

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

January 3, 2006
7:30 pm

This meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by Chairman Hauck
Present were Directors Hauck, Downing, Arborgast, and Vieirra
Absent was Director Chandler

The minutes from the regular meeting of November 1, 2005 were read and approved as read. The regular meeting for December was cancelled.

Correspondence:

1. Notice from American Water Works Assoc.
2. Letter from CalPERS
3. Letter from and to CA Department of Health Services
4. Letter from Automata Co.
5. Misc. Newsletters and Catalogs

Reports:

Water test results for November and December were absent

Treasury Report: \$12,105.15 (includes B of A \$4399.60 and Feather River Bank \$7705.55) The amount in BofA includes a tax check from Sierra County for \$1654.11

Status Report:

1. Problem with the generator at the pump house. The power was out in Alleghany for 28 hours. The generator was not on the proper setting to function properly so the chlorinator was off all that time.
2. The new compressor is working and survived the power outage and fluctuations with no problems.
3. Regarding the report from the State Health Dept on our annual inspection, all requirements of the inspection have been dealt with. A turbidity meter has been ordered. Hack is due out to do a service on all their equipment. The meter will be approximately \$900.00. Memcor has been contacted and they will be setting up a time to come out and service their equipment.
4. The State Health Dept from Redding called because he had heard a rumor that Alleghany was boiling their water. The Chairman assured him that that was not a fact. Possibly happening in Sierra City or that part of the county.
5. The Chairman again reminded the Board that we will need to find someone to attend classes for a license for a Water Treatment Operator. The Chairman's license expires on January 2007 and he will not be renewing it.

Church Report: It was reported that the Check from Sierra County for the Library Contract has not been received. Director Arborgast will check with the supervisor.

Public Response: None

New Business:

1. Tenant billing form presented to Board for approval for Barry Hiatt/Faris Dolgoff. There is a problem at this residence and the prior tenant left owing a large bill. After a discussion Director Arbogast moved to approve the new tenant/billing form as soon as the previous balance is paid. Director Vieirra seconds. Ayes, unanimous.
2. A letter was received from Tim Beals informing the ACWD that we would have to submit a claim to OES By January 6, 2006 in order to be on record incase further damage occurred at the road failure area in front of the pump house. In order to send this claim a resolution would need to be passed by the Board designating Chairman Hauck as the point of contact person with OES. Resolution #2006-01 "Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution" was presented to the Board for approval. Director Vieirra moves to pass Resolution #2006-01. Director Downey seconds. Ayes, unanimous. The application for OES is then discussed. The forms have been filled out by Chairman Hauck and the Secretary will overnight the paperwork tomorrow.

Unfinished Business: None

Claims: December

PG&E	electric	149.70
PG&E	church	6.94
AICCO	ins. Paymt	319.73
Bob Hale	mtr rdg/labor	60.00
Cranmer Eng	water test	23.00
Joe Hauck	mileage	72.75
Interstate Sales	reflectors	28.65
Staples	Office supplies	47.41
B&C	miscellaneous	19.30
IRS	qtrly tax (2002)	137.70

January:

AICCO	Ins. Payment	319.73
PG&E	electric	144.75
PG&E	Church	7.66
Reliable Office	office supplies	55.25
Gray Electric	light bulbs (plant)	17.72
Capital One	compressor misc	579.74
Bob Hale	mtr reading	50.00
Joe Hauck	mileage/misc	78.57
Cranmer Eng	water test	23.00

Director Arbogast moves to approve all claims. Director Vieirra seconds. Ayes, Downey, Arbogast, Vieirra Abstain, Hauck

Secretaries Claims: December/January

Office Lease, 100.00

Salary, 300.00

Director Vieirra moves to approve all claims. Director Downey seconds. Ayes, Downey, Arbogast, Vieirra Abstain, Hauck

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm by Chairman Hauck.
The next meeting will be held on February 7, 2006

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

February 7, 2006
7:30 pm

This meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by Chairman Hauck
Present were Directors Hauck, Downing, Arborgast, and Vieirra
Absent was Director Chandler

The minutes from the regular meeting of January 3, 2006 were read and approved as read.

Correspondence:

1. Notice from PG&E
2. Letter from Sierra West Consultants, Inc
3. Letter from CA Department of Health Services
4. Letter from CA State Comp Ins Fund
5. Letter from Cranmer Engineering
6. Notice of Application Approval from OES
7. Announcements of Training Class's from Hach, OCT, and WQI
8. Misc. Newsletters and Catalogs

Reports:

Water test results for January were absent. Test results from the Lead and Copper Tests were also received and discussed

Treasury Report: \$12,083.30 (includes B of A \$4385.41 and Feather River Bank \$7697.89)

Status Report:

1. Memcor Co had an appointment to come to Alleghany for the annual maintenance service but had to cancel they will be rescheduling.
2. We are also expecting Hach to be up to service their equipment. We will order the turbidity machine from them.
3. Anti-freeze needs to be changed in the generator.
4. Everything else is running well in the pump house and around the system
5. The Chairman again reminded the Board that we will need to find someone to attend classes for a license for a Water Treatment Operator. The Chairman's license expires on January 2007 and he will not be renewing it. There was a discussion held on the issue of an Interim License Holder. Downieville Water Dept pays \$10,800 per year for their Licensed Water Treatment Operator. The person that holds the license and signs all the reports is paid \$500.00 per month. He has a helper that takes the daily readings etc. and he is paid \$400.00 per month. Camptonville Water Dept. has a Licensed Water Treatment Operator who is paid \$15.00 per hour to oversee a person who is paid \$10.00 per hour to do the grunt work. NID in Nevada County pays an Interim D1 License holder 30,000 per year but they must acquire an Interim D2 License within two years and then they are paid \$47,000 per year. The District will put together a letter to the community and schedule a town hall

meeting on March 11th at 3:00pm at the Firehouse to bring to the town the information needed.

Church Report: Director Arbogast reports that the check for the Library has not been issued as yet but it has been approved.

Public Response: None

New Business:

1. The Secretary has new bank signature cards for all Directors to sign.

Unfinished Business: None

Claims: January

Postmaster	stamps	74.00
EDD	annual tax pmt	57.60

February		
PG&E	electric	148.11
PG&E	church	7.24
AICCO	ins. Paymt	319.73
Bob Hale	mtr rdg	50.00
Cranmer Eng	water test	23.00
Cranmer Eng	Lead/Copper test	185.00
Joe Hauck	mileage	67.30
B&C	miscellaneous	34.85

Director Vieirra moves to approve all claims. Director Downey seconds. Ayes, Downey, Arbogast, Vieirra Abstain, Hauck

Secretaries Claims: February

Office Lease, 100.00

Salary, 300.00

Director Downey moves to approve all claims. Director Arbogast seconds. Ayes, Downey, Arbogast, Vieirra Abstain, Hauck

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm by Chairman Hauck.

The next meeting will be held on ~~February~~ 7, 2006

March

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

April 4, 2006
7:30 pm

This meeting was called to order at 7:40pm by Chairman Hauck
Present were Directors Hauck, Downing, and Chandler
Absent were Directors Vieira and Arbogast
The minutes from the regular meeting of February 7, 2006 were read and approved as read.

Correspondence:

1. Notice from CA Special District Assoc.
2. Letter from CA Rural Water Assoc
3. Letter from CA Department of Health Services
4. Letter from CA State Comp Ins Fund
5. Letter from CA Dept of General Services
6. Letter from Sierra County Clerk Recorder
7. Letter from Sierra County Board of Supervisors
8. Letter to ACWD from Ed Snyder
9. Announcements of Training Class's from WQI and CA Rural Water Assoc
10. Misc. Newsletters and Catalogs

Reports:

Water test results for February and March were absent.

Treasury Report: \$12,430.28 (includes B of A \$7389.01 and Feather River Bank \$5041.27)

Status Report:

1. The Chairman will be gone for approx 3 weeks from April 4 to April 24. At this point everything is working well.
2. Report given on the Town Meeting held on Saturday March 25th. 10 residents were in attendance. (M. Miller, V and B Tenney, D & R Arbogast, B & J Buchzcowski, J, D, & S Hauck) Discussion was held on the need for a Certified Water Treatment Operator and the requirements. Mike Miller, Burns Tenney, and David Arbogast may be interested in taking the class and test. More information will be gathered for them. Discussion on the need to do horizontal drilling into the hillside at the Ram Spring to possibly do away with the requirement to treat our water. Mike Miller has indicated he will put together a proposal for the Water Board regarding this activity.

Church Report: Secretary reports that we have still not received the check from the county for \$1500.00.

Public Response: None

New Business:

1. There is a discussion on the Bucket Club property that is owned by the AVFD. They have expressed a desire to turn that property over to the ACWD to be

held in the interest of the community of Alleghany. A deed has been prepared but a resolution accepting the property will have to be passed by the Board of Directors to be filed with the deed. Resolution # 01-2006 is presented to the Board for approval. "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY FROM THE ALLEGHANY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO THE ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT TO BE HELD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TOWN OF ALLEGHANY" Director Downey moves to pass Resolution #01-2006. Director Chandler seconds. Ayes, Hauck, Downey, and Chandler.

Unfinished Business: None

Claims: March

Postmaster	stamps	78.00
PG&E	electric	173.21
PG&E	church	7.98
AICCO	ins. Paymt	319.73
Bob Hale	mtr rdg	50.00
Cranmer Eng	water test	23.00
Cranmer Eng	special test	414.00
Joe Hauck	mileage	163.44
B&C	miscellaneous	145.98
Capital One	parts & repair	317.45
Grey Electric	pump house fuses	169.55
Steve Hauck	tractor rental	180.00
Steve Hauck	snow removal	60.00
Larry Vieira	snow removal	20.00
Ed Synder	snow removal	30.00
Gus Tenny	snow removal	30.00
16 to 1	loader rental	60.00

April

PG&E	electric	180.61
PG&E	church	8.52
Ca Rural Water	ann. Dues	120.00
Cranmer Eng	water test	23.00
Bob Hale	mtr rdg/labor	220.00
	Snow removal	
Joe Hauck	mileage	75.66
Gus Tenny	snow removal	15.00
IRS	tax penalty	97.70

Director Chandler moves to approve all claims. Director Downey seconds. Ayes, Downey, Chandler Abstain, Hauck

Secretaries Claims: March and April

Office Lease, 100.00

Salary, 300.00

Director Chandler moves to approve all claims. Director Downey seconds. Ayes,
Downey, Chandler Abstain, Hauck

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm by Chairman Hauck.
The next meeting will be held on May 2, 2006

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

May 2, 2006
7:30 pm

This meeting was called to order at 7:37pm by Chairman Hauck
Present were Directors Hauck, Downing, Vierria, Arbogast and Chandler
The minutes from the regular meeting of April 4, 2006 were read and approved as read.

Correspondence:

1. Notice from CA Special District Assoc.
2. Letter from CA Rural Water Assoc
3. Letter from CA State Comp Ins Fund
4. Letter from Sierra County Clerk Recorder
5. Letter from Sierra County Board of Supervisors
6. Letter to Mountain Messenger by Chairman Hauck
7. Announcements of Training Class's from Hach and Rural Community Assistance Corporation
8. Misc. Newsletters and Catalogs
9. Letter of Resignation from Director Chandler effective immediately 5-2-06

Reports:

Water test results for April were absent.

Treasury Report: \$11,265.47 (includes B of A \$6232.72 and Feather River Bank \$5032.75)

Status Report:

1. The Chairman has opened a discussion of the problems facing the district when he was gone on vacation. Our pumps failed, the town was out of water and the storage tank was empty. A State of Emergency was called and the surrounding Fire Dept.'s were contacted and notified of the emergency situation and to the fact that we had no water to fight a fire. There was a problem with Sierra County and the office of OES and Tim Beals at the Dept of Public Works. Peters Well and Drilling was called and responded to Alleghany to check out the pumps. The old pumps could not be repaired so new ones would have to be ordered. There was a few days delay in receiving the new pumps and then Peters Well and Drilling came to Alleghany to replace the old pumps. The new pumps are working well. The tank is again full. Because of all the problems the Turbidity meter was not recording in range. That problem was also fixed. The new pumps were estimated to cost \$1300.00 each plus labor.
2. There was a discussion on costs for the District that are coming up before the end of the fiscal year. There will be a semi-annual payment to FHA due on June 2,06 and we are required to submit a special water test and the cost at this time is unknown.
3. The Chairman will start to hold training sessions for the Board Members at the pump house. The first one will be on May 24th at 9:00am.

Church Report: Secretary reports that the check for the Library rental is finally in the mail.

Public Response: None

New Business:

1. Resignation from the Board of Directors has been received by Director Chandler to be effective immediately. Motion made by Director Arbogast to accept the letter of resignation with regret. Director Vierra seconds. Ayes, unanimous.
2. A brief discussion was held on the possibility and need to raise water rates to cover any compensation that will have to be paid to make the Water Treatment Operator a paid position. Regardless of how the Board goes with a new treatment operator they will have to be paid for their work. Up to this point the Chairman has done the job without being paid.
3. Director Downey discusses his upcoming schedule with the Board for this summer and for school that he is attending. The Board hopes that Director Downey can continue to serve as a Director and that the Board can work around his temporary work and school schedule.
4. Director Vierra asks about changing the meeting time from 7:30pm to 6:30pm. She was under the impression that we used to hold our meetings at that time. It was pointed out that perhaps the Fire Dept had but that the ACWD has always held their meetings at 7:30. The other Board members would prefer to keep the hours the same as they have been.
5. The Chairman has checked with the State of CA Health Dept to find out about regulations for horizontal drilling. Would we still need a treatment operator if we did this at the Ram Spring? They have said yes, we would. Mike Miller would propose to drill the test holes with small core drills and then have a certified drilling company come in to finish the job.

Unfinished Business:

1. The Deed transferring the Bucket Club property from the AVFD to the ACWD has been filed with Sierra County.

Claims: May

PG&E	electric	258.64
PG&E	church	7.71
Bob Hale	mtr rdg/labor	130.00
Cranmer Eng	water test	23.00
Joe Hauck	mileage	93.45
B&C	miscellaneous	141.23
Capital One	parts & repair	65.29
State Fund	workmans comp	348.82
Kathryn Chandler	mileage	7.57

Director Arbogast moves to approve all claims. Director Downey seconds. Ayes, Downey, Arbogast, Vierra Abstain, Hauck

Secretaries Claims: May

Office Lease, 100.00

Salary, 300.00

Director Downey moves to approve all claims. Director Vierria seconds. Ayes,
Downey, Vierria, Arbogast Abstain, Hauck

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm by Chairman Hauck.

The next meeting will be held on June 6, 2006

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

July 5, 2006
7:30 pm

The purpose of this Special Meeting is to take care of all regular business before the Board as there was no quorum to hold the regular meeting on June 6, 2006.

This meeting was called to order at 7:39pm by Chairman Hauck

Present were Directors Hauck, Vieirra, Arbogast

Absent but excused because of work schedule was Director Downing

The minutes from the regular meeting of May 2, 2006 were read and approved as read.

Correspondence:

1. Notice from Hach Co.
2. Letter to Peter Huebner, SC Supervisor RE: Church Bldg
3. Letter from PG&E
4. Letter from Sierra County Clerk Recorder
5. Letter from Sierra County Board of Supervisors
6. Letter to Acordia of California RE: New Insurance Policy 2006/07
7. Letter from TrueBallot, Inc.
8. Customer Survey from USFilter
9. Letter from WaterSC
10. Notice from Spring Valley Pump and Drilling
11. Letter from John Watson re: water bill
12. Application of Membership from SC Fire Safe Council
13. Announcements of Training Class's from CA Rural Water Assoc
14. Letter from Bruce Coons RE: Vacancy on the Board
15. Misc. Newsletters and Catalogs

Reports:

Water test results for May and June were absent.

Special Water Test by Micro Analytical Labs were reported within limits of chemicals in the water

Treasury Report: \$9411.49 (includes B of A \$6417.57 and Feather River Bank \$2993.92) Payment to FHA still outstanding so balance is actually \$5989.06

Status Report:

1. System up and running well.
2. 2 Collectors plugged up. Chairman used a firehose to try to blow-out the line but was unsuccessful.
3. The pump house has been painted, chairman built a flower box and planted flowers. No cost involved as paint was left over from the last major improvement to the pump house.
4. 1 of the air compressor's is acting up, chairman to follow through and keep a watch on it.

Church Report:

1. Discussion on the letter that Director Arbogast wrote to Peter Huebner regarding the continuation of funding for the Library within the Church building.
2. The Bank Worksheet for the Church Funds was presented to the Board for their information. The worksheet is through 06-06

Public Response:

Mike Miller appears before the Board to ask forgiveness on one of his bills received previously. The bill was for \$144.26. He has paid the base rate to keep it current but would like to have \$116.26 forgiven. The service had been shut off and someone turned it back on without permission and left it running. After discussion Director Vieirra moves to credit back the amount of \$116.26 to Mr. Miller. Director Hauck seconds. Ayes, Vieirra, Hauck. Abstain, Arbogast

New Business:

1. Vacancy on the Board. Bruce Coons appears before the board requesting to be appointed to the Board of Directors. He has submitted a letter to the Board. Discussion with Bruce follows. Director Vieirra moves to appoint Bruce Coons to the vacancy on the Board. Director Arbogast seconds. Ayes, unanimous. Mr. Coons is sworn in by the Secretary and takes the oath of office.
2. Resolution #02-2006 is presented to the Board for approval. Director Arbogast moves to approve Resolution #02-2006, a "RESOLUTION ORDERING AN ELECTION, REQUESTING COUNTY ELECTIONS TO CONDUCT THE ELECTION, AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION OF THE ELECTION". Director Coons seconds. Ayes, unanimous.
3. The Insurance policy for the FY 2006-07 has been renewed. The Secretary has asked the insurance company to provide a breakdown of the premium so that we know how much of the premium has to be paid by the church fund for their portion.
4. The Preliminary budget is presented to the Board for discussion. The recent major repairs and replacement of the 2 pumps has depleted our reserve fund. The budget for next year is cut to the bare bones and we are still short. We still are not receiving our tax money from Sierra County. Starting next year we will have to pay out some money to a Certified Water Treatment Operator. The cost is unknown at this point but the Board is aware that we will not be able to escape this cost. Discussion was held on all categories of the Budget. It was decided that there was no choice but to raise the rates for water service \$5.00 per service. The Cemetery will not have an increase because that billing is an annual \$100.00 and water is not used, the connection is there to provide fire safety during the summer months and turned off in the winter. The Preliminary Budget is tabled until the next meeting to be held on August 1st, 2006. Discussion is held on holding a public hearing to discuss the rate increase. A motion is made by Director Arbogast to send a letter to all members of the community, and post a notice at the Post Office about the scheduled Public Hearing to be held at the next meeting of the Board of Directors on August 1st, to discuss and pass a rate increase to take effect August 1st and be reflected in the water billings on September 1st, 2006. The motion is seconded by Director Vieirra. Ayes, unanimous

Unfinished Business:

The Deed filed with Sierra County on May 8, 2006, transferring the Bucket Club property from the AVFD to the ACWD has been received by the Water District

Claims: June

PG&E	electric	220.81
PG&E	church	8.40
Bob Hale	mtr rdg	50.00
Cranmer Eng	water test	23.00
Joe Hauck	mileage	99.68 + 23.00 to reimburse for water test
B&C	miscellaneous	62.23
FHA	semi ann pmt	3422.43
Peters Well & Drilling	new pumps	3497.72 (from reserve account)
Cranmer Eng	Special test	350.00
Acordia Ins.	Down pmt	820.25
Oregon Tenney	appl fee for test	50.00

July

PG&E	electric	204.00
PG&E	church	8.97
B&C	miscellaneous	124.48
Joe Hauck	mileage	103.68
Bob Hale	mtr rdg/labor	80.00
Cranmer Eng	water test	23.00

Director Vieirra moves to approve all claims. Director Arbogast seconds. Ayes, Coons, Arbogast, Vierria Abstain, Hauck

Secretaries Claims: June & July

Office Lease, 100.00

Salary, 300.00

Director Arbogast moves to approve all claims. Director Vierria seconds. Ayes, Coons, Vierria, Arbogast Abstain, Hauck

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm by Chairman Hauck.
The next meeting will be held on August 1, 2006

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

August 1, 2006

7:30 pm

This meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Chairman Hauck
Present were Directors Hauck, Vieirra, Arbogast, Downey, and Coons
The minutes from the special meeting of July 5, 2006 were read and approved as read.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from Sierra County Board of Supervisors re: Solid Waste Fee
2. Letter to ACWD customers re: Public Hearing scheduled
3. Letter from American Water Works Assoc.
4. Letter from Depart of Health Services re: Water Dist Exam
5. Insurance Policy from Accordia
6. Letter to US Dept. of Labor
7. Notice 2006 Local Agency Conflict of Interest
8. Announcements of Training Class's from CA Rural Water Assoc
9. Misc. Newsletters and Catalogs

Reports:

Water test results for July were absent.

Treasury Report: \$7464.99 (includes B of A \$1877.67 and 2602.37 and Feather River Bank \$2984.95)

Status Report:

1. System up and running well.
2. 2 Collectors plugged up. The collectors will still not unblock despite efforts from the Chairman and maintenance man. They will look for ways to fix it.
3. The Fire Dept Auxiliary has donated \$200.00 towards the costs of sealer for the parks' asphalt surfaces. The Chairman has brushed the park and cleaned it up. The picnic tables have been moved back to the park so that they can be repaired in lieu of purchasing new ones.
4. The Chairman is going to contact Marge Casey to ask permission to work on the road to the Bucket Club property. He will have to go on her property to do so.

Church Report:

1. A notice from Sierra County Board of Supervisors was received notifying the District of a rate change for the Solid Waste Fee. It will increase to \$80.17.
2. The cost of insurance coverage for the Church Bldg for the fiscal year 2006/07 will be \$831.00

Public Response:

The scheduled public hearing is called to order at 7:45pm. A discussion on the proposed rate increase was held. Correspondence was received from Norman McDonald in favor of the increase. Members of the public attending were Bob Hale, Larry Vierra, Vickie Tenney, Joanne Buzchoski, and Mrs. Coons. The proposed rate increases to be effective with the billing on September 1, 2006 which covers the month

of August 2006 was presented in "Ordinance #23", AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3 ENTITLED " AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR WATER SERVICE BY THE ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT. This ordinance was passed on a motion from Director Downey, seconded by Director Vieirra. A copy is attached to these minutes. The public hearing was closed at 8:10 pm

Unfinished Business:

1. Discussion on the proposed budget for fiscal yr 2006/07. The budget submitted incorporates the new rate increases and is approved on a motion from Director Arbogast, seconded by Director Downey. Ayes, unanimous. A copy of this budget is attached to these minutes.
2. Candidates Statements were reviewed by the Board Members who will be filing for the seats that they presently hold in the upcoming election on November 7, 2006. Mr. Ernest Finney has also applied to run in the election for a Board Seat so there will be an election in Alleghany to fill the 3 seats that are up for election. The election costs to the district are estimated by the County Clerk to cost approximately \$1,000.00. Papers must be filed by August 11th, 2006 at 5:00pm to the County Clerks office. The Secretary is to mail the filing papers, certified mail.

New Business:

None

Claims: August

PG&E	electric	263.53
PG&E	church	8.43
Bob Hale	mtr rdg	50.00
Cranmer Eng	water test	23.00
Joe Hauck	mileage	57.41
B&C	miscellaneous	24.86
Bruce Coons	appl fee for test	50.00
Hach Co.	chemicals	108.31
AICCO	insurance pmt.	263.31

Transfer of funds from Church account to ACWD account to cover the cost of insurance for the FY 2006/07 in the amount of \$831.00.

Director Vieirra moves to approve all claims. Director Arbogast seconds. Ayes, Coons, Arbogast, Vieirra, Downey Abstain, Hauck

Secretaries Claims: August

Office Lease, 100.00

Salary, 300.00

Director Arbogast moves to approve all claims. Director Vieirra seconds. Ayes, Coons, Vieirra, Arbogast, Downey Abstain, Hauck

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm by Chairman Hauck.

There will be no meeting in September. The next meeting will be held on October 3 , 2006

ORDINANCE NO. 23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3
ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES,
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR WATER SERVICE
BY THE ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT"

ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the Alleghany County Water District, Sierra County, California, as follows:

Section 1. Section 1601 of Article 16 of Ordinance No. 3, cited in the title, passed and adopted by said Board on August 4, 1977, be, and it is hereby, amended to read as follows:

1601. Rates for water service are hereby established as follows:

* Metered Rate Schedule

<u>Type of Use</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
Single Family Residential	\$33.00 *
Department of Public Works	65.00 flat rate
County Library	37.00 *
U.S. Post Office (with restroom facilities)	37.00 *
Fire Department Station	33.00
Cemetery	100.00 per yr
Old Alleghany School Bldg	37.00 *
Apartments and Hotels	37.00 *
Motels and Inns	37.00 *
Bars and Saloons	37.00 *
Restaurants	37.00 *
Service Stations	37.00 *
Stores and Mercantile Outlets	37.00 *
Mobile Home and Recreational Vehicle Parks	37.00 *
Commercial Buildings	37.00 *
Vacant Un-improved Property	23.00

* The base metered rate is based on a monthly water usage of up to 12,000 gallons; single family residential, 1.50 for each 500 gallons or fraction thereof above 12,000 gallons. 1.00 for each 250 gallons or fraction thereof over 20,000 gallons. Commercial or multiple family, 1.50 for each 748 gallons or fraction thereof above 12,000 gallons.

Section 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Upon adoption, this Ordinance shall be posted in three (3) public places in the District and shall take effect immediately.

Arthur Hauck
Chairman
Alleghany County Water District

ATTEST:

Ronna Hauck
Secretary

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Ordinance duly passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Alleghany County Water District, Sierra County, California, at a meeting thereof duly held on the 1st day of August, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Directors:

Hauck, Arbogast, Vianna, Rowney, Coone

NOES, Directors: None

ABSENT, Director: *None*

Ronna Hauck
Secretary

APPROVED:

Arthur Hauck A
Chairman

Alleghany County Water District Budget

Fiscal Year 2006/2007

ACWD		CHURCH	Actual 05/06	Budget 05/06
INSURANCE	\$2,500.00	\$835.00	\$4,539.38	\$3,000.00
SALARIES	\$6,600.00		\$4,150.00	\$4,200.00
UTILITIES	\$3,000.00	\$100.00	\$2,860.07	\$2,900.00
PAYROLL TAXES	\$600.00		\$706.10	\$600.00
WATER TESTS	\$300.00		\$1,225.00	\$300.00
PRJT LOAN PMT	\$7,000.00		\$6,947.36	\$7,000.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$550.00		\$617.75	\$550.00
SYSTEM MTN	\$800.00		\$10,991.60 *	\$800.00
PERMIT FEES*	\$800.00	\$80.00	\$749.32	\$800.00
OFFICE LEASE**	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
SPECIAL DIST EXP				
MILEAGE	\$600.00		\$1,160.73 *	\$600.00
CHEMICALS	\$250.00		\$82.36	\$250.00
PARK				
FIXED ASSETS				
TOTAL	\$24,200.00	\$1,015.00	\$35,229.67	\$22,200.00

* From reserve acct to pay for major repairs to system **\$8,046.51**

* Does not include fees paid to Sierra County for Tax Admin

** Includes telephone, fax and utility service

REVENUE	59 Active Services	
	45 Services at \$33.00 Base Rate (Metered)	\$17,820.00
	11 Commercial Services at \$37.00 Base Rate (Metered)	\$4,884.00
	3 Un-improved Property Services at \$23.00 (Flat)	\$828.00
	1 Flat Rate Service at \$100.00 (Cemetery-Annual)	\$100.00
	1 Flat Rate Service at \$65.00 (Dept. of Public Works)	\$780.00
	Sub-Total	\$24,412.00
	Est. Revenue from Water Consumption Overages	\$1,000.00
	Total	\$25,412.00
	Budget	\$24,200.00
	Balance	\$1,212.00

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

October 3, 2006

7:30 pm

This meeting was called to order at 7:40pm by Chairman Hauck

Present were Directors Hauck, Arbogast and Coons

Absent were Directors Vieirra and Downey

The minutes from the regular meeting of August 1, 2006 were read and approved.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from Pliocene Ridge Com Services Dist. Re: Streetlight Policy
2. Letter to USTI re: upcoming change in water rates
3. Letter from State Fund Compensation Ins.
4. Letter from Siemens Water Technology
5. Notice of Class Action Suit from US District Court of Maryland
6. Letter from State of Ca re: Infrastructure State Revolving Fund
7. Copy of Water System Setback Certification for Vieira Septic System
8. Announcements of Training Class's from WQI and Rural Community Asst Corp
9. Copies of Declaration of Candidacy papers from SC Clerk Recorder
10. Misc. Newsletters and Catalogs

Reports:

Water test results for August and September were absent.

Treasury Report: \$8690.29 (includes B of A \$6552.22 and Feather River Bank \$2138.07)

Status Report:

1. Chairman Hauck called Marge Casey for permission to go on her property by the driveway to the old Bucket Club property. This property is now owned by the ACWD and work has to be done to restore the driveway that collapsed.
2. There are air-line problems in one of the new compressors. The air pressure valves are acting up. Copper lines that had plugged have been replaced with new copper flex line. One of the air pumps is not working correctly. It is still under warranty but will have to be taken back to Sacramento for repairs.
3. The District needs to replace a line going to one of the concrete collectors. It has plugged up. A quote from A to Z for materials is \$273.66.
4. There is a need for a contingency plan for equipment needed in case of a break in the main line in front of the pump house. The road damage will not be fixed before next year and it is not known if this winter will cause more damage.

Church Report:

1. A letter from Brick Makers was received regarding a 1 year renewal of our contract with them to supply bricks at the current price.
2. There was a discussion on the windows that are still waiting to be replaced.

Public Response: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1. There will be a Fire Safe Council meeting with Bob Hale of the AVFD in Alleghany on Thursday, October 12th. The Fire Dept is encouraging any citizens who want to, to attend.
2. There was a discussion held on the current computer system and billing software that is used by the district. The system is outdated and so is the computer equipment. The Secretary is using Windows 98 and the software is for a dos system. The current software used is made by USTI and costs approximately \$2500. A new computer system would cost approximately \$600.00 dollars. The printer used by the district is a dot matrix. There has been a need to replace the equipment and software for many years but there are no dollars in the budget to do so. A quote from Fineline Software Co. for new billing software is \$1245.00. Guaranteed for 90 days with a 100% refund if it doesn't suit the District's needs.

Claims: September

PG&E	electric	248.47
PG&E	church	7.45
Bob Hale	mtr rdg/labor	90.00
Cranmer Eng	water test	23.00
Joe Hauck	mileage	48.51
Hach Co	chemicals	121.01
Postmaster	stamps	78.00
Browns Gas	annl tank rental	72.00
Capital One	Books/ Exam	144.78
USTI	rate change	75.00
CA Dept of Health	annl permit fee	415.00
AICCO	insurance pmt.	263.31

October

AICCO	insurance pmt	263.31
PG&E	electric	287.52
PG&E	church	8.51
B&C	misc.	37.52
Bob Hale	mtr rdg/labor	100.00
Joe Hauck	mileage	93.00
Cranmer Eng	water test	23.00

Director Arbogast moves to approve all claims. Director Coons seconds. Ayes, Coons, Arbogast Abstain, Hauck

Secretaries Claims: September and October

Office Lease, 100.00

Salary, 300.00

Director Coons moves to approve all claims. Director Arbogast seconds. Ayes, Coons, Arbogast Abstain, Hauck

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm by Chairman Hauck.
The next meeting will be held on November 7, 2006

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
October 24, 2006
7:30 pm

This meeting was called to order at 7:31pm by Chairman Hauck
Present were Directors Hauck, Vieirra, Arbogast, Downey, and Coons and Secretary Hauck

Many residents of Alleghany were also present, Mike Miller, Vickie Tenney, Mrs. Coons, Larry Vieirra, Kathryn Chandler, Mr & Mrs. Finney, Mr & Mrs Buzchowski, and Laurie Unland.

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Secretary salary
mileage

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
November 7, 2006
7:30 pm

This meeting was called to order at 7:40pm by Chairman Hauck
Present were Directors Hauck, Arbogast, Downey, and Coons
Absent but excused because of illness Director Vieira
The minutes from the regular meeting of October 3, 2006 and the special meeting of
October 24, 2006 were read and approved as read.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from PRCSD to Supervisor Arnie Gutman
2. Notice from PRCSD to Property Owners in Alleghany RE: Streetlights
3. Letter from CA Special Distr. Assoc. re: Financing Corporations for loans.
4. Letter from Lincoln Equipment Inc.
5. Letter from Sierra County Auditor RE: Meeting on Ethics
6. Misc. Newsletters and Catalogs

Reports:

Water test results for Oct were absent.

Treasury Report: \$8987.22 (includes B of A \$6857.66 and Umpqua Bank \$2129.56)

Status Report:

1. One of our pumps has quit working. Director Coons has pulled the pump and Chairman Hauck will take it to Sacramento tomorrow (Wednesday) morning and they will repair it while he waits.
2. Bob Hale has gotten the ground ready for the pipe installation at the Ram Spring. The Chairman has received quotes from A to Z for the materials needed for \$273.00. B&C has given a quote for \$102.00. The Chairman suggests that we buy the parts at B&C.
3. The air relief valve on Pump #1 is not working.
4. FHA will be in Alleghany on Tuesday, November 14th at 10:30am for inspection of our system. This inspection usually takes place every 3 years. Director Coons will join the Chairman for the inspection.
5. The Memcor tank in the pump house has a small leak by the O-Ring. The Chairman is going to try to fix it with water goop before we have to call Memcor for a service call.
6. A new inventory list was provided by Chairman Hauck. Equipment has been moved to the storage shed at the park. There is a need to wall up the space by the roof with plywood so the building cannot be broken into.
7. A military surplus, brand new filtration system, has been offered to the District if we want it. The only catch is the person donating it would like us to research what the value is and he would like to receive a letter from the district showing the value of the donation. If the Board wants to accept the donation the Chairman will pick it up and bring it up to Alleghany. A discussion is held. Director Downey moves to accept the donation and issue a letter of donation to Mr. Novak. Director Coons seconds. Ayes,

- unanimous. The secretary to go to the website of the company and research the value and then issue a letter.
8. The chlorine levels dropped over the weekend. The tank was shocked with ½ gallon of chlorine.

Church Report: None

Public Response: None

Unfinished Business:

1. Discussion on the proposed purchase of new billing software for the district. A quote has been received by Fineline for new billing software at \$1295.00 + the first years support at \$350.00 which is required plus new billing cards at a cost of \$65.00. This is a savings of ½ off the published price. There have been many discussions on the need for this software as our current billing program is very old and not supported with windows. The Secretary is currently having to run backups on DOS and is using a very old computer with Windows 95. There will be a need for new hardware but the cost is minimal at today's prices. A Dell system can be bought for approx. \$600.00. Director Arbogast also will look into the donation of a system. The immediate need is for the software purchase while we can take advantage of the special price. Director Arbogast moves to purchase the new software from Fineline and Director Downey seconds. Ayes, unanimous.

New Business:

1. The Secretary has read her letter of resignation to the Board to be effective on December 1, 2006. She will be available for the transition time to train a new Secretary. A discussion was held. There are a number of decisions to be made regarding hiring a replacement. Director Coons moves to accept with extreme regret the resignation of the Secretary, Donna Hauck. Director Downey seconds, ayes, Arbogast, Coons, Downey. Abstain, Hauck. Director Arbogast moves to advertise the Secretary's position at \$300.00 per month. Director Downey seconds. Ayes, unanimous. An updated job description is to be made. A mailing and posting is to go out by the 13th of November with deadlines for applying the 22nd of November. A special meeting will be called for November 21st to make decisions regarding the new hire and training schedules and transition of office. Interviews are to be scheduled for a special meeting to be called on November 28th, which will be closed to the public and held as an executive session.

Claims: October

Bruce Coons reimb	mileage for exam	93.45
B&C	misc	23.58
Capital One	misc	117.15

November:

PG&E	electric	295.87
PG&E	church	7.41
Bob Hale	mtr rdg/labor	65.00

Cranmer Eng	water test	23.00
Joe Hauck	mileage	53.67
AICCO	insurance pmt.	263.31
FHA	semi ann pmt	3522.43
SC Tax Collector	SW Fee (church)	80.17
Hach Co.	chemicals	121.01

Director Arbogast moves to approve all claims. Director Downey seconds. Ayes, Coons, Arbogast, Downey Abstain, Hauck

Secretaries Claims: November

Office Lease, 100.00

Salary, 300.00

Director Downey moves to approve all claims. Director Arbogast seconds. Ayes, Coons, Arbogast, Downey Abstain, Hauck

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm by Chairman Hauck.

→ There will be a special meeting called for November 21st and November 28th. The next regular meeting will be held on December 5, 2006

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
November 28, 2006
7:30 pm**

This meeting was called to order at 6:09pm by Chairman Hauck
Present were Directors Hauck, Vieirra, Downey, Coons and Secretary Hauck
Absent was Director Arbogast who choose not to attend because of a conflict of interest
with one of the applicants.

The purpose of the special meeting was to hold interviews for the
Secretary/administrator position for the ACWD. These interviews will be held in
Executive Session. (Closed to the Public).

There were two applicants for the position of secretary/administrator for the ACWD.
Interviews were scheduled and the applicants appeared separately before the board.

6:00pm – Interview with Kyle Hall

7:15pm – Interview with Laurie Unland

After interviews, question and answer session and discussion among the Board
members it was voted to hire Laurie Unland as the new Secretary/Administrator for the
ACWD. Laurie will begin as a private contractor on December 1, 2006.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm by Chairman Hauck.

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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

November 21, 2006

7:30 pm

This meeting was called to order at 7:40pm by Chairman Hauck
Present were Directors Hauck, Vieirra, Arbogast, Downey, and Coons and Secretary Hauck

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the impending hiring of a Secretary/Administrator, define job requirements, salary, office space and any other related topic.

The meeting was opened with a discussion on the current Ordinance that pertains to the Secretary's job and duties. It was determined that the current Ordinance #3 did not have to be changed to cover the hiring of a new Secretary nor did there need to be any changes in the duties as they are listed.

A discussion was held on the Secretary's position as an employee verses an independent contractor. Director Arbogast moves to have the Secretary position and duties changed to an Independent Contractor with the District and the amount paid will remain at \$300.00 per month. Director Vieira seconds. Ayes, unanimous.

A discussion was held on the time needed for the outgoing Secretary to be available for training and to complete billing cycles. Director Arbogast moves that the outgoing Secretary will continue to be paid \$300.00 per month as an employee till December 31st and starting with January 1 the outgoing Secretary will be paid a fee of \$20.00 per hour as a consultant. There will be no mileage re-imbusement. This arrangement will stay in effect until the outgoing Secretary's help is no longer needed. Director Coons seconds the motion. Ayes, Arbogast, Coons, Vieira, and Downey. Abstain, Hauck.

At this time 2 applications have been received by the District. One from Kyle Hall and one from Laurie Unland. It is decided to hold the Special Meeting on November 28th, at 6:00pm. The schedule will be to hold interviews at ½ hour intervals. Kyle Hall will be interviewed at 6:00pm and Laurie Unland at 6:30pm. If any other applications are received by the deadline of November 22nd then they will be added to the schedule.

A discussion was held on the office equipment and space that is currently provided to the District. The new Secretary will be an independent contractor and will be required to provide space for the District at no additional cost. After tonight's meeting adjourns the Board and anyone else who wants to will go to the Hauck residence and tour the existing office.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm by Chairman Hauck



**ALLEGHANY
COUNTY
WATER DISTRICT**



SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alleghany County Water District at the regular meeting place of the Board, Alleghany Firehouse, Alleghany, CA. To be held at 7:30 P.M. on October 24 2006

The nature of business to be transacted is as follows:

1. Public input on upcoming election
2. Question & answer session
3. Water Treatment Operator Exam

This meeting has been called by Joe Hauck,
Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Alleghany County
Water District.

Donna Hauck
Secretary

Dated: 10-20-06

Call the meeting to order:

Roll Call:

Statement: The purpose of this meeting is to

- 1: address any public input about the upcoming election on Nov 7.**
- 2: have a question and answer session between the board and anyone in attendance, and**
- 3: to discuss the Water Treatment Operator exam.**

I would like to make an opening statement as Chairman of the Board to the audience. I am aware that there are a lot of innuendos, statements, and questions that are circulating around the community regarding this upcoming election. First let me say that the Board is aware of the rumors and statements being made about the cost of this election. It has been reported that Ernest Finney is responsible for the cost of the election to our community. Let me state to you all that that is not the case. Even though there has not been an election for our board in 30 years it is mainly because no-one has stepped up and wished to serve on the board and go through the process of running for a board seat. It has been our experience that whenever there is a vacancy we have to go out and ask residents if they would be interested in serving. An election is the democratic process and a right to all that may want to run for an office. It is a fact that there will be a cost to the district of approximately \$1,000 dollars to cover this

election. But that has to be considered the cost of us doing our job and serving the community.

That said I would like to move on to some of the issues pertaining to the district that have been sent out to registered voters in Alleghany. I am going to read the correspondence that has gone around and then open the floor for discussion.

Read Mr. Finney's letter to voters dated October 16

Read Rae Bell's response dated October 18

Read Mr. Finney's letter requesting information dated October 18

Read Rae Bells response dated October

Your board would like to set the record straight.

Regarding the Water Treatment Operator License Exam: first let me make a statement regarding the facts of my license. That license is set to expire on January 1, 2007. Ever since a license has been a requirement of the State of Ca Health Dept. I have held a license and performed the duties of a Water Treatment Operator on a volunteer basic. When I made the decision to not renew my license 3 years ago, I informed the Board that we would need someone to step up and take the test and volunteer for the community. In all other water districts this is a paid position ranging from anywhere from \$20.00 per hour to \$47,000 annually.

Obviously this is a cost we cannot afford. There was a time when we thought we could contract with another treatment operator that was serving the small mountain communities in Sierra County and Nevada County to share those duties. As it has turned out all operators that we have contacted have said that they also will not be renewing their licenses. After 2 years of putting out the word about what we would need, 2 residents of Alleghany stepped forward and volunteered to study for and take the exam. This has just happened on Saturday, Oct 21. We wish to thank Bruce Coons and Burns Tenney for their effort and commitment to this District. However, let it be clear that at this time the job of Water Treatment Operator is still a volunteer position. We recognize the need for a paid position but the funds are not available as yet. The Board has scheduled town meetings on this subject but has received very little feed back or support for this problem.

My position is very clear. All I am doing is not renewing my license. I have not said I would be resigning from the board. That is a decision for the voters to make.

ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
P.O. Box H
Alleghany, CA 95910

October 20, 2006

Mr. Finney

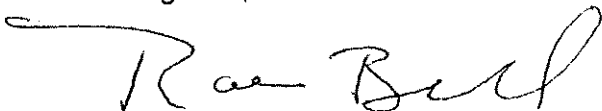
Per your request enclosed are copies of the Alleghany County Water District's last two budgets adopted by the Board of Directors.

Some notes regarding these budgets:

1. The church expenses are shown but covered with the annual Library Rental Agreement between the Sierra County Board of Supervisors and ACWD. In no way does any water revenue cover any church expenses. The community has held fund raisers and there have been personal contributions made by residents of this town.
2. The budgets show all areas of revenue for the District plus actual expenses paid out the previous year.
3. The increase of salary expense for the Fiscal Year 2006/07 was made to cover the expected rise in cost for Water Treatment Operator expenses after January 1, 2007. We had no idea what those costs would amount to at the time the budget was adopted but felt that an allocation was needed.

There are no audits or financial statements as the ACWD is on a 5 year plan with Sierra County. We are in plan year 3. You have received copies of the latest audits we have. In two years the District will have a 5 year audit done. This decision was made because of the cost of an annual audit (\$1,200 to \$1,600 per year). This plan was made with the approval of the Sierra County Board of Supervisors and Sierra County Auditor Van Maddox.

Regards,



Rae Arbogast
Vice-Chairman, Director
Alleghany County Water District

October 18, 2006

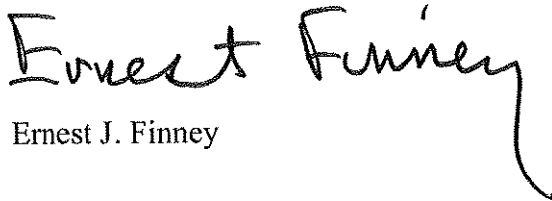
Ms Rae Arbogast
P. O. Box 919
Alleghany, CA 95910

Dear Ms Arbogast:

Since, as you noted in your memo, there are no secrets regarding ACWD finances, I'd like to request a copy of the ACWD budget for the current fiscal year and the closing financial report for the previous fiscal year. I'm requesting this as an ACWD water consumer and as a candidate for the board.

I've enclosed a stamped, self addressed envelope for your convenience in mailing me this material.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ernest Finney". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, sweeping tail on the letter "y".

Ernest J. Finney

MEMO

10/18/06

TO: Residents of Alleghany

FROM: Rae Bell

RE: Letter dated October 16th from Ernest Finney

Mr. Finney's letter makes it sound like Alleghany's fixed personnel expenses for keeping our Water District running are higher than Downieville's.

I spoke to Len Kinzler who handles the water billing and bookkeeping for Downieville's Utility District yesterday. According to him Downieville's monthly overhead for the water system includes the following:

\$380 per month for his services that are the same as the services Donna Hauck currently provides to Alleghany for \$300 per month with the exception of the fact that he reads the meters and Donna does not.

ADDITIONALLY Downieville pays a plant operator who maintains the plant (Mark Dagle) \$500 per month and a licensed water operator (Dick Melim) \$400 per month for a total of \$1,280 per month. They also pay an additional \$25 per hour for repairs by other individuals.

In Alleghany we pay Donna \$300 per month to handle billing, accounting and collections plus \$100 per month rent for office space which includes phone and utilities. We also pay \$50 per month for a meter reader (Bob Hale) for a total of \$450 per month. Additionally if repairs and other help are needed Alleghany pays \$10 per hour. Our licensed water operator and maintenance man (Joe Hauck) does not get paid. Joe does bill mileage at the Federal mandated rate for trips to town for parts and repairs.

Fixed personnel expenses are \$930 less per month for Alleghany than they are for Downieville. (Or \$830 less if you include the office rent)

What Mr. Finney may not realize is that treatment, testing and compliance requirements are the same regardless of size. For example water-sampling expenses should be the same for Alleghany and Downieville as these requirements are set by the State. Audit expenses are also the same for both districts as well as compliance paperwork.

A public hearing is called anytime rates are raised. Whose voice is not being heard?

All ACWD meetings are public and are posted in advance yet Mr. Finney does not attend. The reason there has not been an election in 20 years is because this is the first time there have been more candidates than seats. It cost the water district \$1,000 because Mr. Finney chose to run in the election. This is the fee that Sierra County charges for us to have a ballot item. (NOT IN THE BUDGET)

A helping hand is always needed in a community like ours. I suggest Mr. Finney attend the Water Board Meetings on a regular basis so he knows what goes on. There are no secrets. If anything we can count on our fixed expenses increasing when Joe Hauck retires.

THE PUREST WATER AT THE LOWEST PRICE

October 16, 2006

Michael M. Miller
P. O. Box 941
Alleghany, CA 95910

Dear Mike:

My name--Ernest Finney--is on your November ballot as a candidate for one of the three open positions on the Alleghany County Water District board. This will be the first election for seats on the ACWD board directors in some twenty years: until now, water board directors have been appointed, either by the ACWD board or by the county board of supervisors. This year, it will be up to the voters to decide.

I'm running for this position because I'm concerned about keeping the cost of water service reasonable and affordable for all of us in Alleghany. Now that the California Dept. of Health Services requires water districts to use licensed water treatment operators and distribution operators, this means additional operating expenses. I think it's time for us to consider if we might be able to reduce ACWD administrative expenses in other areas, perhaps by looking at how other county water districts handle expenditures.

It costs Downieville Water District, for instance, \$400 per month to handle accounting, billing, collection and reports for 225 water users. It costs ACWD over \$700 per month to handle accounting, billing, collection and reports for 53 water users. Could this be done for less?

I cannot promise lower water bills if I'm elected, but I can promise that your voice will be heard the next time an increase is discussed by the board.

I've owned my home in Alleghany at 102 Plaza for over 40 years. Although my work has kept me traveling a lot, I'm moving back now, and as a full time resident I'd like to represent you on the Alleghany County Water District board. I'd be glad to talk with you about your concerns--just stop by our house or give me a call at 287-3441 or catch me on the street--I'm the guy on the bike most mornings around 8.

I hope you'll consider giving me your vote.

Sincerely,

Ernest Finney

Ernest J. Finney

Michael, what about the Pliocene Ridge School. It can't be sold because earthquake funds were used. Do you have any ideas?

ACWD Chairman
Joe Hauck
P.O. Box 914
Allegheny, CA. 95910
(530) 287-3220

Edward James Snyder
P.O. Box 888
Allegheny, CA. 95910
(530) 287-3248
eddaann@inreach.com

RE: State Licensed Water Treatment Operator

Joe,

I am contacting you in regards to your recent mailing concerning the upcoming town meeting. I will be unable to attend said meeting do to work constraints. I would however, be keenly interested in any information that transpires during that meeting and any and all information that you could provide.

I fully realize the gravity and responsibility entailed by your position. It would require an enormous commitment on someone's part to try and replace the years of knowledge that has been acquired concerning the water system in Allegheny. The fact of your retirement date of 1/07 being only nine months in the future would indeed, further handicap any trainee that is to be considered. I personally would have many questions and concerns and would appreciate your indulgence. The very weight and magnitude of the position being considered necessitates having all of the information. I would be most grateful if you would provide what you can and/or point me in the direction to those that can.

I congratulate you on your upcoming retirement and THANK YOU for your years of dedication and service.

In Appreciation,

