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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AMERICAN RIVER AUTHORITY
3:00 P.M. ADJOURNED BOARD MEETING
Monday, June 17, 2013

ENTITY	DIRECTORS	ALTERNATES
County of El Dorado	Ron Briggs	Ray Nutting
County of Placer	Jennifer Montgomery	Robert Weygandt
County of San Joaquin	Ken Vogel	VACANT
El Dorado County Water Agency	Ron Briggs	Richard Englefield
Placer County Water Agency	Robert Dugan	Mike Lee
Public Member	Ken Yorde	VACANT

Ron Briggs (Chair of the Board)
Ken Yorde (Vice-Chair)

David Breninger (Executive Director)
Chris Williams (Counsel)

ARA Members Present:

Robert Dugan
Jennifer Montgomery (via teleconference)
Ken Yorde, Vice-Chair
Ken Vogel

ARA Staff Present:

Ed Horton, ARA Consultant
Joseph Parker, Treasurer
Chris Williams, Legal Counsel

Guests participating in the meeting:

Dave Eggerton, General Manager, El Dorado County Water Agency
Cheri Sprunck, PCWA Clerk to the Board
Gary Estes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Yorde called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. at the El Dorado County Water Agency, 4110 Business Drive, Suite B, Shingle Springs, California.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Director Vogel

2. Roll Call & Introductions

Roll called was conducted and there were self-introductions. Director Vogel introduced Tom Gau, San Joaquin Director of Public Works.

3. Organizational Matters:

- a. Recognize newly appointed members.

Mr. Horton noted there is one new ARA member, Robert Dugan. He also pointed out the vacancies on the Board. Director Vogel will check with his Board about an alternate from San Joaquin.

- b. Appointments, if any, to the vacant Alternate positions.

There were no appointments.

- c. Selection of Chair and Vice Chairman for 07/01/13 through 06/30/14.

Director Montgomery said Chair Briggs and Vice-Chair Yorde are doing an excellent job.

Action: Motion by Director Montgomery nominating Ron Briggs as Chair and Ken Yorde as Vice-Chair; motion seconded by Director Vogel and adopted by unanimous roll call vote of Directors present.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Eggerton, General Manager, El Dorado County Water Agency, said they have to pursue additional water rights under area-of-origin water laws for long-term water needs. They filed for 40,000 acre-feet to store in Sacramento Municipal Utility District's Upper American River Project. Their initial approach was strictly legal. They encountered concern and opposition throughout the State. They are reworking the project to try to turn it into something that has broad regional benefits. Regional water supply reliability is what is expected and required under the law. They want to strengthen partnerships with agencies throughout the area.

Staff discussion followed.

C. CONSENT CALENDER

1. Approval of minutes: March 5, 2012, adjourned board meeting.

Action: Motion by Director Montgomery approving Consent Calendar item 1; motion seconded by Director Vogel and adopted by unanimous roll call vote of Directors present.

D. GENERAL ITEMS

1. Receive Independent Auditor's Report prepared by Maze & Associates for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

Mr. Parker reported Maze & Associates performed audit last fall and issued an unqualified opinion last December. There was very little activity last year. There were no issues with the audit.

Action: Motion by Director Dugan to receive and file the audit; motion seconded by Director Vogel and adopted by unanimous roll call vote of Directors present.

2. Direct the Executive Director, or Treasurer, to enter into an agreement with Maze & Associates to perform an independent audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 not to exceed \$4,200.

Mr. Parker explained the purpose of the agreement.

Board inquiry and staff response followed.

Action: Motion by Director Vogel to authorize the ARA Executive Director or Treasurer to enter into an agreement with Maze & Associates to perform an independent audit for year ending June 30, 2013, not to exceed \$4,200; motion seconded by Director Dugan and adopted by unanimous vote of Directors present.

Director Dugan asked about the cost of the audit. Staff responded the cost was reasonable.

There was discussion about having an audit every other year. Mr. Horton said the bylaws notes the ARA shall have an annual audit.

Supervisor Montgomery suggested looking into changing the internal rules to have an audit conducted every other year rather than every year.

3. Approve proposed ARA Annual Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 which includes no dues/assessments.

Mr. Horton pointed out the proposed budget of \$11,200 and noted staff is doing their best to keep costs low.

He also pointed out the ARA does not have a records retention program, but has a lot of documents. He recommended following the State's records retention program and there is no

cost. He said staff will continue to keep the minutes, resolutions, studies we have done, or anything pertinent.

Director inquiry and staff response followed. Director Montgomery asked for a copy of the policy.

Action: Motion by Director Montgomery approving the ARA Annual Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 with no assessments due; motion seconded by Director Dugan and adopted by unanimous roll call vote of Directors present.

E. REPORTS BY ARA DIRECTORS.

Director Montgomery reported a number of people on the north side of the Middle Fork American River have met with multiple entities and interested parties.

CAL FIRE has entered into an agreement for defensible space and protection in the American River Canyon for 25 years. There will be continued services in the American River canyon. It is up to the House and Senate on a yearly basis to actually provide dollars for those services. We are convinced the importance of the canyons is now recognized by our federal partners. They re-entered into an agreement with California State Parks to manage the Auburn and State recreation area.

A number of private entities and partners are providing additional dollars to help provide services to the area.

State Parks has implemented a daily parking fee which has been extremely helpful. A number of local economic development entities (Auburn Chamber of Commerce, Foresthill Chamber of Commerce, Placer County Economic Development, and Visitor's Bureau) are focusing on how to improve opportunities in the canyon—such as a special event that would bring money to the area and highlight recreational opportunities in the canyon.

Gary Estes noted there is a September 7 event in Auburn. There will be a duck derby and possibly base jumpers jumping off the Foresthill Bridge. PCWA will provide early water to the Confluence of the North Fork and Middle Fork. There will be a family friendly float from the Confluence to China Bar.

Director Vogel reported he attended the Auburn Dam Council meeting. There was a lot of discussion about the need for more water storage. Regarding the Delta, there are ongoing concerns and there are seven lawsuits filed by environmental groups, water agencies, and water contractors.

In the southern part of the valley for the east side, the State Water Resources Control Board has proposed new regulations for those east side rivers that flow into San Joaquin, the Tuolumne, the Merced, and the Stanislaus. They are looking at unrestricted flows, as if the

dams weren't there—what would the flows look like so there will be more flows for fish in the rivers.

F. REPORT BY ARA LEGAL COUNSEL

No report received.

G. REPORT BY ARA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

No report received.

H. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

To be announced.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Yorde adjourned the meeting at 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Cheri Sprunck

Cheri Sprunck
Agency Secretary/Clerk to the Board
Placer County Water Agency