

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SEWERAGE COMMISSION - OROVILLE REGION**

(Held at the Commission office on September 27, 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, and Taggart from the Thermalito Water and Sewer District. Staff present was Manager Sturdevant, Plant Supervisor Salsi and Attorney Huber. Commissioner Wristen arrived at 5:24 p.m.

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 August 23, 2022 ❖

Upon motion by Commissioner Reynolds to approve the minutes of the meeting, and seconded by Commissioner Salvucci, the minutes of the August 23, 2022 regular meeting were unanimously approved.

6. Employee Safety Meeting Minutes held on September 6, 2022 ❖

Upon motion by Commissioner Taggart to approve the minutes of the meeting, and seconded by Commissioner Salvucci, the minutes of the September 6, 2022 employee safety meeting were unanimously approved.

7. Authorization of Warrants ❖

Commissioner Salvucci 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 Commissioner Taggart. Warrants 27682-27750 in the total amount of \$1,613,375.13 from August 23 to September 27, 2022, including Commissioner fees and electronic fund transfers, were unanimously approved and ordered paid.

8. Fiscal Reports ❖

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

9. Resolution 04-22 (Setting the Regional Facility Charge) and SC-OR Policy No. 7260 ❖

Manager Sturdevant said that we review our Regional Facility Charge (RFC) annually in September. We are in the process of getting proposals and estimates to study our rates, therefore, it is staff recommendation that we leave it at \$6,638.00 until the study is completed.

Attorney Huber stated that this rate was set under a Proposition 218 hearing four years ago, and a projection was set for five years. We are in year four of the projection, and with this we are just confirming that the number projected four years ago is still good.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds to adopt Resolution 04-22 – A Resolution Setting the Regional Facility Charge, and Policy No. 7260. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taggart, and passed by the following vote: Taggart – Yes, Mastelotto – Yes, Reynolds – Yes.

10. Hourly Wage Schedule (Appendix II) ❖

Manager Sturdevant reported that SC-OR policy states that staff will receive a cost-of-living increase annually based upon the All-Urban Areas CPI at August 31, 2022. If the CPI is 5% or below it is automatic, but if it is above 5% then it needs to come to the Commission for approval. This year the CPI rate at August 31 was 8.3%, so we are bringing it to the board for approval to increase the wage schedule by 8.3%.

Commissioner Thomson asked Attorney Huber that if the inflation rate goes down tomorrow, does the 8.3% increase in wages then go down also. Attorney Huber stated that the cost of items does not decrease even when inflation decreases, so the 8.3% wage increase is non-flexible.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds to adopt the updated wage schedule, Appendix II, effective September 1, 2022 with a cost-of-living increase of 8.3%; the motion was seconded by Chairwoman Mastelotto, and passed by unanimous consensus.

11. Attorney's Report ❖

Reported under closed session.

12. Manager's Report ❖

Manager Sturdevant reported that we had our bi-annual CPR training, so all SC-OR employees are now CPR certified.

We are still in discussions with the County on how much our allocation of the Federal Disaster Relief Funds will be; we've heard anywhere from \$5M-\$45M. He had a conversation with a county employee, and expressed that he felt the low amount was extremely unfair to SC-OR since the county used the total cost of our project to increase their requested amount from the State of California for \$170M. The State said they would fund 45% of the County's requested amount, and then the County told SC-OR they may only fund 10% of our request. He expressed that we should get at least 45% of our requested amount. He and Plant Supervisor Salsi will be attending the county supervisor meeting on October 11th to fight for SC-OR's funding. Commissioner Reynolds said he would contact some county supervisors to discuss this with them.

Everything is still moving forward as it should be on the pushed back schedule of March, 2023 for the influent pump station.

We received some estimates on the proposed rate study. Jacobs gave a pretty wide range of \$40,000-\$100,000, depending of the level of the study. TWSD just got a quote from Bartle Wells for a rate study, and it was about half of what Jacobs top number is. We will get a quote from Bartle Wells as well.

We are still working with Jacobs on potentially phasing the upgrade project to take advantage of county funds.

12. Visitor Comments ❖

None

13. Commissioner and Staff Comments ❖

None

14. Closed Session ❖

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 5:15 pm. The Commission reconvened to open session at 6:10 pm. Chairwoman Mastelotto reported there was discussion but no reportable action taken in closed session.

15. Adjournment ❖

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. to the regular meeting scheduled for October 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



GLEN E. STURDEVANT, CLERK