

**Sutter Mutual Water Company
(SMWC)**

Meeting Held on October 16, 2023

OPEN FORUM:

FISH FOOD- We finally received information from Cal Trout. We applied for 5,000 acres to be enrolled into the program but were approved for 3,000 acres. Jacob Montgomery will be our contact person and will be asking for information such as other programs the fields are in. The reason for the reduced acres is due to funding for the program. This will be the last year of funding for the program, but we are working with Cal Trout to secure more funding.

WINTER WATER- I have heard reports that the rice straw is thick this year, so we anticipate a lot of interest in winter water. We have had a few calls about a different cost for a one-time flood but will discuss it with the board later in the meeting.

WATER UPDATE- GM Cornwell shared the status of the reservoir. All the reservoirs are very full. If we have lots of rain, we could have a full winter of flooding.

GM Cornwell passed out to the board the NCWA legislation summary. NCWA did an incredibly excellent job of summarizing the water bills.

We are still working on the biological opinion with the Bureau. This all has to do with the winter-run chinook salmon. GM Cornwell let everyone know that SRSC has a meeting on the 4th Thursday of the month. Anyone can join the meeting to get LTO updates and biological opinion updates. The Bureau will need the biological assessment by December.

BOARD MEETING:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors for October 2023 was called to order in the Company office at Kirkville, Robbins, California at 9:20 a.m. by Director Bill Henle.

Directors Present: Bill Henle, Steve Butler, Jon Munger, Mark Hoffart

Directors Absent: Dave Richter, Neil Dougherty, John Penning

Others Present: Roger Cornwell, General Manager, Jon Scott, Operations Manager, Heather Munoz, Operations Assistant, Melissa Patterson, Finance Operations Manager, Dominique Vaughn, Accounting Office Manager, Venus Tenell, Executive Assistant, Meredith Nikkel, Legal Counsel.

A copy of the written notice of the meeting was provided to each Director on October 13th, 2023, and are incorporated in these minutes by reference hereto and so filed.

On MOTION of Director Munger and seconded by Director Butler and unanimously carried the agenda of the October 16, 2023 meeting, was approved.

September 18, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes were previously mailed to the directors and were presented for review and approved.

On MOTION of Director Munger and seconded by Director Butler and unanimously carried the minutes of the September 18th meeting were approved.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT- ROGER CORNWELL

APPROVE CONTRACT WITH LWA AND MBK FOR PUMP LOWERING PROGRAM-

The contracts were included in the board packet that was emailed out. There are no big surprises in the contracts. Moving forward LWA will be the primary consultant on the project, and MBK will help with the river modeling. GM Cornwell wanted to get the board's approval to sign the contracts.

On MOTION of Director Butler and seconded by Director Munger and unanimously carried GM Cornwell signing the LWA and MBK contract for the Pump lowering Program, were approved.

REVIEW FOR COMMENTS/APPROVING OF THE NEW LOGO- A new logo for SMWC was presented to the board. GM Cornwell wanted to pull in the Tisdale pumping plant with the fish screens in the background. It has the same color scheme as the BIDA logo that was approved. We want all 3 logos to look uniform. The reason for the new logos is because our old logos do not have good PDF files. The board discussed the new logo.

On MOTION of Director Butler and seconded by Director Hoffart and unanimously carried the new SMWC logo, was approved.

NCWA MATCHBOOK OCTOBER 19TH- This Thursday at 4 p.m. NCWA will have an event at Matchbook. The event will be a good opportunity to mingle with people, in a very pretty area. This is always a good event.

UPDATE ON LONG-TERM OPERATIONS OF THE CVP- GM Cornwell gave a high-level update on the LTO. The bureau has asked SRSC contractors to drop 75% to 50% during a second critical year. The fishery agencies want reclamation to have a 500,000-acre foot block of water from the SRSC contractors to preserve the cold-water pool in Lake Shasta. They believe it would help with the temperature management at Lake Shasta for winter run. SRSC contractors have made it clear to the bureau that we want a winter-run action plan and are focused on the recovery of the species. This is a 10-year deal, from 2024-2034. SRSC contract is up in 2045. The model suggests a shortage happens once every 10 years. We have had 3 in the last 10 years. We would be compensated for this. Meredith Nikkel also gave an update on the LTO. The board discussed and asked questions.

WINTER WATER RATE DISCUSSION AND RATE SETTING- We have received a few calls about a one-time flood cost. Some growers feel they should pay the full price for a one-time flood. In the budget, we have winter water at \$40.00 per acre. A one-time flood cost could be a little tricky, but we know we can make it work.

On MOTION of Director Butler and seconded by Director Hoffart, and unanimously carried, A one-time flood up at a cost of \$20.00 per acre, starting December 1st, and \$40.00 per acre for continued flood, was approved.

The board discussed a maximum number of acres we will accept for winter water, this will be talked about at the next meeting. The board wants to see how many more fields get signed up.

ASSESSMENT RATE DISCUSSION- GM Cornwell wanted to talk to the board about setting a rate so the billing can get sent out earlier. In the budget, it was set at \$50.00. The board said we always set the rate in November and said to wait until the next meeting to discuss it further.

OPERATIONS MANAGER- JON SCOTT

INTAKE UPDATE- We have 372 completed intakes. There is a total of 512 so that leaves 140 intakes to finish. We are working on replacing crossings, and weirs, along with general maintenance. At Tisdale Plant 2 we will have an electrician come in and pull out old, disconnected items. We will have meters for plant 1 here next week and we can work on them during the winter. We will also be working on how to get rid of aquatic plants.

FINANCE MANAGER'S REPORT- MELISSA PATTERSON

FINANCIAL REVIEW- Manager Patterson presented a more in-depth financial review since it is a quarterly review. She answered board members' questions.

September 2023 check register was approved by the board. Manager Patterson went over the quarterly report from Hutchenson Capital.

REPORT ON SRSC AND NCWA ACTIVITIES- No updates

MISCELLANEOUS OTHER MATTERS- We received a letter asking for donations for the Michael Matteoli Scholarship fund.

On MOTION of Director Butler and seconded by Director Munger, and unanimously carried, donating \$1000.00 to the Michael Matteoli Scholarship fund, was approved.

ADJOURN-

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.



Roger Cornwell, Secretary