

# AMSTERDAM WATER DISTRICT

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## MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AMSTERDAM WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**November 8, 2022, at 1:00 PM**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
  - a. Interested persons in the audience are welcome to introduce any topic within the Agency's jurisdiction. No action may be undertaken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, except that the Board may briefly respond to the comments, refer the matter to staff, or request it to be placed on a future agenda.
- 4. BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2022, BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
- 5. BUDGET**
  - a. Board to Review and Consider Approval of the Payable List and Budget to Actual Report
- 6. BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FY2023 BUDGET AND VOLUNTARY ASSESSMENT**
- 7. PROJECTS UPDATE:**
  - a. Prop 68 AWD Water Projects
  - b. Temporary Water Rights Application
- 8. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UPDATE**
- 9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**
  - a. Board Members may provide a brief report on notable topics of interest.
- 10. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 11. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE – December 13, 2022, at 1:00 pm**
- 12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Amsterdam Water District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 13, 2022**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**DIRECTORS**

Bert Crane Jr:	President
Mary Crane Couchman:	Vice President-called in
Benjamin Crane:	Secretary
Karen Crane McNab:	Director-called in
Craig Johnson:	Director

**OTHERS**

Brad Samuelson:	Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Mike Gardner:	Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Art Godwin:	Robbins, Godwin, et al.-called in
Mark Couchman:	The Silverado Group-called in at 1:06 pm
Alice Contreras:	Crane Cattle Company-Arrived at 1:05 pm

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Crane called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. Gardner stated that all Directors were present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Director Johnson and seconded by Director Couchman, the July 12, 2022, minutes were unanimously approved.

**BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT AND PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Upon a motion by Director Crane and seconded by Director Johnson, the financial report and payment of bills were unanimously approved as presented.

**PROJECTS: PROP 68 WATER PROJECTS UPDATE**

Mr. Samuelson reported the Merced Subbasin received a total of 7.6 million dollars for 10 projects. Merced Irrigation District (MID) is the applicant for the Merced Subbasin. Amsterdam Water District (AWD) received \$100,000 from the Prop 68 grant for planning purposes.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR), MID, and AWD have been working diligently on the draft grant agreement and Mr. Samuelson is confident the agreement will be signed this week. Once the agreement is signed, the staff will begin working with Summers Engineering to start the process of the boring hole study for the three groundwater recharge projects. The grant is set up for AWD to spend the money up front and then get reimbursed by DWR. The District will have to decide how to fund the projects before the reimbursement happens.

### **PROJECTS: TEMPORARY WATER RIGHTS APPLICATION**

Mr. Samuelson reported AWD along with adjacent water districts applied for a flood water right application a few years ago. Until the flood water right application is awarded AWD had to submit a temporary flood water right application. Mr. Samuelson reported that due to the streamline process, AWD and La Paloma MWC will not be included in the application this year. Mr. Samuelson also reported that there is an existing pipeline from Castle Reservoir to the Bert Crane reservoir that would be perfect for groundwater recharge and AWD could take ownership of the pipeline. After a lengthy discussion, the Board gave staff direction to meet with all the Directors individually to discuss the project.

### **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UPDATE**

Mr. Samuelson reported the Prop 218 passed a few months ago which will have a new \$24 GSA tax assessment fee on the next tax role. The GSA recently had a workshop on the Land Following Program. Beginning in October, landowners can fill out an application to give a bid to the GSA to follow their land. The GSA is trying to eliminate 15,000 af of demand which equates to approximately 3,300 acres that will need to be followed.

Mr. Samuelson also reported that groundwater allocations will begin in 2026. Several committees will be working out the details.

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Director Bert Crane Jr:	No report
Director Couchman:	No report
Director Benjamin Crane:	Director Crane wants to add Alice Contreras to the Board meeting email list.
Director Johnson:	No report
Director McNab:	Director McNab is looking forward to a resolution regarding the Castle Reservoir pipeline issue for the benefit of the AWD

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Director Crane reported that Merced County will be having several ethics training workshops in the near future. Mr. Godwin stated that all Board members are required to take 2-hour ethics training course every 2 years.

### **NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE**

October 11, 2022, at 1:00 pm.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Staff will meet with all Directors individually to discuss existing Castle Dam pipeline project.
2. Staff to add Alice Contreras to the Board meeting email list.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Crane adjourned the meeting at 1:57 pm.

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Secretary  
Benjamin C. Crane



**Amsterdam Water District  
Payable List**

**November 8, 2022**

<b>CK#</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Deposit</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>Description</b>
					<b>\$191,676.33</b>	
1188	9/29/2022	Kemper CPA Group		\$77.50	\$191,598.83	Sep. Professional Services
1189	9/7/2022	Provost & Pritchard		\$42.00	\$191,556.83	Aug. Website Hosting
1190	9/30/2022	RBG&M Attorneys at Law		\$595.00	\$190,961.83	Sep. Professional Services
1191	10/3/2022	Wagner & Bonisignore		\$327.25	\$190,634.58	Sep. Professional Services
1192	9/30/2022	Water and Land Solutions		\$5,663.00	\$184,971.58	Sep. Management Fee
	10/27/2022	Kemper CPA Group		\$115.50	\$184,856.08	Oct. Professional Services
	10/10/2022	Provost & Pritchard		\$31.50	\$184,824.58	Sep. Website Hosting
	10/31/2022	Water and Land Solutions		\$5,663.00	\$179,161.58	Oct. Management Fee
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$12,514.75</b>	<b>\$179,161.58</b>	

**Amsterdam Water District**

**FY 2022 Assessments**

**January - December**

**November 8, 2022**

**Adopted 10/12/2021**

Description	Budget	Actual	%	Estimated to Complete		
				Nov-Dec	Total	%
<b>Revenue</b>						
Assessment	\$124,308	\$125,281	101%	\$0	\$125,281	101%
<b>Expenses</b>						
O&M	\$124,308	\$96,562	78%	\$20,268	\$116,830	94%
Water						
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$124,308</b>					

\$0

<b>Voluntary Assessment Irrigable(\$)</b>	<b>\$ 122,941</b>
<b>Voluntary Assessment Irrigable (\$/Ac)</b>	<b>\$ 30.32</b>
<b>Voluntary Assessment Non-Irrigable(\$)</b>	<b>\$ 1,367</b>
<b>Voluntary Assessment Non-Irrigable (\$/Ac)</b>	<b>\$ 0.53</b>

**Total Revenue** \$124,308

Landowner Name	Acres		Total	Total Assessment
	Irrigable	Non-Irrigable		
Bert Crane Jr.	43.00	0.00	43.00	\$1,303.65
Bert Crane Orchards	1,287.00	166.00	1,453.00	\$39,106.23
Bert S. Crane & Nancy M. Crane 2004 Trust	0.00	736.60	736.60	\$388.59
Crane Ag Land and Farming	45.40	0.00	45.40	\$1,376.42
Bert S. Crane & Nancy M. Crane Irrevocable 1993 Trust	268.00	605.00	873.00	\$8,444.26
Craig and Maureen Johnson	76.00	55.00	131.00	\$2,333.15
Johnson Family 1992 Trust	361.00	0.00	361.00	\$10,944.63
Karen Crane McNabb LLC	993.00	503.33	1,496.33	\$30,370.84
Mary Crane Couchman Trust	577.70	476.19	1,053.89	\$17,765.65
Mary Crane Couchman Family Partnership L. P.	404.00	49.85	453.85	\$12,274.58
	<u>4,055.10</u>	<u>2,591.97</u>	<u>6,647.07</u>	<u>\$124,308.00</u>
	<b>61%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>100%</b>	

*Adjusted Mary Crane Couchmans Acres (email dated 8-18-20)*

*Separated out Nancy's and Bens Acres on the 2004 Trust as per phone call from Ben (9-17-2020)*

*Added 212 irrigated acres to Mary Crane Couchman Trust (July 2021)*

*The District has collected \$62,704 out of the \$94,056 in Reserves*

*Added 28 irrigated acres to Karen Crane McNab LLC-email May 11, 2022-will reflect on 2023 budget*

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**Amsterdam Water District**  
**FY 2022 Budget to Actual**  
**January - December**  
**November 8, 2022**  
**Adopted 10/12/2021**  
**Operation & Maintenance**

	Description	Budget	2022		Estimated to Complete			2023 Proposed Budget	Increase- Decrease
			Actual	%	Oct-Dec	Total	%		
<b>I.</b>	<b>Administration</b>								
a.	Management: Water & Land Solutions	\$67,956	\$50,967	75%	\$16,989	\$67,956	100%	\$67,956	\$0
b.	General Counsel	\$10,000	\$2,905	29%	\$968	\$3,873	39%	\$10,000	\$0
c.	Insurance	\$1,500	\$816	54%	\$272	\$1,088	73%	\$1,500	\$0
d.	Audit	\$4,000	\$4,250	106%	\$0	\$4,250	106%	\$4,400	\$400
e.	Supplies, Misc.	\$500	\$0	0%	\$0	\$0	0%	\$100	-\$400
f.	Accounting Services	\$3,000	\$1,850	62%	\$617	\$2,466	82%	\$3,000	\$0
g.	District Reserves (\$31,352)	\$31,352	\$31,352	100%	\$0	\$31,352	100%	\$31,352	\$0
h.	Website: Provost and Pritchard	\$1,000	\$633	63%	\$211	\$844	84%	\$1,000	\$0
	<b>Sub</b>	<b>\$119,308</b>	<b>\$92,773</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>\$19,057</b>	<b>\$111,830</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>\$119,308</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>II.</b>	<b>Appropriative Water Right (SWRCB)</b>								
a.	Flood Water Application *	\$0	\$0	0%	\$0	\$0	0%	\$0	\$0
b.	Temporary Water Right Application	\$5,000	\$3,788.8	0%	\$1,211	\$5,000	100%	\$5,000	\$0
	<b>Sub</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$3,789</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,211</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$124,308</b>	<b>\$96,562</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>\$20,268</b>	<b>\$116,830</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>\$124,308</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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