

ACWD General Manager (GM) Report January 2021

AGENDA ITEMS

4. b) Draft job descriptions: they will be posted online and emailed to all board members before the meeting. This is one of the items that is being done as part of the TMF (Technical Managerial & Financial) tune-up. (see SRF Project report for more info).

4. d) Cost of remote meeting attendance for participants: Last month the board voted to include language on the agenda stating that the district would reimburse the cost of the phone conference meetings for anyone for whom it is a hardship. Upon further research, I suggest that the board reverse that decision. I spoke to the person who does not have a long-distance plan and their cost is \$5 a minute to use long-distance! That would be \$300 for a one-hour meeting and obviously the district is not able to pay that. I also double-checked with other agencies including the County and none of them have had to offer to reimburse individuals who cannot afford to call-in to their public meetings and they are toll calls.

Zoom: I investigated setting up a zoom meeting for this month's meeting as discussed last month, because the computer part of zoom is free for participants. Zoom does work much better than WEBEX, the online platform that we tried early in the pandemic. Zoom's free service has a time-limit of 40 minutes per meeting. The least expensive plan that allows longer meetings is \$149.90 per year. I suggest that we continue with the free phone conference calls and I told the resident who does not have long-distance to use the phone at the firehouse.

Correspondence since last meeting:

Incoming: Certification of election results (appointments) from Sierra County Clerk-Recorder, Annual notice about State Controller's report forwarded to auditors

Outgoing: Copy of audit for FY 19-20 sent to Sierra County Auditor Van Maddox, signed audit engagement letter for FY 20-21 sent to auditors