

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SEWERAGE COMMISSION - OROVILLE REGION**

(Held at the Commission office on October 27, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.)

1. Call to Order ❖

Chairman Pittman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call ❖

Commissioners present were Commissioners Fairbanks and Mastelotto from the Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District, Pittman and Reynolds from the City of Oroville, Hatley and Wristen from the Thermalito Water and Sewer District. Staff present was Manager Glen Sturdevant, Plant Supervisor Mikah Salski, and SC-OR Attorney Scott Huber.

3. Salute to the Flag ❖

Commissioner Mastelotto led the Commissioners and staff in the salute to the flag.

4. Acknowledgment of Visitors ❖

None

5. Board Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 29, 2021 ❖

Upon motion by Commissioner Hatley to approve the minutes of the meetings, and seconded by Commissioner Reynolds, the minutes of the September 29, 2021 regular meeting were unanimously approved.

6. Authorization of Warrants ❖

Commissioner Reynolds met with Manager Sturdevant and reviewed the warrants, and having found everything to be in order made a motion for their approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fairbanks. Warrants 27036-27094 in the total amount of \$1,367,572.04 from September 29 to October 27, 2021, including Commissioner fees and electronic fund transfers, were unanimously approved and ordered paid.

7. Fiscal Reports ❖

Manager Sturdevant stated the fiscal reports for September 2021 were in the packets for review. There were no questions and nothing further to report.

8. Review of I&I Peak Charge Resolution 09-21 (A Resolution Establishing the Formulas for Determining Infiltration/Inflow Surcharges) and Corresponding Policy No. 7305 ❖

Manager Sturdevant said that every year the board considers adopting a resolution setting the I&I peak charge formula. The intention of this resolution was for the entities to solve their I&I issues within their infrastructure. He doesn't know why giving SC-OR money for going over their peak I&I is beneficial. It should be going into the entity's infrastructure to fix their I&I problems. Commissioner Pittman said he thought the point of the resolution was to say, "If you don't fix your I&I issues then this will be the charge"; this resolution is an incentive to put the money into their systems rather than to pay SC-OR for treating the I&I overages.

All entities said they have made concerted efforts to repair their infrastructures to reduce their I&I.

It was the direction from the Board for Manager Sturdevant and Attorney Huber to change the wording of the resolution to put the spirit and intention of the resolution into the resolution so that future Commissioners don't have to guess as to what the intention is, and to bring it back to the November meeting for review and possible adoption.

9. Resolution 10-21 (A Resolution Ratifying the Determination of a Positive Annual Evaluation for the Manager, and Authorizing a Raise Pursuant to the Employment Agreement), and Approve a Letter Submitted by Chairman Pittman for His Personnel File) ❖

Attorney Huber said that he was directed at the last meeting to create a resolution to put in writing that: A) There was a positive evaluation of the manager and, B) There was a pay increase of 5% in his contract, so there is no question that the board voted and approved these. This resolution is to ratify these events.

A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds to adopt Resolution 10-21 – A Resolution Ratifying the Determination of a Positive Annual Evaluation for the Manager, and Authorizing a Raise Pursuant to the Employment Agreement, and Approve a Letter Submitted by Chairman Pittman for his Personnel File. The motion was seconded by Chairman Hatley, and passed by the following vote: Fairbanks – Yes, Reynolds – Yes, Hatley – Yes.

10. Water Reuse ❖

Manager Sturdevant asked for direction on how to move forward on SC-OR water reuse. He heard from the County that they should have some planning grant funds available in November or December. SC-OR would like to apply for a feasibility study for reuse, but he wants to be sure the Board is fine with staff putting time and effort in pursuing this grant money for water reuse.

The Board gave direction to staff to pursue grant money for reuse.

11. Attorney's Report ❖

Attorney Huber had nothing more to report.

12. Manager's Report ❖

Manager Sturdevant said that on October 1, 2021 SC-OR began operating under our new NPDES permit. There were not a lot of changes to the permit because SC-OR has been and continues to be proactive with our upgrade to prepare for future State regulatory requirements.

The influent pump station construction is fully underway. Their hole filled with water during the storm, which is being pumped out. They are ahead of schedule to date.

He wanted to clarify that the board meeting reschedule in December 15, 2021 will be held at 11:00, and not 10:00 as stated at the September meeting. It will be followed by the Christmas luncheon.

He reported that both Mikah Salsi and Mitchell Maxwell passed their certification tests and are both now Grade IV operators.

13. Visitor Comments ❖

None

14. Commissioner and Staff Comments ❖

Commissioner Fairbanks reported that LOAPUD has been working with the State of California because the State wants LOAPUD to run sewer lines to Palermo and will pay the costs to do that. This will be a long project, and they would like to begin construction in 2024. One of questions they are asking is where they would dump the sewage from Palermo. Manager Sturdevant said he has been in communication with Keith, LOAPUD's engineer, regarding this project. The State is pushing for regional wastewater facilities, so he doesn't think they would be in favor of building a treatment plant in Palermo. The State would probably prefer that the septage come to SC-OR, but we may not have the capacity by that time. We are trying to see if the State would be willing to help with the cost of expansion of SC-OR to increase the capacity of our plant so we can handle the septage from Palermo. This will be an ongoing discussion.

Commissioner Mastelotto thanked Manager Sturdevant and Plant Supervisor Salsi for the tour they gave to the Board of Realtors. She said it went very well, and demonstrated how important laterals are, and gave the realtors a better perspective of how the treatment plant works and benefits the community.

15. Adjournment ❖

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m. to the continued regular meeting scheduled for November 17, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



GLEN E. STURDEVANT, CLERK

Approved