



Mariposa County Department of Public Works

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MARIPOSA COUNTY WATER AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

August 4, 2022

Members Present: Michael Martin, John McCamman, Sonny Palmer, Art Baggett
Mark Rowney

Members Absent: Robert Keller

MPUD Ex Officio: None

BOS Liaison Present: Marshall Long, Rosemarie Smallcombe

County Staff Present: Steve Dahlem, Jean Dordan, Sam Cerveney, Larry Harris

Guests: Karen Smith, Colleen Rhodes, Al Golob

1. **Call to order:**
3:00 pm.
2. **Public Comment:**
None
3. **Approve minutes:**
None
4. **Action Items:**
 - a. Results of the issuance of the RFP.
No responses were received.

b. Continued discussion of the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to do an audit of the payments from the MID settlement.

The County Engineer Matt Hespenheide suggested to Public Works create an RFQ for On-Call Services agreements in which more than one contractor may participate in creating a new RFP. This process may help to attract participants (s) to the beneficial use and feasibility process. Art Baggett mentions that Kennedy Jenkins is very knowledgeable about our water issues. Mark Rowney states that Mariposa County still has water rights on Bean Creek and Maxwell Creek but not the South Fork of the Merced River. Motion by Art Baggett to continue with the RFP process (S) Michael Martin. All ayes.

5. Discussion Items:

a. Discussion of the one-million-dollar contribution from the general fund.

Larry Harris stated there is funding from ARPA in the general fund tied to the Cares Act in the amount of \$3.2 million dollars. During the budget hearings, Public Works requested \$1 million dollars for infrastructure repair that is necessary for all districts. Deputy Director Larry Harris and the county engineer devised a list of where to best to apply funding for repair and replacement in each district. The biggest issues are with all lift stations and overflows, each district will get money for corrections needed. All districts need upgrades in infrastructure.

b. Status of the Water Agency fund balance.

John McCamman drafted a letter to the Auditor's office, as of now the annual unrestricted contributions are \$982,000, and the 6% joint escrow account is 2.5 million dollars. As defined in the settlement agreement, the Auditors office is not able to track the monies. John McCamman suggests the board asked County Counsel to retain an accounting firm to validate the monies in the accounts and verify they are consistent with the settlement agreement. (M) Mark Rowney (S) Sonny Palmer. All ayes.

6. Next Meeting:

December 8, 2022, at 3:00 pm

7. Adjourn:

3:54 pm

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