

**Sutter Mutual Water Company
(SMWC)**

Meeting Held on February 19, 2024

OPEN FORUM:

CURRENT WATER SUPPLY: GM Cornwell went through slides and discussed current year's water forecast and supplies. We have received word from the Bureau of Reclamation that the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors will be at 100% of supply. GM Cornwell shared concerns over the current high level of water in Lake Shasta and that could mean prolong high water in the Sacramento River.

LONGTERM OPERATIONS PLAN UPDATE: GM Cornwell shared with everyone that the SRSC group is still working with the Bureau of Reclamation to come to an agreement for the biological opinion that would allow the CVP to operate.

2023 SUMMER WATER USE: GM Cornwell went through slides and discussed the average amount of water used by crop when compared to the unit duties.

BOARD MEETING:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors for February 19, 2024, was called to order in the Company office at Kirkville, Robbins, California at 9:32 a.m. by Director Bill Henle.

Directors Present: Bill Henle, Steve Butler, Dave Richter, Jon Munger, Mark Hoffart by phone.

Directors Absent: John Penning, Neil Dougherty.

Others Present: Roger Cornwell, General Manager, Jon Scott, Operations Manager, Melissa Patterson, Finance Operations Manager, John Davids, Davids Engineering, Chad Tienken, Davids Engineering.

A copy of the written notice of the meeting was provided to each Director on February 16, 2024, and is incorporated in these minutes by reference hereto and so filed.

On MOTION of Director Munger and seconded by Director Richter, and unanimously carried the agenda of the February 19, 2024, meeting, was approved.

January 15th, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes were previously mailed to the directors and were presented for review and approved.

On MOTION of Director Butler and seconded by Director Munger and unanimously carried the minutes of the January 15th meeting were approved.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT- ROGER CORNWELL

GM Cornwell introduced the Davids Engineering team; they are here to give an update on the Tisdale project and budget. John Davids presented the project updates to the board for their information and understanding. Time was provided for board members to have a question-and-answer session.

LTO – Durable Water Piece: GM Cornwell undated the board on where the group is with the negotiations with the Bureau of Reclamation. Then gave an update on the cost of the pipeline project that staff has been considering as part of the durable water piece of the funding that will be available.

Introduction to Sutter Basin Infrastructure RFQ: GM Cornwell explained to the board that instead of getting one quote from all the different engineering firms that he elected to follow the RFQ route to engage 3 of the main engineering firms that currently work on the SRSC issues. This will allow SMWC to work with KSN, MBK, and Davids Engineering on a planning process for the Sutter Basin.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: GM Cornwell asked the board to consider letters of support for RD 1500, and RD 108 to pursue notice of funding opportunities from the Bureau of Reclamation.

On MOTION of Director Butler and seconded by Director Henle and unanimously carried the General Manager shall prepare letters of support for RD 1500, and RD 108 to help with the notice of funding opportunities with the Bureau of Reclamation.

GM Cornwell also present to the board slides that detailed 2023 water use by crop, and also included contract totals, with project water, and reuse pumping. There was over 52,000 acre feet of reuse pumping for the 2023 growing season.

OPERATIONS MANAGER- JON SCOTT

WINTER WATER UPDATE- We are at 423 intakes. At Tisdale, the 4 meters inside the pump house have been installed. We are anxiously waiting to drain the canal and get the last 2 installed on the exterior. He answered board member questions.

FINANCE MANAGER'S REPORT- MELISSA PATTERSON

FINANCIAL REVIEW- Manager Patterson went over the financial review with the board. She went over decreases and increases on the balance sheet. Manager Patterson has a few slides to show the board the budget vs. actual for summer water sales, stand by charge, and winter water sales. She answered board member questions.

REPORT ON SRSC AND NCWA ACTIVITIES-

GM Cornwell reported that a small group will be joining the SRSC contractors in Washington DC March 11th – 14th. He also added that the SRSC contractors have hired Thad Bettner for the executive director role of the corporation. Cornwell also reminded all that NCWA annual meeting is March 8th at Sierra Nevada Brewery in Chico, he also let the board know that the annual meeting letter was in the mail.

ADJOURN-

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.



Roger Cornwell