

MINUTES
HOPLAND PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023

President, Joan Norry called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m., with the following roll call:

Present: Directors - Joan Norry, Carol Gunter-Hall, Gary Rosetti, General Manager - Jared Walker, Board Secretary - Ashtyn Davis

Absent: Bruce Nicolas

Financial Report/Bills

Director Gunter-Hall made a motion, seconded by Director Norry, to approve the financials for November 2023. The motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Minutes

Director Gunter-Hall made a motion, seconded by Director Norry, to approve the November 9, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes. The motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Correspondence

None.

Public Expression

None.

Staff Reports

a. **Office Manager**

- i. None.

b. **General Manager**

- i. GM, Walker reported that the West Tank will be undergoing installation of Telemetry starting tomorrow.
- ii. There was an odor complaint last month at the WasteWater Treatment Plant; the State came out to conduct an inspection and follow-up of sludge monitoring.
 - a. The inspection went well; 3 out of the 4 ponds had less than 6 inches of sludge in them and 1 of the ponds that was 10 feet deep had a little over a foot of sludge in it.
 - b. The inspector also noted in her report that there was no odor present upon her arrival or throughout the duration of her inspection.

Old Business

a. Capacity Planning

- i. GM, Walker reported that everything looks good and the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians seem to have fixed their water leaks.

b. Inland Water & Power Commission (IWPC)

- i. GM, Walker reported that the IWPC were hosting their monthly meeting tonight as well.
- ii. They hosted a special meeting last week and a local attorney has drafted a support letter to PG&E stating the importance of the Eel River Diversions continuance and is asking for support of approval from each of the districts that is included in the packet under New Business item A) for the Board to discuss.

c. Report on URRWA and Consolidation Efforts

- i. GM, Walker reported that the newly restated JPA redline draft agreement has been completed and sent off to the State for review with one major addition stating that once any district receives over \$1 million dollars in grant funding it automatically triggers an application for annexation.
- ii. The next Ad Hoc meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, December 18th at 6pm to discuss the added language to address the States comments and concerns

d. Update on Draft Waste Discharge Requirements

- i. None.

e. Caltrans Project - Highway 101 ADA Improvements

- i. GM, Walker reported that there was a meeting between CalTrans and a few of the board members that took place on November 31st; CalTrans is very adamant about this project happening and anticipating a 2026 start.
- ii. Lots of questions and concerns regarding funding and how Hopland PUD will be able to fund this project.
- iii. GM, Walker has been in contact with several different people concerning funding; Bryan Reynolds estimated this project to cost about \$1.9 million dollars.
- iv. Still awaiting a final map and scope of what is going to take place during this project.

New Business

a. Consideration of Support Letter for the New Eel-Russian Facility in PG&E's Initial Draft Surrender Application

- i. The board unanimously declined to sign the Support Letter for the New Eel-Russian Facility in PG&E's Initial Draft Surrender Application.

b. Consideration of Request from Hopland Cemetery District to Suspend Monthly Charges

- i. Director Gunter-Hall made a motion, seconded by Director Rosetti, to approve the Request from Hopland Cemetery District to Suspend Monthly Charges.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Director Gunter-Hall, seconded by Director Rosetti at 7:41 p.m., and passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Joan Norry, President

Date _____

Ashtyn Davis, Board Secretary

Date _____