

CALAVERAS PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

May 10, 2022

Regular Meeting

3:00 pm

DIRECTORS PRESENT: J.W. Dell'Orto  
Richard Blood  
Brady McCartney

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jack Tressler\*

STAFF PRESENT: Travis Small, General Manager  
Adam Brown, District Legal Counsel  
Carissa Bear, Clerk of the Board  
Mathew Roberts, Water System Superintendent  
Tyla Daries, District Engineering Technician

OTHERS PRESENT: Grant Reynolds  
Jennifer Smith

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER: The regular meeting was called to order by President Dell'Orto at 3:05 P.M.
2. ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS: Directors Dell'Orto, Blood, McCartney, and Tressler were present.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. PUBLIC COMMENT (Limit 3 minutes per person/15 minutes per subject): None
5. RESOLUTION NO. 2022-9: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CALAVERAS PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY PERSISTS, RE-RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY THE GOVERNOR ON MARCH 4, 2020, AND RE-AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CALAVERAS PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD MAY 10, 2022, to JUNE 10, 2022, PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS.

A motion was made by Director Blood, seconded by Director McCartney, to approve Resolution No. 2022-9. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Dell'Orto, Blood and McCartney voted yes; none opposed. Motion carried 3-0.

\* Director Tressler entered the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

6. CONSENT ITEMS
  - a. Minutes of Regular Board meeting of April 19, 2022
  - b. Claim Summary

A motion was made by Director Blood, seconded by Director McCartney, to approve item 6. a-b. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Dell'Orto, Blood, McCartney and Tressler voted yes; none opposed. Motion carried 4-0.

#### 7. CLEAR WELL TANK PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Tyla Daries, District Engineering Technician, presented a slideshow for a status update of the Clearwell Tank Project. Ms. Daries went over the process of getting the tank vertical and the method the contractors used for installing the roof of the tank. Weld testing started last week and testing the floor of the tank will be done this week. All welding should be complete by June. The blasting and coating of the tank should be completed between July and October. Ms. Daries answered the Board's questions.

#### 8. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR WATER SERVICE, EXTENSION OF WATER MAIN AND ANNEXATION TO DISTRICT FOR 5369 PALOMA RD.

Grant Reynolds, on behalf of his client, presented to the Board the request to be annexed into the District's service area. His client is looking for a letter of support from the District to bring to LAFCO. The Board, Mr. Reynolds and the General Manager discussed what it would take to get water service to the property. The Board all agreed that they would like to see more growth within the District as long as it is not costing the District. A motion was made by Director Tressler, seconded by Director Blood, to submit a letter of support to LAFCO for the annexation of 5369 Paloma Rd. to the District. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Dell'Orto, Blood, McCartney and Tressler voted yes; none opposed. Motion carried 4-0.

#### 9. ACWA/JPIA RATE STABILIZATION FUND REFUND

Travis Small, General Manager, informed the Board that the District received a refund of \$13,453.70 from ACWA/JPIA for the Rate Stabilization Fund.

#### 10. RESOLUTION NO. 2022-10: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING DISTRICT BOUNDARY MAP

Ms. Bear, Clerk of the Board/Executive Assistant, explained to the Board that an updated District boundary map is required to be submitted to the Calaveras County Election's Office for the upcoming election. A motion was made by Director Blood, seconded by Director Tressler, to approve Resolution 2022-10 A Resolution Adopting District Boundary Map. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Dell'Orto, Blood, McCartney and Tressler voted yes; none opposed. Motion carried 4-0.

#### 11. CALAVERAS LAFCO BUDGET AND RECRUITMENT FOR SPECIAL DISTRICT ALTERNATE BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Small informed the Board that LAFCO is looking for an alternate Board member. Mr. Small and the Board had a discussion. Adam Brown, District Legal Counsel, informed the Board that it would be beneficial to have representation at LAFCO. Director Blood volunteered to apply.

#### 12. BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/23.

Mr. Small presented the new GL structure format to the Board. President Dell'Orto stated it would take some time to get used to the new format. Mr. Small informed the Board that he worked with

the District's CPA to create the new format. The new structure mirrors best practices followed by other Districts who have won transparency awards and also follows the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) guidelines. A motion was made by Director Tressler, seconded by Director Blood, to approve new GL code structure. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Dell'Orto, Blood, McCartney and Tressler voted yes; none opposed. Motion carried 4-0.

### 13. CALAVERAS PUBLIC POWER AGENCY RATE INCREASE

Mr. Small reported that the Calaveras Public Power Agency (CPPA) rates have increased. He explained that PG&E is looking to change the way they charge. Under the new method, PG&E will be charging off of distribution demands for peak season totals. CPPA is trying fight the change with PG&E. All of the Board members expressed their frustration with another increase.

### 14. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROPOSITION 218 RATE STUDY CONSULTANT SERVICES

Mr. Small has brought back the proposal for the Proposition 218 Rate Study. He added dates and a timeline to the proposal. The Board conveyed their wishes for a better public outreach during this rate increase. They feel that was poorly done during the last rate increase. Mr. Small took note of their request. A motion was made by Director Tressler, seconded by Director Blood, to approve the draft for the Proposition 218 Rate Study. A roll call vote was taken. Directors Dell'Orto, Blood, McCartney and Tressler voted yes; none opposed. Motion carried 4-0.

### 15. REPORTS

#### a. Legal Counsel's Report

Mr. Brown stated that his report would be covered in closed session.

#### b. Water System Superintendent's Report

Mathew Roberts, Water System Superintendent, discussed the Monthly Maintenance Report. Jeff Davis Reservoir is full. The crew is continuing to keep it full as long as possible. The Garamendi Hydro had a 10" turbine valve rebuild. There were two leak repairs in San Andreas. The California Department of Safety of Dams (DSOD) required gopher abatement was done at Redhawk. 48 USA tags were completed. The dump truck had to be repaired but is now back in service. Mr. Roberts gave an overview and update of the SAFER program that he has been working on. Mr. Roberts reported that the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is complete, on the website and a note will be added to this month's bill letting customers know how to access it.

#### c. District Engineer Report/Clearwell Project Update

The District Engineer's report was covered in Item 7.

#### d. General Manager's Report

Mr. Small stated that his report would be covered in closed session.

#### e. Director's Comments:

Director McCartney expressed his frustration with the CPPA rate increase and let the Board know that he was going to look into what options the District has moving forward.

\* The Board went into closed session at 4:57 pm

### 16. CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6)

*CPUD designated representatives: Travis Small, General Manager and Adam Brown,  
General Counsel*

*Employee organization: SEIU Local 1021*

The Board heard and discussed a report from the District's labor negotiators. No action was taken. A special meeting of the Board of Directors has been scheduled for May 19, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

17. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Dell'Orto adjourned the meeting at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carissa Bear', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Carissa Bear, Clerk of the Board