



MARIPOSA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Roads – Parks & Recreation – Facilities – Airport
Engineering – Surveying – Transportation – Utility Operations
Fleet Maintenance – Solid Waste - Cemeteries

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WATER AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD

ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES February 29, 2024

A. 3:00 pm Called to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Mike Guenther	Chair	Present
Sonny Palmer	Vice Chair	Present
Michael Martin	Member	Excused
John McCamman	Member	Present
Mark Rowney	Member	Present
Dave Conway	Member	Present
Susan Wages	MPUD	Absent
Matt Hespenheide	PWD County Engineer	Present
Claudia Gonzales	PWD	Present
Sam Cervený	PWD Deputy Director	Present
Jean Dordan	PWD Executive Assist	Present
Wes Smith	Mariposa OES	Present
Danette Toso	Supervisor District III	Excused
Shannon Poe	Supervisor District II	Absent
Steve Dahlem	County Counsel	Present
Jim Stahl	Resident-Wawona	Phone

B. Introductions

None

C. Public Comment

None

D. Approval of Minutes

January 16, 2024 (M) Sonny Palmer (S) John McCamman Mark Rowney defines paragraph 2. Mark emphasizes his report was in Kilowatts, MID reported in Megawatts.

E. Action Items

1. Adopt updated By-Laws

County Counsel Steve Dahlem reports he corrected clerical errors.

(M) Sonny Palmer (S) John McCamman

F. Discussion Items

1. Continued discussion of the review of MID settlement payments and audit report

Last year the full \$300,00 was received from MID. County Counsel Steve Dahlem reported that the county will receive a payment in April or May. The County wants an in-person meeting with MID, Steve would like Mark Rowney to attend. The low interest-bearing account will be addressed.

County Engineer Matt Hespenheide would like to target locations for groundwater recharge from Lake McClure, Matt has been talking with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding Burns Reservoir from Exchequer Dam to hold water. The Army Corp has an easement at Burns Reservoir. The land is in Merced County and one parcel away from Mariposa County.

Matt emphasizes that 18 million dollars won't be enough to get a large project completed. Matt would like to look at flood protection as a possible project.

Recess Water Agency Advisory Board

G. Water Agency Advisory Board to sit as the Drought and Water Shortage Task Force

1. Status of Grant Application

The County was granted \$125,000 by the Department of Water Resources (DWR), the county can now move forward with a plan for the Task Force.

Community outreach will be a large portion of that plan to receive information regarding wells on private property from county residents and for joint mutual aid programs during a disaster.

2. Update from Blackwater/Public Works

None

Reconvene as the WAAB

H. Next Meeting

It was agreed to meet on a bi-monthly basis on the 4th Thursday of the month.

Next meeting scheduled for April 25, 2024 at 3:00 pm

I. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Dordan
Executive Assistant