

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SEWERAGE COMMISSION - OROVILLE REGION**
(Held at the Commission office on October 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.)

1. Call to Order ❖

Chairwoman Mastelotto called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call ❖

Commissioners present were Mastelotto and Salvucci from the Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District, Reynolds and Thomson from the City of Oroville, Wristen and Taggart from the Thermalito Water and Sewer District. Staff present was Manager Sturdevant, Plant Supervisor Salsi and Attorney Huber.

3. Salute to the Flag ❖

Chairman Mastelotto led the Commissioners and staff in the salute to the flag.

4. Acknowledgment of Visitors ❖

None

5. Board Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 27, 2022 ❖

Upon motion by Commissioner Reynolds to approve the minutes of the meeting, and seconded by Commissioner Wristen, the minutes of the September 27, 2022 regular meeting were unanimously approved.

6. Authorization of Warrants ❖

Commissioner Reynolds met with Manager Sturdevant and reviewed the warrants, and having found everything to be in order made a motion for their approval. The motion was seconded by Chairwoman Mastelotto. Warrants 27751-27782 in the total amount of \$193,605.64 from August 23 to September 27, 2022, including Commissioner fees and electronic fund transfers, were unanimously approved and ordered paid.

7. Fiscal Reports ❖

Manager Sturdevant reported that the fiscal reports for September were in the packets. There were no questions, and nothing further to report.

8. Bartles Wells Associates Rate Study for an Amount not to Exceed \$50,000 ❖

Manager Sturdevant stated that this is the study that is required for the avoidance of a lawsuit, which will incorporate all of our rates and will be 218 compliant. It will look specifically whether there is a difference in usage between single family versus multi-family units. We only have one proposal to present because the Jacobs' proposal was going to be more than double what the Bartles Well Associates proposal while for performing less work.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds approve the rate study by Bartles Wells Associates for an amount not to exceed \$50,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Salvucci, and passed by the following vote: Wristen – Yes, Mastelotto – Yes, Reynolds – Yes.

9. Review of I&I Peak Charge Resolution 05-22 (A Resolution Establishing the Formulas for Determining Infiltration/Inflow Surcharges: and Corresponding Policy 7305 ❖

Manager Sturdevant stated that this policy is used to determine if there will be any excess flows charges to the entities due to I&I. Last year the commission directed staff to revise the resolution to capture the spirit of the goal of the resolution, which is to encourage the JPA entities to repair their lines, not just to penalize them. That was accomplished, and it is now his recommendation to table this item until the Bartles Wells Associates study has been completed. It was tabled by consensus of the commission, and will be reconsidered once the study is finished.

11. Attorney's Report ◆

Attorney Huber said that he was charged with making recommendations for SC-OR General Counsel. He reached out to the attorneys serving TWSD and LOAPUD for recommendations. The attorney for LOAPUD did not know of anyone, but would confer with her partners to see if they knew of anyone who might be interested. Jeff Carter, attorney for TWSD, submitted the name of an attorney, and Mr. Huber will reach out to them. He also contacted five firms, and two replied back and said that they will submit proposals. The other three stated that they were too busy. As soon as he receives those proposals, he will forward them to the commissioners for review.

12. Manager's Report ♦

Manager Sturdevant reported and he, Plant Supervisor Salsi, and Mayor Reynolds attended the County Supervisors meeting to make SC-OR's case on the issue of grant funds. At minimum SC-OR will receive \$10.25M, but more than likely \$24.6M. The County passed two funding tracks; track A gives us \$10.25M, but the State requires much of the projects to be in the low to medium income (LMI) areas, which they are not. The County will try to negotiate with the State to back off their LMI requirements. Track B – If the State will not back off of their LMI requirements, then SC-OR should get \$24.6M. He believes that is more than likely.

Jacobs has promised they will have a breakdown of the engineering costs at the November meeting to phase the upgrade project so that we can pay for phase I with the grant money, while seeking additional grant monies for phase II. It would be great not to have to take any loans out at all and keep SC-OR out of debt, which is his goal.

Everything is on track on the influent pump station construction. Commissioner Taggart asked if Manager Sturdevant spoke at the County Supervisors meeting, and Manager Sturdevant confirmed that he did speak, as did Mayor Reynolds.

12. Visitor Comments ♦

None

13. Commissioner and Staff Comments ♦

Commissioner Reynolds stated that Glen and Mikah represented SC-OR well at the Supervisors meeting. Commissioner Taggart asked about the date for the November meeting. Manager Sturdevant stated that it will be on November 15th to avoid conflicting with the Thanksgiving holiday.

14. Adjournment ♦

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m. to the regular meeting scheduled for November 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



GLEN E. STURDEVANT, CLERK