

AMSTERDAM WATER DISTRICT

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

March 7, 2022, at 10:00 AM

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Amsterdam Water District will be held on **March 7, 2022, at 10:00 AM**. VIA Teleconference due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Join by Zoom

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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 RESOLUTION 22-2 RELATING TO COVID RESTRICTIONS, MEETINGS, ETC.**
5. **BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 11, 2022, BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
6. **BUDGET**
 - a. Board to Review and Consider Approval of the Payable List and Budget to Actual Report
7. **MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT 10-YEAR WATER TRANSFER: UPDATE**
8. **PROJECTS: PROP 68 UPDATE**
9. **AIRBORNE ELECTROMAGNETIC SURVEYS (AEM): UPDATE**
10. **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY: UPDATE**

11. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- a. Board Members may provide a brief report on notable topics of interest.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

13. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE – APRIL 12, 2022, at 1:00 pm

14. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AMSTERDAM WATER DISTRICT PROCLAIMING A LOCAL EMERGENCY, RATIFYING THE PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY N-12-21 ISSUED ON AUGUST 16, 2021, AND AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODIES OF THE AMSTERDAM WATER DISTRICT FOR THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 8, 2022 TO APRIL 7, 2022 PURSUANT TO BROWN ACT PROVISIONS.

- A. **WHEREAS**, the Amsterdam Water District (the “District”) is committed to preserving and nurturing public access and participation in meetings of the Board of Directors; and
- B. **WHEREAS**, all meetings of the District’s legislative bodies are open and public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code 54950 – 54963), so that any member of the public may attend, participate, and watch the District’s legislative bodies conduct their business; and
- C. **WHEREAS**, the Brown Act, Government Code section 54953(e), makes provisions for remote teleconferencing participation in meetings by members of a legislative body, without compliance with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3), subject to the existence of certain conditions; and
- D. **WHEREAS**, a required condition is that a state of emergency is declared by the Governor pursuant to Government Code section 8625, proclaiming the existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by conditions as described in Government Code section 8558; and
- E. **WHEREAS**, a proclamation is made when there is an actual incident, threat of disaster, or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the jurisdictions that are within the District’s boundaries, caused by natural, technological, or human-caused disasters; and
- F. **WHEREAS**, it is further required that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, or, the legislative body meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and
- G. **WHEREAS**, such conditions now exist, specifically, by the Governor’s Order N-12-21, the Governor has extended the order declaring a State of Emergency due to the impacts of COVID-19; and
- H. **WHEREAS**, the following counties within the jurisdiction of the District – the Counties of Merced – each have recommended continued social distancing to combat the imminent risk to the public health and safety due to COVID-19; and
- I. **WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors does hereby find that such conditions has caused, and will continue to cause, conditions of peril to the safety of persons within the District’s boundaries that are likely to be beyond the control of District services, personnel, equipment, and facilities, and desires to proclaim a local emergency and ratify the proclamation of state of emergency by the Governor of the State of California; and
- J. **WHEREAS**, as a consequence of the local emergency, the Board of Directors does hereby find that the legislative bodies of the District shall conduct their meetings without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54953, as authorized by subdivision (e) of section 54953, and that such legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements to provide the public with access to the meetings as prescribed in paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of section 54953; and

K. **WHEREAS**, THE DISTRICT shall ensure that the public has the opportunity to participate live in all electronic meetings of the District's other legislative bodies during all public comment periods.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AMSTERDAM WATER DISTRICT DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Proclamation of Local Emergency. The Board of Directors hereby proclaims that a local emergency now exists throughout the counties within the District's boundaries – Merced County – and full in-person meetings could cause an imminent risk to the Directors, staff and public.

Section 3. Ratification of Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency. The Board hereby ratifies the Governor of the State of California's Proclamation of State of Emergency, effective as of its issuance date of August 16, 2021.

Section 4. Remote Teleconference Meetings. The agency staff and legislative bodies of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this Resolution including, conducting open and public meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and other applicable provisions of the Brown Act.

Section 5. Effective Date of Resolution. This Resolution shall take effect on March 8, 2022 and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) April 7, 2022, or such time the Board of Directors adopts a subsequent resolution in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3) to extend the time during which the legislative bodies of the District may continue to teleconference without compliance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953.

Adopted and Approved by the Board of Directors of the Amsterdam Water District this 8th of March 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Bert Crane Jr., President
Amsterdam Water District

Attest: _____
Benjamin Crane, Secretary
Amsterdam Water District

**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY
OF
AMSTERDAM WATER DISTRICT,
A California Water District**

I, Benjamin Crane, do hereby certify that I am the duly authorized and appointed Secretary of the Amsterdam Water District, a California Water District (the "District"); that the following is a true and correct copy of that certain resolution duly and unanimously adopted and approved by the Board of Directors of the District on the 8th day of March, 2022; and that said resolution has not been modified or rescinded and remains in full force and effect as the date hereof:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate on this 8th day of
March 2022.

Benjamin Crane
Secretary of Amsterdam Water District

**Amsterdam Water District
Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2022
ZOOM MEETING**

ATTENDANCE:

DIRECTORS

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

OTHERS

Brad Samuelson:	Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Mike Gardner:	Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Art Godwin:	Robbins, Godwin, et al.
Alan Doud:	Young Wooldridge, LLP
Mark Couchman	The Silverado Group

CALL TO ORDER

President Crane called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 22-1 RELATING TO COVID RESTRICTIONS, MEETINGS, ETC.

Upon a motion by Director Benjamin Crane and seconded by Director Johnson, Resolution 22-1 was unanimously approved.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Gardner stated that all Directors were on the Zoom call.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Director Benjamin Crane and seconded by Director McNab, the October 12, 2021, minutes were unanimously approved.

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

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

REVIEW OF WATER USE AND GROUNDWATER ELEVATIONS:

Mr. Gardner presented 4 hydrographs that showed the groundwater levels have dropped 23 feet since 2012.

Mr. Gardner also reported yearly groundwater pumping and surface water deliveries from 2019 through 2021.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UPDATE

Mr. Samuelson reported that Amsterdam Water District isn't near the historical subsidence areas or the cone of depression areas near Legrand and Chowchilla or El Nido. The GSA has indicated that everyone will not be treated the same based on the sustainability zones, so that is in Amsterdam's benefit. DWR responded to our GSP with a 15-page comment letter. The focus of the comments were that the GSP did not address subsidence and disadvantaged communities thoroughly. The Merced GSP will have until April to address DWR's concerns and at that point DWR will either accept or deny the GSP. The GSA will be having a meeting on January 13, 2021, and one of the topics is the phase 1 land repurposing program. They are proposing that all irrigated acres will pay to raise money to pay willing sellers to fallow their land starting in 2025. It will likely be an assessment on the tax role. Phase 2 is groundwater allocations starting in 2026.

PROP 68 ROUND 2 GRANT FUNDING UPDATE

Mr. Samuelson reported that the District submitted 4 projects for the Prop 68 round 2 grant funding for a total of \$2,015,175
The projects include 3 recharge ponds and 1, one-mile 21" pipeline.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Director Bert Crane Jr:	No report
Director Couchman:	No report
Director Benjamin Crane:	No report
Director Johnson:	No report
Director McNab:	No report

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No items to report.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE

February 8, 2022, at 1:00 pm.

ACTION ITEMS

Add "discuss district projects" on next board meeting agenda
Also, prepare a budget that shows phase 1, phase 2 and phase 3 project priority
Present Ceres imaging graphs that show overdraft flows-depressions

ADJOURNMENT

President Crane adjourned the meeting at 1:44 pm.

Secretary
Benjamin C. Crane

Amsterdam Water District

**Payable List
March 8, 2022**

CK#	Date	Name	Deposit	Expense	Bank Balance	Description
					\$124,868.53	
5023	1/12/2022	Craig and Maureen Johnson	\$1,166.57		\$126,035.10	1st Installment
15164	1/19/2022	Bert Crane Jr.	\$651.83		\$126,686.93	1st Installment
2163	1/21/2022	Karen Crane McNab	\$15,185.42		\$141,872.35	1st Installment
3874	1/11/2022	Nancy Crane	\$194.30		\$142,066.65	1st Installment
5754	1/17/2022	Roger Johnson	\$5,472.31		\$147,538.96	1st Installment
15164	1/19/2022	Bert Crane Orchards, L. P.	\$19,553.12		\$167,092.08	1st Installment
202497	1/20/2022	Bert & Nancy Crane 1993 Trust	\$4,222.13		\$171,314.21	1st Installment
1183	1/20/2022	Crane Ag Land and Farming	\$688.21		\$172,002.42	1st Installment
2466	1/24/2022	Mary Crane Couchman Trust	\$8,882.82		\$180,885.24	1st Installment
4042	1/24/2022	Mary Crane Couchman Partn.	\$6,137.29		\$187,022.53	1st Installment
1153	1/27/2022	Kemper CPA Group		\$159.50	\$186,863.03	Jan. Professional Services
1154	1/30/2022	Provost and Pritchard		\$52.00	\$186,811.03	Dec. Website Hosting
1155	1/31/2022	RBG&M Attorneys at Law		\$280.00	\$186,531.03	Jan. Professional Services
1156	1/31/2022	Water and Land Solutions		\$5,663.00	\$180,868.03	Jan. Management Fee
	2/10/2022	Kemper CPA Group		\$391.50	\$180,476.53	Feb. Professional Services
	2/18/2022	Provost and Pritchard		\$105.00	\$180,371.53	Jan. Website Hosting
	2/28/2022	RBG&M Attorneys at Law		\$140.00	\$180,231.53	Feb. Professional Services
	2/28/2022	Water and Land Solutions		\$5,663.00	\$174,568.53	Feb. Management Fee
		Totals	\$62,154.00	\$12,454.00	\$174,568.53	

**Amsterdam Water District
FY 2022 Assessments
January - December**

March 8, 2022

Adopted 10/12/2021

Description	Budget	Actual	%	Estimated to Complete		
				Mar-Dec	Total	%
Revenue						
Assessment	\$124,308	\$62,154	50%	\$62,154	\$124,308	100%
Expenses						
O&M	\$124,308	\$12,454	10%	\$111,854	\$124,308	100%
Water						
Total	\$124,308					
	<u>\$0</u>					

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

Total Revenue **\$124,308**

Landowner Name	Acres			Total Assessment
	Irrigable	Non-Irrigable	Total	
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>
	61%	39%	100%	

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)

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

	Description	Budget	2022		Estimated to Complete		
			Actual	%	Mar-Dec	Total	%
I.	Administration						
a.	Management: Water & Land Solutions	\$67,956	\$11,326	17%	\$56,630	\$67,956	100%
b.	General Counsel	\$10,000	\$420	4%	\$9,580	\$10,000	100%
c.	Insurance	\$1,500		0%	\$1,500	\$1,500	100%
d.	Audit	\$4,000		0%	\$4,000	\$4,000	100%
e.	Supplies, Misc.	\$500		0%	\$500	\$500	100%
f.	Accounting Services	\$3,000	\$551	18%	\$2,449	\$3,000	100%
g.	District Reserves (\$31,352)	\$31,352		0%	\$31,352	\$31,352	100%
h.	Website: Provost and Pritchard	\$1,000	\$157	16%	\$843	\$1,000	100%
	Sub	\$119,308	\$12,454	10%	\$106,854	\$119,308	100%
II.	Appropriative Water Right (SWRCB)						
a.	Flood Water Application *						
b.	Temporary Water Right Application	\$5,000		0%	\$5,000	\$5,000	100%
	Sub	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000	100%
	TOTAL	\$124,308	\$12,454	10%	\$111,854	\$124,308	100%

* \$296.68 out of the budgeted amount of \$85,000 was spent in 2021, so \$84,703.32 will carryover into 2022.