# Sutter Mutual Water Company (SMWC)

Meeting Held on July 17, 2023

#### **OPEN FORUM:**

SUTTER MUTUAL WATER COMPANY DIVERSIONS 2023- GM Cornwell shared with the board our diversions through July 15<sup>th</sup>. April was short due to how wet the ground was from winter. May was a little better. June, we recycled a lot of water. It was a lot cooler than normal. July has been hotter so our numbers should increase. Rice will be going into maintenance soon. August we should start seeing rice heads. We can move water from April and May to October, and July water can be moved to August.

We did have a power outage at Tisdale due to PG&E having an emergency repair that had to be done.

## **BOARD MEETING:**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors for July 2023 was called to order in the Company office at Kirkville, Robbins, California at 9:08 a.m. by Director Bill Henle.

Directors Present: John Penning, Steve Butler, Jon Munger, Dave Richter, Neil Dougherty, Mark Hoffart (zoom), Bill Henle (zoom)

Directors Absent: None

Others Present: Roger Cornwell, General Manager (zoom), Jon Scott, Operations Manager, Heather Munoz, Operations Assistant, Melissa Patterson, Finance Operations Manager, Dominique Vaughn, Accounting Office Manager, Jack Munger

A copy of the written notice of the meeting was provided to each Director on July 14th, 2023, and are incorporated in these minutes by reference hereto and so filed.

On MOTION of Director Richter and seconded by Director Penning and unanimously carried the agenda of the July 17, 2023, meeting, was approved, with the addition of removing item number 4 Nelson and Associates.

June 19, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes were previously mailed to the directors and were presented for review and approved.

On MOTION of Director Dougherty and seconded by Director Munger and unanimously carried the minutes of the June 19th meeting were approved.

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT-** ROGER CORNWELL

BOHANNON DAM UPDATE- We are working through the take permit with CDFW. We have let the bureau know about the Giant Gardner Snake and they will keep CAT X. CDFW has 30 days to review the take permit. We should hopefully have the permit in August and get work started mid-August or early September. We have prepared the Bureau that we may need a one-year extension. We can't get started after October 1 because the Giant Gardner Snake goes into hibernation, and we will be unable to disturb the ground.

KARNAK REHABILITATION PROJECT- We received good news last week; we were approved for our budget amendment. RD 1500 will get about \$174,000. We also got good news from SHIPO; they have worked out the permit with NRSC. The grant can get moving again at Little Rock.

TISDALE PUMPING PLANT- We have the mag meters ordered. They will be here in about 2 months. Some of the SCADA stuff is being worked on. We are waiting for the NEPA permit, we still don't have an officer.

FSRP- This is an RD1500 program, it lets us get gravel for the top of the levee. This is a 90% cost share. We were approved for 6 miles, but we received a call that we could get 3 more miles approved.

FMAP- This is funding for the RD1500 for levee improvements, labor, equipment rental. We are looking at getting \$564,000. We are happy this program is still running due to the government saying they don't have funds.

FEMA- RD 1500 is looking at about \$600,000 in reimbursements for power cost, labor, repair cost from the storms. We had a meeting last week and answered all their questions. We are under the million-dollar cap so less scrutiny will be on us.

PUMP LOWERING PROGRAM- We have submitted to the Bureau \$3 million to getting the program started. We think the fund will be awarded and can get this program started by the end of the year.

## **OPERATIONS MANAGER- JON SCOTT**

WATER DEMAND UPDATE- We are doing good with our numbers. The river is going down. Pump 5 is at Tisdale. It's all set up; they are finishing up the water supply to the pump. We haven't had any issues being down on pump this season. OM Scott went over the emergency shut off. We were never told about the shut off happening, our PG&E rep didn't know anything about it. Saturday night we shut Tisdale pumps off at 9:30, we also lost power to some of our booster pumps along with the offices. We go everything up and running about 7am Sunday morning. Everything went as smooth as it could have gone. At Karnak when there is going to be a shut off, we are told about it. OM Scott went over staffing; we have a total of 21 field employees. 6 of the 21 are pumpers. That leaves us with 15-day-to-day employees. We have been pumping at both ends, this takes more employees away from the day-to-day work.

## FINANCE MANAGER- MELISSA PATTERSON

FINANCIAL REVIEW- Manager Patterson went over the June financials with the board and answered any questions. The check register for June 2023 was ratified by the board. Since Nelson and Associates were unable to attend the meeting Manager Patterson gave a little update on the audit, she stated it was a clean audit with no findings.

INVESTMENT UPDATE- Manager Patterson shared with the board our account totals and the funds transferred to the Schwab account. We will get quarterly reports she will bring to the board meeting to show our investments and what is being made. She went over the accounts the money is in and the rates. The next report should be in October or November.

BANKING UPDATE- All three companies' boards have approved to move our banking accounts to River City bank. We have given them the information to get things rolling but it looks like it will take some time to get the process completed. No date was given when this is fully completed.

## SRSC AND NCWA ACTIVITES-

SRSC CORPORATION ADDING CAPACITY- SRSC is looking to add an Executive Director. GM Cornwell thinks this is a good thing for the SRSC. He believes there are missed opportunities that this director would be able to see them. The new position would handle more of the day-to-day things. A job description is being created now. This position may turn into more of an engineering companies' job because they are already taking care of a lot of the items this new position would take care of.

## **OTHER MATTERS-** None to report

#### ADJOURN-

There being no further business to come before the Board of directors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 AM.

Roger Cornwell, Secretary