

**Sutter Mutual Water Company
(SMWC)**

Meeting Held on September 18, 2023

OPEN FORUM:

SACRAMENTO VALLEY UPDATE- GM Cornwell wanted to fill everyone in on what is going on in the Sac Valley. Over at GCID their GM has resigned. They will have a hole in leadership over there. No one has heard who his replacement will be. It feels that there is no plan for replacing Thad Bettner in the near future.

SUTTER MUTUAL WATER COMPANY WATER USE FOR 2023- We are doing well with water this year. We have about 16,000 af of project water. We are ramping down quickly. Friday we were averaging about 70cfs. This summer the weather was good for us. We were able to plant over 34,000 acres of rice. Overall, everything went great. The board asked about the recycle pump numbers and, asked about moving the 16,000 af to October.

LONG TERM OPERATIONS OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT- We are waiting to hear back from the bureau. We met with them a little over 2 weeks ago, the bureau was supposed to get terms on paper within a few days. We are hoping to hear from the bureau this week. A group of managers met with NRCS about insurance. We tried to get him to understand the year we had in 2022. It seems like he understood what we were explaining to him. The group felt confident that we should be eligible for crop insurance.

GM Cornwell and OM Scott took a group from the State Water Resource Control Board on a tour, along with MBK. SB88 was the main topic and showing the group our meters and reporting. The group was taken to Tisdale, State Ranch Pumping plant and Henry Richter Pumping Plant. This group from the board had not been out in the field, they were shocked at what they were seeing. It all went well.

BOARD MEETING:

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors for September 2023 was called to order in the Company office at Kirkville, Robbins, California at 9:15 a.m. by Director Bill Henle.

Directors Present: Bill Henle, John Penning, Steve Butler, Jon Munger, Dave Richter, Neil Dougherty

Directors Absent: Mark Hoffart

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

A copy of the written notice of the meeting was provided to each Director on September 15th, 2023, and are incorporated in these minutes by reference hereto and so filed.

On MOTION of Director Penning and seconded by Director Dougherty and unanimously carried the agenda of the September 18,2023 meeting, was approved.

August 21, 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 August 21st meeting were approved.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT- ROGER CORNWELL

We got good news; we were funded \$3 million from the Bureau for the pump lowering program. This will help with the start the program. We will start meeting soon with MBK to identify pumps that would be eligible to be in the program. We are looking at modeling for lowering the river to 3000 ft, the Bureau said why not look at 2700 ft also. SMWC will act as the fiscal agent for this project. GM Cornwell answered board member questions.

BOHANNON DAM UPDATE- We spoke with CDFW last week about the fish food program we participate each year in and guaranteed them we would continue to enroll. CDFW released us from getting the mitigation requirement of .04 of an acre. This is very exciting news. We are still waiting for the incidental take permit. The project won't happen this year. The permits are good for 5 years. This permit will allow us to take out the old Dam. After we get the new one and in good working condition, we will then remove the old one.

DUCK WATER- We have in the budget to flood 16,500 acres. The board discussed a signup sheet to see what the demand is. We have applied for the fish food program and should hear back soon. The board asked about the results from the fish food program. GM Cornwell gave the board some information. SMWC staff will send out an email about growers signing up for duck water at \$40.00 an acre foot.

DECEMBER 14TH, 2023 HOLIDAY PARTY- We have reserved the hall at Rocco's for our company party on December 14. It's on a Thursday and we hope everyone can make it.

OPERATIONS MANAGER- JON SCOTT

WATER UPDATE- We are winding down. We have a few rice and tomato fields still taking water. We are officially off at the Pumping plants. The new pump that was put in at Tisdale has been running great. This company has been great to work with, and they are quick. The August billing has gone out, we have been working through fields, and tried to accommodate for split fields. OM Scott and GM Roger will be discussing updating the rules and regulations for the coming irrigation season. We are looking to add a few more folks, one of them a ditch tender and the other a pumper.

INTAKE STATUS- We have 339 intakes installed out of 512. We have lots more crossings and safeties to replace. We have boxes in stock and ready to get started as soon as possible. The board discussed the crossings and the issues with the county. SMWC management has been pushing the issues with our county supervisor.

FINANCE MANAGER'S REPORT- MELISSA PATTERSON

FINANCE MANAGER REPORT- Manager Patterson went over the financial report with the board; it was a high-level review. Manager Patterson has implemented a sheet to be filled out anytime funds are transferred to any other account. It will be filled out and signed by the GM. The check register for August 2023 was ratified by the board.

BANKING UPDATE- Manager Patterson is happy to report we have officially transferred our funds to River City Bank. We have left some funds in the Umpqua bank account to cover some checks that have not been cashed. We will pay our first payroll this Friday using the new account.

FY 2024 BUDGET FOR APPROVAL- Manager Patterson went over the FY 2024 budget. The board got together a few weeks ago, Manager Patterson has incorporated the changes from that meeting into the budget presented today.

On MOTION of Director Dougherty and seconded by Director Butler and unanimously carried the presented Fiscal Year 2024 budget was approved.

The board members let SMWC management know that they were grateful for the budget meeting ahead of time, and not just getting the budget put in front of them that same day to approve.

REPORT ON SRSC AND NCWA ACTIVITIES- NCWA is holding an event on October 10, 2023, at Matchbook. GM Cornwell hopes that everyone can make it.

MISCELLANEOUS OTHER MATTERS-

RECLAMATION DISTRICT 1500 ELECTION- RD1500 is going to go through with an election. We have 4 seats open and 5 nominations. We have 3 currently on the board running and 2 new nominations.

ADJOURN-

There being no further business to come before the Board of directors, the meeting was adjourned at 10:14 AM.



Roger Cornwell, Secretary