

# AMSTERDAM WATER DISTRICT

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

**January 11, 2022 @ 1:00 PM**

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Amsterdam Water District will be held on January 11, 2022, at 1:00 PM. VIA Teleconference due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 22-1 RELATING TO COVID RESTRICTIONS, MEETINGS, ETC.**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **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.
5. **BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2021, BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
6. **BUDGET**
  - a. Board to Review and Consider Approval of the Payable List and Budget to Actual Report
7. **REVIEW OF WATER USE AND GROUNDWATER ELEVATIONS**
8. **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY: UPDATE**
9. **PROP 68 ROUND 2 GRANT FUNDING: UPDATE**

**10. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

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

**11. OTHER BUSINESS**

**12. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE – FEBRUARY 8, 2022, at 1:00 pm**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

RESOLUTION NO. 22-1

**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 JANUARY 11, 2022 TO FEBRUARY 10, 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 and Fresno – 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 January 11, 2022, and shall be effective until the earlier of (i) February 10, 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 11th of January 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 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 11th day of January 2022.

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Benjamin Crane  
Secretary of Amsterdam Water District

**Amsterdam Water District**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**October 12, 2021**

**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
Josh Dowell:	Water & Land Solutions, LLC
Alan Doud:	Young Wooldridge, LLP

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**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 McNab and seconded by Director Couchman, the July 1, 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 Johnson, the financial report and payment of bills were unanimously approved as presented.

**BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FY2022 BUDGET AND VOLUNTARY ASSESSMENT**

Upon a motion by Director Ben Crane and seconded by Director Couchman, the 2022 budget and voluntary assessment was unanimously approved as follows:

2022 Budget: \$124,308

2022 Voluntary Assessment Irrigated: \$30.32/Acre

2022 Voluntary Assessment Non-Irrigated: \$.53/Acre

**BOARD TO APPROVE THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR CRAIG JOHNSON AND KAREN CRANE McNAB; BOTH OF WHOM WILL HAVE FOUR YEAR TERMS ENDING IN 2025**

Upon a motion by Director Couchman and seconded by Director Ben Crane, the Oath of Office for Craig Johnson was unanimously approved for a 4-year term ending in 2025.

(Craig Johnson abstained from the vote)

Upon a motion by Director Ben Crane and seconded by Director Johnson, the Oath of Office for Karen Crane McNab was unanimously approved for a 4-year term ending in 2025.

(Karen Crane McNab abstained from the vote)

**GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UPDATE**

Mr. Samuelson reported that the County of Merced wants to turn over the deep well permitting process over to the Merced Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). The county would still have environmental health responsibilities like well seal and water quality but approving new wells would fall under the Merced GSA.

Also, the GSA board passed a resolution to reduce consumption by 15,000 af/yr. until 2025 and then it goes up a little bit from there.

The GSA board is considering a 2-phase Demand Management Program. The first phase would be a land fallowing program and the second phase would be groundwater allocations that begins in 2025. Mr. Samuelson also reported that he will be attending the Merced GSA meeting on October 14, 2021.

**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**

November 9, 2021, at 1:00 pm.

**ACTION ITEMS**

No action items to report

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Crane adjourned the meeting at 1:37 pm.

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Secretary  
Benjamin C. Crane



**Amsterdam Water District**

**Payable List  
January 11, 2022**

<b>CK#</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Deposit</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Bank Balance</b>	<b>Description</b>
					<b>\$143,111.63</b>	
1142	10/28/2021	Kemper CPA Group		\$72.50	\$143,039.13	Oct. Professional Services
1143	10/25/2021	Provost and Pritchard		\$49.00	\$142,990.13	Sep. Professional Services
1144	10/31/2021	RBG&M Attorneys at Law		\$150.00	\$142,840.13	Oct. Professional Services
1145	11/1/2021	Wagner & Bonisignore		\$350.00	\$142,490.13	Oct. Professional Services
1146	11/1/2021	Water and Land Solutions		\$5,663.00	\$136,827.13	Oct. Management Fee
1147	11/25/2021	Kemper CPA Group		\$101.50	\$136,725.63	Nov. Professional Services
1148	12/1/2021	Water and Land Solutions		\$5,663.00	\$131,062.63	Nov. Management Fee
	12/31/2021	RBG&M Attorneys at Law		\$370.00	\$130,692.63	Dec. Professional Services
	12/29/2021	Provost and Pritchard		\$117.60	\$130,575.03	Dec. Professional Services
	12/31/2021	Water and Land Solutions		\$5,663.00	\$124,912.03	Dec. Management Fee
	12/31/2021	Kemper CPA Group		\$43.50	\$124,868.53	Dec. Professional Services
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$18,243.10</b>	<b>\$124,868.53</b>	



**Amsterdam Water District  
FY 2021 Budget to Actual**

**January - December**

January 11, 2022

Adopted 11/10/2020

Description	Budget	2021		Estimated to Complete	
		Actual	%	Total	%
<b>Revenue</b>					
Assessment	\$171,985	\$178,148	104%	\$0	\$178,148 104%
<b>Expenses</b>					
O&M	\$171,956	\$83,768	49%	\$0	\$83,768 49%
Water					
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$171,956</b>				

\$29

Voluntary Assessment Irrigable(\$)	\$ 170,134
Voluntary Assessment Irrigable (\$/Ac)	\$ 44.27
Voluntary Assessment Non-Irrigable(\$)	\$ 1,851
Voluntary Assessment Non-Irrigable (\$/Ac)	\$ 0.66

**Total Revenue** \$171,985

Landowner Name	Acres		Total	Total Assessment
	Irrigable	Non-Irrigable		
Bert Crane Jr.	43	0	43	\$1,903.61
Bert Crane Orchards	1,287	166	1,453	\$57,085.05
Bert S. Crane & Nancy M. Crane 2004 Trust	0	737	737	\$486.16
Crane Ag Land and Farming	45	0	45	\$2,009.86
Bert S. Crane & Nancy M. Crane Irrevocable 1993 Trust	268	605	873	\$12,263.66
Craig and Maureen Johnson	76	55	131	\$3,400.82
Johnson Family 1992 Trust	361	0	361	\$15,981.47
Karen Crane McNabb LLC	993	503	1,496	\$44,292.31
Mary Crane Couchman Trust	365.7	688	1,054	\$16,643.74
Mary Crane Couchman Family Partnership L. P.	404	50	454	\$17,917.98
	<u>3,843</u>	<u>2,804</u>	<u>6,647</u>	<u>\$171,984.66</u>
	<b>58%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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

January 11, 2022

## Operation & Maintenance

	Description	2021			Estimated to Complete		
		Budget	Actual	%	Total	%	
<b>I.</b>	<b>Administration</b>						
a.	Management: WLS	\$67,956	\$67,956	100%	\$0	\$67,956	100%
b.	General Counsel	\$10,000	\$3,100	31%	\$0	\$3,100	31%
c.	Insurance	\$1,500	\$816	54%	\$0	\$816	54%
d.	Audit	\$3,000	\$4,000	133%	\$0	\$4,000	133%
e.	Supplies, Miscellaneous	\$500	\$0	0%	\$0	\$0	0%
f.	Accounting Services	\$2,500	\$2,298	92%	\$0	\$2,298	92%
g.	District Reserves (\$31,352)	\$0	\$0	0%	\$0	\$0	0%
h.	Website: P&P	\$1,500	\$822	55%	\$0	\$822	55%
	<b>Sub</b>	<b>\$86,956</b>	<b>\$78,992</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$78,992</b>	<b>91%</b>
<b>II.</b>	<b>Appropriative Water Right (SWRCB)</b>						
a.	Flood Water Application (MID)	\$85,000	\$297	0.3%	\$0	\$297	0%
b.	Temporary Water Right Application	\$0.0	\$4,479	0.0%	\$0	\$4,479	
	<b>Sub</b>	<b>\$85,000</b>	<b>\$4,775</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,775</b>	<b>\$0</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$171,956</b>	<b>\$83,768</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$83,768</b>	<b>49%</b>