

Regular Meeting of the
Mariposa Public Utility District
July 6, 2021

The regular meeting of the Mariposa Public Utility District Board of Directors was called to order by Director Mock at 6:32 p.m., at the regular meeting place.

Present were Directors: Bondshu, Cleary, Dulcich, Finney, and Mock, General Manager Susan Wages, Mariposa County Supervisor liaison: Marshall Long, and Christina Manuel (Mariposa Gazette).

The minutes of the June 1, 2021, meeting were approved as written upon motion of Director Bondshu, and seconded by Director Cleary.
Motion carried.

Public Input - There were no comments from the public.

Report, Mariposa County Board Liaisons – Marshall Long reported on Mariposa County activities.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Engine E-22 is at Burton's in Modesto for a valve repair.

SELF HELP ENTERPRISE, HOUSING PROJECT

The water main in Antone Road is under construction. The project completion date is July 4, 2022.

MARIPOSA ROADWAY, WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – AKA Town Renovation Project

The sewer main replacement segments have been prioritized to comply with budgeting for the project. Segment R7, Jones Street from 8th to 12th Streets will bid as an alternative option. 90% Submittal is anticipated to be available for staff review in early July and the final submittal in late July.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Remaining punch list items consist of the bioassay validation study, booster pump motor protection, UV resistant labels and circuit breaker index. The District continues to hold project retention funds of \$174,597.

EMPLOYEE SALARIES

The Board reviewed employee billing rates. District staff is proposing a 4% cost of living increase for operations and clerical employees and an additional merit increase of 4% to the newly assigned water, chief plant operator and an assistant operator.

UPON MOTION of Director Finney and seconded by Director Dulcich, the Board unanimously approved a 4% cost of living increase and 4% merit increase to the water, chief plant operator and an assistant operator. Motion carried.

AYES: Bondshu, Cleary, Dulcich, Finney and Mock

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

PRELIMINARY BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2021-22

The Board reviewed the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2021-22, including employee salaries, Capital Disbursements (including office equipment, General Manager vehicle and technology improvements for Saxon Creek), and Operating Disbursements (including unfunded liabilities, membrane modules, customer lateral, and area of use mapping).

UPON MOTION of Director Cleary and seconded by Director Bondshu, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2021-1952, approving the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2021-22.

AREA OF USE MAPPING, STOCKTON CREEK RESERVOIR

The Board reviewed a proposal from Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group to prepare an area of use map for the District’s water right licenses on Stockton Creek at an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

UPON MOTION of Director Finney and seconded by Director Cleary, the Board unanimously authorized the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Provost and Pritchard, not to exceed \$25,000 to develop an area of use map. Motion carried.

AYES: Bondshu, Cleary, Dulcich, Finney and Mock

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

REVIEW ORDINANCE NO. 52, PROHIBITION OF NONESSENTIAL WATER USE

Ordinance No. 52 was reviewed by the Board. In response to worsening drought conditions, Governor Newsom issued proclamations on April 12 and May 10, 2021, proclaiming drought emergencies in several counties, including Mariposa. The State Water Resources Control Board encourages water diverts to prepare for drought impacts statewide. No action taken.

GENERAL MANAGER

The Board reviewed the aged receivables report. The General Manager has identified property owners with accounts that are over sixty days delinquent. The property owners have been notified of impending tax lien if the account is not brought current by July 26, 2021.

The Board reviewed the 2021 estimated water supply and Stockton Creek Reservoir levels. The reservoir level is currently at 289-acre feet, 6 feet below the spillway.

District staff generated a response letter to the project proponent at 4808 State Highway 140 requesting the District to assess the feasibility of a possible water connection between the District and the proposed project. Under California Health and Safety Code, any entity seeking to establish a new public water system must first contact all community water systems located within 3 miles of the proposed water systems service area in order to assess the feasibility of consolidation. The proposed project is out of the District service area and water right area of use. The District does not view the connection as feasible and is unable to provide a water connection and service to the site.

The professional services agreement with Provost & Pritchard has been approved by Mariposa County for the Mariposa County LAFCo Project for MPUD.

BILLS

UPON MOTION of Director Bondshu and seconded by Director Dulcich, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2021-1951:

BE IT RESOLVED the following bills be paid:

EFT	Public Employees Retirement System	\$44,650.00
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24992	USDA Rural Development	2,564.00
25014	ACWA/JPIA	17,934.61
25015	American Messaging	39.88
25016	Aramark	933.42
25017	AT&T	82.84
25018	Beverly Scientific LLC	5,481.89
25019	Brenntag Pacific	1706.29
25020	BSK Associates	8,104.13
25021	Campora Propane	193.55
25022	Costanzo & Associates	1,260.00
25023	Dataflow Business Solutions	419.12

25024	Foster Ace Hardware	326.25
25025	Hach Co.	727.80
25026	Mariposa County Public Works	2,716.45
25027	NCL of Wisconsin	459.18
25028	O'Reilly Auto Parts	108.98
25029	The Office City	160.54
25030	PG and E	6,874.77
25031	Provost & Pritchard	66.00
25032	Shirlee Buck	50.00
25033	Sierra Telephone	1,339.02
25035	AWWA	209.00
25036	Bank of America	947.89
25037	Chase's Foothill Petroleum	805.23

CLOSED SESSION – Government Code 54956.9, Existing Litigation

The Board entered into closed session pursuant to Government code 54956.9 at 7:45 p.m. Open session reconvened at 7:46 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION – Government Code 54957, Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Position of Employee Under Review: General Manager

The Board entered into closed session pursuant to Government code 54957 at 7:46 p.m. Open session reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

UPON MOTION of Director Bondshu and seconded by Director Finney, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Frank Mock

Chairman, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Susan Wages

Clerk, Ex-officio, Secretary