

## Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Thermalito Water and Sewer District  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
January 17, 2017 – 2:00 pm

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Hatley at 2:00 pm

#### **1.1 Flag Salute**

Attorney Carter led the flag salute

#### **1.2 Roll Call**

Present were President Hatley, Vice President Reynolds, Directors Taggart, Pulley and Thompson. Also present were Recording Secretary Padilla, Attorney Carter, Engineer Heindell and Manager Boucher.

President Hatley passed the gavel to the newly elected President Taggart.

### **2. PERSONS DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

None

### **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**3.1** Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 13, 2016

**3.2** Financial Statements – November and December 2016

**3.3** Water Warrants – Check Number 15625-15680 Total \$351,232.47  
Water LAIF Deposit - \$142,768.86

Health Reimb Arrangement – Check Number 2641-2646 Total \$4,122.11

Sewer Warrants – Check Number 6964-6975 Total \$175,735.29  
Sewer LAIF Deposit - \$27,231.14

**3.4** Summary of District Operation and Solar Power Generation – December 2016  
It was moved by Director Reynolds, and seconded by Director Hatley to approve consent agenda item 3.1 - 3.4. Motion carried.

### **4. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**At this point, it was suggested by President Taggart to move Item 6.2 forward in the agenda to accommodate Kate Hedges with the Konkow Maidu Cultural Preservation Association and Item 6.2 to accommodate Jack Kiely with the Lower Oroville Water Rates**

#### **6.2 Konkow Maidu Cultural Preservation Association Update**

Kate Hedges mentioned that she is here today to give her first quarterly report per the Agreement. She mentioned that to date, they have achieved the following goals:

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- Engaged relevant property owners, TWSD, Sopher Wheeler and other private property owners adjacent to Section 9 up behind Concow Dam.
- Contracts are now in place with TWSD and Sopher Wheeler.
- Liability insurance is in place to cover the activities.
- Contact has been made with the private party owners who share the NE corner marker of Section 9 and the first lot marker south. She mentioned that this will mark the line for the common boundary between Sopher Wheeler and TWSD.
- Engaged Northeast Information Center archive which holds all the archaeological records for northeastern California.
- Contact has been made with the NIC in Chico and it's Director, Professor Carly Whelan who teaches archaeology at CSU Chico, Professor Whelan is very interested in bringing her students out to resurvey the arch site which was surveyed back in the 80's.

She mentioned that her goals for 2017 include:

- Hosting the CSU Chico archaeology students to resurvey the site.
- Flag the eastern property line of Section 9.
- Flag proposed new lot lines.
- Prepare proposal to USFS Community Forest Program.
- Continue to solicit funds.

#### **6.1    Lower Oroville Water Rates**

Jack Kiely stood before the Board and mentioned that he will be attending the City Council meeting to speak about the water rates between Cal-Water, TWSD and South Feather. He handed out a Water Rate Comparisons form showing the following cost per unit:

Oroville – Cal Water	\$3.27
Chico – Cal Water	\$1.57
Thermalito Water & Sewer	\$0.74
South Feather Power & Water	\$0.42

He mentioned that there was a CPUC hearing last April in Chico, where Cal-Water was asking for an \$800,000 rate increase per year, which was protested by several people and Cal-Water ended up receiving about a 2% increase which was about \$300,000. He stated that the difference between a public and private agency is that a public agency such as Thermalito Water and Sewer reflects true cost as to where a private agency such as Cal-Water has about 5-6 other charges such as property taxes and general office corporation charges that are included in their rates. He mentioned that this information has been given to the City Council before and what has taken place is that when the rate case was done,

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there was direction given to the City Council to have their staff do an overview of the water rates. Cal-Water lobbied real hard to the City Council mentioning that there is no reason to do the rate study as they are not for sale and that if you mess with Cal-Water, Cal-Water would sue for millions of dollars.

### 5. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS

#### 5.1 President Taggart will Appoint Administration Committee for the Coming Year

President Taggart appointed the following Administration Committee for the Calendar Year 2017.

##### COMMITTEE

Administration/Inter-departmental/  
Personnel

##### DIRECTORS

Hatley and Taggart

#### 5.2 Current Board Committees

President Taggart asked the Board if they would like to make any changes to the committees for the Calendar Year 2017. It was decided to leave all committees as is except for the following change:

Concow Committee

Reynolds & Pulley

### 6. WATER BUSINESS

#### 6.1 Lower Oroville Water Rates

This item was moved forward in the agenda and has already been discussed.

#### 6.2 Koncow Maidu Cultural Preservation Association Update

This item was moved forward in the agenda and has already been discussed.

### 7. ATTORNEY REPORT

None

### 8. SEWER BUSINESS

#### 8.1 SC-OR Report

Commissioner Hatley reported the following:

- **Request for Funding for RCPS Pumps Replacement:** Manager Koch requested funding in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 to either replace the pumps like-to-like or replace with a larger motor impellers to increase the gallons per minute capacity. The request was approved.

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- **Appreciation of Service:** The Commissioners thanked Commissioner Simpson for his eight years of service to SC-OR. Commissioner Simpson was not re-elected for City Council. The City Council will be sending down a new SC-OR Member this month.
- **Appointment of Commissioner:** Commissioner Dahlmeier asked Manager Koch to prepare a memo stating concerns that legal staff may have with the City of Oroville's potential appointment of a SC-OR Commissioner. City Council Member Art Hatley is requesting to be on the SC-OR Board. Mayor Dahlmeier was concerned that there may possibly be a conflict of interest if a father and son were both on the Board at SC-OR. Attorney Battle drafted a letter back to Manager Koch stating that he did not know of any statutory authority forbidding this arrangement, but that he would not recommend it because there could be a perceived notion that when Council Member Art Hatley and Director Trevor Hatley are together, they could be talking about SC-OR business which in turn would be violating the Brown Act. The Mayor should be appointing someone from the City Council this evening to be on the SC-OR Board.
- **Authorized Signatories for Funds:** The current check signature limit is \$2,500.00. Approval was given to raise the signature limit to \$5,000.00.

### 9. MANAGER'S REPORT

**Sewer Flow I&I Update:** Manager Boucher reported that during the last rainstorm in December, both pumps at the Ruddy Creek Liftstation were bypassing. Crew was out till 7:00 pm that evening searching to see where the problem was located. During the next storm, crew went out and found other problems. The Linkside Liftstation which normally kicks on every other day had kicked on 34 times during the storm. Crew isolated the problem, made some repairs which instantly relieved Ruddy Creek Liftstation. Crew has been pulling manholes and has been making a list of repairs that are needed. They recently purchased some foam injection to seal up the cracks and holes.

Engineer Heindell and Utility Worker McIntosh have gone down to meet with Scott at SC-OR to get a better understanding of what the magnitude of I&I means and what the impacts are for dry weather flows versus wet weather flows. Manager Boucher mentioned that TWSD was about 140 gallons from peak during the December flows. Scott from SC-OR mentioned that there will be no fines in December and he believes that January's flows would probably be less than what we had in December since we have made repairs.

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**10. HEARING OF INDIVIDUALS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**11. BOARD COMMENTS**

- Happy Birthday to Director Reynolds.
- Happy Anniversary to Director Thompson.
- Engineer Heindell mentioned that both he and Manager Boucher will be attending a public workshop in Sacramento on January 18<sup>th</sup> regarding the Urban Water Conservation. The State Water Board is updating the Governor's Emergency Regulations and they are proposing an additional conservation measures because although the drought is "over" in Northern California it is not in Southern California.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 pm.

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Secretary of the Board

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President of the Board