

CALAVERAS PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

December 8, 2009

Regular Meeting

7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Jaich
Clifford Overmier
John Lavaroni
Charlie Moore

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dave Ortegel

VISITORS PRESENT: Todd Fischer

ALSO PRESENT: John Ornellas
Donna Leatherman

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AS MAILED:

A. Regular Meeting of 11/10/09: A motion was made by Director Jaich, seconded by Director Lavaroni that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 11/10/09 be approved as mailed. Motion carried 4-0-1 abstain.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

3. APPROVAL AUDIT REPORT 2008/2009: A was made by Director Moore, seconded by Director Jaich to Approve the 2008/2009 Audit Report as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTORS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2009: A motion was made by Director Jaich, seconded by Director Moore to approve the Directors Report for November 2009 as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1 absent.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CLAIM SUMMARY #614: A motion made by Director Lavaroni, seconded by Director Moore to approve Claim Summary #614 in the amount of \$53,068.90. Motion carried 4-0-1 absent.

6. MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

A. Calaveras County Jail/Court Project: The Manager was contacted by a Court Representative. The Manager reported the next step will be to establish a Water Facilities Agreement. Director Jaich asked if the District has received any drawings. No.

B. Status Report FERC: Director Moore and the District Manager will meet with Jim Hansen on December 11, to discuss the ramification to the District regarding the general storm and local storm Probable Maximum Precipitation (PMP) based on Hydrometeorological Reports (HMR) 58/59 at Schaads.

C. Golden Hill Leak Repair: The Golden Hills leak was completed on December 1, as scheduled. The entire staff did an excellent job from planning to notification of the residents. Unfortunately, the USA for the job was overlooked and an AT&T telephone line was severed during excavation of the main. AT&T was called to the scene and began repairs as soon as the leak repair was complete. The Manager contacted our insurance carrier to report the incident.

Depending upon the bill from AT&T, this will determine how the District will proceed. Measures are being taken to create a project check list that will be review prior to the start of projects.

D. Miscellaneous: The Manager also reported on Pacific Gas & Electric Purchase Power Agreements are up for renewal. The contracts will be sent for review and returned to PG&E.

The December 7, storm reported no significant damage to the District facilities. The Treatment Plant was out of power and operated on the backup generator. The Glencoe pump station and Ponderosa Hydro are still without power at this time. The District responded to several broken pipe calls and expects to have additional calls as the show melts and conditions change.

The District also received two awards from ACWA/JPIA for low ratio of Worker Comp Claims and Liability Claims.

7. DIRECTORS COMMENTS:

Director Moore suggested that the District post a news release informing customers of “freeze tips” during the frozen temperatures. The District will also update the website with the same information.

8. PERSONNEL MATTERS:

A. REDEFINE ROLL OF CHIEF OPERATOR: The Manager submitted the fourth revision of the job description, now named Field Supervisor. Director Jaich inquired as to why the job description and title are being reviewed at this time. The Manger reported that this was discussed with the previous Manager. This description is to define duties that are being done as Chief Operator and define the duties under the new job description. Director Jaich reported that there has been more spent on this job description that perhaps it should be revisited at a time when it is better understood what the duties of this position should be. Director Lavaroni reported that some of details in the description should be done by the Manager and others may create the “it’s not my job” syndrome. The Manager was asked to table this item.

B. PERSONNEL SESSION: A personnel session was called by Director Lavaroni at 7:35 p.m. At this time the Board asked that Todd Fischer and John Ornellas leave the meeting. The board reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

Action taken: Director Overmier reported that Mr. Ornellas is not taking the District in the correct direction. A motion was made by Director Moore, seconded by Director Lavaroni to terminate John Ornellas as District Manager. The District will pay Mr. Ornellas through the end of December 2009. Motion carried 4-0-1 absent.

Action taken: A motion was made by Director Lavaroni, seconded by Director Jaich to appoint Donna Leatherman as Interim District Manager effective immediately. Motion carried 4-0-1 absent.

John Ornellas was asked to return to the meeting. Chairperson Overmier informed the Mr. Ornellas the Board of Directors has voted, you are not taking the District in the correct direction, your services are no longer necessary. The District will pay your salary through the end of December 2009. Please make arrangements with Donna to take care of personal belongings, keys, check and paperwork. Mr. Ornellas reported that he was disappointed and thought he was moving in the correct direction. Mr. Ornellas asked if there was any room for discussion on

the Board's decision. No. Mr. Ornellas thanked the Board of Directors for the opportunity. Director Moore thanked him for his services. At this time Mr. Ornellas left the Board meeting and proceeded to remove his belongings from his desk.

Director Moore will attend the meeting with Jim Hansen on December 11 and report at the next meeting. Several items were discussed as to what measures to be taken for the Interim Manager.

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Leatherman, District Secretary