

**Regular Meeting of the Alleghany County Water District Board of Directors
Tuesday October 8, 2024. Location: Alleghany Firehouse 105 Plaza Court and by
conference call.**

1. Call to Order & Establish a Quorum The meeting was called to order by President Tobyn Mehrmann at 6:00 p.m. Directors present: Tobyn Mehrmann, Robbin DeWeese, Brianne Price, Coral Spencer and Burns Tenney. Also present General Manager Rae Bell Arbogast and Chief Water Operator Bruce Coons. Secretary Amber Mehrmann was present. Public Present: Dan Walde of the California Special Districts Association (by phone) Jan Sticha, Keiran Mehrmann and baby Johnny.

2. Consent Calendar:

A motion was made to approve the consent calendar by Burns Tenney and Brianne Price 2nd. **Ayes: Tobyn Mehrmann, Robbin DeWeese, Brianne Price, Burns Tenney and Coral Spencer Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0**

3. Information/Discussion Items

a) Correspondence: Incoming: None **Outgoing** Signed Biennial Notice of Conflict of Interest code review sent to Sierra County Clerk-Recorders Office.

b) SRF Project Update: Provided in writing.

c) Board/Staff Reports:

Chief Water Operator Bruce Coons: Water production data and water test results had already been provided at the September 30th Board Meeting. The October water test results were not in yet.

General Manager Rae Bell Arbogast reported that she and the water operators are working on the Lead Service Line Inventory for the Customer side of the water meters. It is due by October 24th. The inventory allows self-reporting by the customers. A combination of self-reporting and the direct knowledge of the Water Operators and local repairmen will be used to complete the report.

Director Burns Tenney had a question about whether-or-not job postings are required for the two positions that were recently changed from Independent Contractors to Employees. (Secretary and General Manager) Rae Bell to investigate.

d) Park Report None

e) Update from the California Special District's Association (CSDA). Dane Walde, Public Affairs Field Coordinator for CSDA noted that ACWD has been a member of CSDA for 9 years now, about the same amount of time that he has been with the organization. He thanked the district for its continued support and outlined recent special district advocacy efforts of CSDA. He highlighted the following:

- CSDA sponsored a bill to put the definition of a special district into federal law. He stated that because special districts were not previously designated public entities, they were not eligible for federal public relief dollars for the COVID pandemic. The new law will require the office of budget to include Special Districts as funding recipients.

- At the State Level they opposed an effort to limit the ability of Special Districts to charge fees for services.
- Other items as listed in the written CSDA report that was included in the meeting packets were discussed.
- He also explained that they will be sending out weekly emails starting in 2025.

4. Unfinished Business

a) Customer Accounts/Billings/Disconnects: There are 6 accounts 90 days overdue and two accounts 60 days overdue.

b) Billing Program Decision: (Details included in Sept. 30th meeting docs) After a discussion the board authorized the General Manager and Staff to make the decision about whether or not to keep the existing program and what alternative to use. Motion was made by Brianne Price and Burns Tenney 2nd. **Ayes: Tobyn Mehrmann, Robbin DeWeese, Brianne Price, Burns Tenney and Coral Spencer Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0**

5. New Business

a.) Adoption of Final Budget The proposed final budget was reviewed and after a discussion, a motion was made to adopt the budget as presented by Brianne Price and Burns Tenney 2nd. **Ayes: Tobyn Mehrmann, Robbin DeWeese, Brianne Price, Burns Tenney and Coral Spencer Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0**

b.) Change Water Billing cycle from the first to the 15th of each month. After a discussion regarding the pros and cons, a motion was made to allow district staff to change the date of the meter readings from the 1st to the 15th of each month, with bills to be issued within 7 days of the meter reading. An interim bill of 1 ½ mos will have to be generated for the shift. Staff to work out details and to do it in conjunction with the billing program change. Motion was made by Brianne Price and Burns Tenney 2nd. **Ayes: Tobyn Mehrmann, Robbin DeWeese, Brianne Price, Burns Tenney and Coral Spencer Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0**

6) Public Response Time: None.

7) Next meeting date, items for next agenda and adjournment:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2024; at 6:00 P.M.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rae Bell Arbogast, Deputy Secretary