

**Amsterdam Water District**  
**Board of Director Meeting Minutes**  
**September 10, 2019**

**ATTENDANCE**

**DIRECTORS**

Bert Crane Jr:	President
Mary Crane Couchman:	Vice President
Benjamin Crane:	Secretary
Karen Crane McNab:	Director-Arrived at 3:40 pm

**OTHERS**

Ed Spinardi:	Treasurer-Arrived at 3:34 pm
Art Godwin:	Robbins, Godwin, et al.
Mike Gardner:	Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Brad Samuelson:	Water & Land Solutions, LLC

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Bert Crane Jr. called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Director Benjamin Crane stated all Directors were present except Director McNab and Director Johnson.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Director Couchman and seconded by President Bert Crane Jr, the minutes were unanimously approved.

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

Upon a motion by Director Benjamin Crane and seconded by President Bert Crane Jr, the financial report and payment of bills were unanimously approved.

**GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA): UPDATE**

Mr. Samuelson gave a detailed report on the status of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). The draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for Merced Subbasin was available for public review and the comment period ended August 19, 2019. The next steps are: (1) Notice of intent to adopt the GSP, (2) Joint meeting of the three GSA boards, (3) Adoption hearings to be held in the fall of 2019 and (4) Submittal of the GSP to DWR by January 31, 2020.

Mr. Samuelson also stressed the importance of building groundwater recharge pilot projects and being ready to take advantage of flood flows to help the aquifer and avoid further scrutiny. Mr. Samuelson agreed to contact Director Benjamin Crane to meet him and look at the P&P preferred locations for recharge.

#### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Director McNab: No report  
Director Couchman: No report

Director Benjamin Crane:

Director Benjamin Crane reported that he is working on a 48-acre foot irrigation reservoir that would be pulling water out of Escaladian Creek. Director Benjamin Crane is also working on a 1000-foot electrical easement. He is trying to obtain a 280-foot easement from Director McNab, and the process is going slowly. He is looking into other options.

President Bert Crane Jr:

President Bert Crane Jr. reported that he is working on redesigning the electrical power they receive from PG&E off the Cressey Line near Oakdale Road.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Samuelson reported that the Proposition 68 funding cycle has \$500,000 available for the Merced Subbasin and that the GSAs have agreed to submit applications for increased monitoring and modeling to close some basin-wide data gaps.


Director McNab had questions regarding the Merced Subbasin GSP, she agreed to arrange a discussion between Mr. Samuelson and her legal representation, Mr. Alan Daud.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

The Board agreed that the current monthly Board of Director meetings are to frequent and that they'd prefer to have Special Meetings, as needed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Crane adjourned the meeting at 4:28 pm.



Secretary  
Benjamin C. Crane