analysis.

Public comment received.

Anna Nakashoji, resident on Martin Lane, spoke about 1) the water belonging to the people of Placer County, 2) fire/homeowners' insurance concerns, and 3) new development paying towards the cost of repair and/or moving the waterline.

Dennis Bartell, resident on Betty Lane, spoke about 1) the water in the creek along Brace Road and the difficulty getting water to the top of the hill, 2) the expense of putting in a new waterline, and 3) being open to other alternatives.

Pat Brechtel, resident on Brace Road, spoke about 1) using the money towards resolving the issue instead of further investigating the issue, and 2) the effects on property values.

Janet Van-Y, resident on Brace Road, inquired about 1) taking water from Secret Ravine and plumbing it to the box at Dias Lane, and 2) insurance for the Agency's infrastructure.

John Weller, resident on Dias Lane, spoke about 1) his frustrations in dealing with PCWA, 2) refunds to compensate for the reduction in water delivery, 3) effects on property value, and 4) PCWA adding water to Secret Ravine.

Loomis resident Aaron Zurek spoke about 1) the quantity of water entering and exiting the canal, 2) property values, and 3) PCWA providing all affected households with treated water.

Devin Perona, Parcel 14 owner, spoke about 1) water rights, 2) support for alternatives presented including pumping water from Secret Ravine and creating a line off the Yankee line, 3) adjusting the price of treated water, and 4) increased costs when untreated water is unavailable.

Providing public comment on behalf of Susan Piette, Aaron Zurek spoke about 1) Agency costs partially recouped/additional revenue if treated water provided to customers, and 2) concern for animals and garden.

Nick Hoffart, resident on Betty Lane, spoke about 1) cost of using treated water to irrigate property, 2) fire hazard and insurance concerns, 3) canal maintenance, and 4) concerns with PCWA's responsibility of treated water.

Elizabeth Croft, resident on Brace Road 1) spoke about the loss of trees on her property in 2024, and 2) asked the Board to think of the homeowners and their investments in their properties.

Jan Clark-Crets, Town of Loomis Mayor Pro Tempore, reiterated the importance of water and expressed appreciation on working towards a collaborative solution to the issue.

Chair Dugan noted the area is now served by treated water via the pipeline down Brace Road and PCWA does not have land use authority.

The General Manager addressed the public comments regarding billing credit adjustments, special pricing on treated water, treated versus raw water reliability, raw water as a fire mitigation, self-insurance of infrastructure/renewal replacement/maintenance, and Secret Ravine as an alternative.

Chair Dugan directed staff to look into the following: 1) grants for the operation/maintenance/renewal and replacement of raw water systems, 2) Secret Ravine and

Miner's Ravine as possible alternatives, 3) the possibility/legality of offering a replumbing credit/discounted rate, 4) facilitating some of the WCC charges, and 5) address CEQA in the alternatives/analysis.

H. ADMINISTRATION:

1. Consider creating an ad hoc committee with the Town of Loomis to support their Sphere of Influence evaluation.

There was a consensus of the Board to create the ad hoc committee with the Town and Loomis and Chair Dugan and Director Wilson would sit on the committee.

There was no public comment.

I. REPORTS BY DIRECTORS:

Director Alpine reported on the following meetings/tours he attended: 1) the Placer County Economic Development Board meeting, 2) Duncan Hill Project Tour with staff, and 3) the Placer County Local Agency Formation Commission meeting.

Chair Dugan reported on his meetings with the Insurance Institute for Building and Housing Safety.

J. REPORTS BY GENERAL COUNSEL:

No report received.

K. REPORTS BY GENERAL MANAGER:

No report received.

L. ADJOURNMENT:

At 4:09 p.m. Director Alpine made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Director Wilson and adopted by unanimous vote of Directors present.

ATTEST:

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Lori Young, Clerk to the Board  
Placer County Water Agency