

**UNION PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
339 MAIN STREET
MURPHYS, CA 95247**

MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2023, REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Union Public Utility District met in Regular Session at the UPUD Office in Murphys, California, at 5:30 PM.

Directors Present:	ERIC BOTTOMLEY	President
	GREG RASMUSSEN	Vice President
	TOM QUINCY	Secretary
	BRUCE TALLAKSON	Treasurer
Directors Absent:	RALPH CHICK	Director
Also Present:	JESSICA SELF	General Manager
	ELAINE URRUTY	Admin Asst/Clerk to Board
	CHRISTINA PRITCHARD	District Legal Counsel
	PUBLIC AT LARGE	

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge was given.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion:	Director Rasmussen
Second:	Director Tallakson
Ayes:	Directors Bottomley, Rasmussen, Quincy, and Tallakson
Nays:	None
Absent:	Director Chick
Abstain:	None

MINUTE ENTRY. MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Peirano, Julie Hollars, John Raggio, and others in attendance voiced their concerns and opinions regarding the recent 218 process and current rates.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - a. Minutes – May 17, 2023 – Regular Meeting
 - b. Expenditures – May 2023
 - c. Fund Balance – May 2023
 - d. Balance Sheet & Income Statement – May 2023
 - e. YTD Budget to Actuals – May 2023
 - f. Updated LAIF Signatures.....RES. NO 2023-006

- g. California CLASS Reserve/Investments.....RES. NO 2023-007
- h. Discussion/Action regarding Transfer of Irrigation Account

Motion: Director Rasmussen
 Second: Director Quincy
 Ayes: Directors Bottomley, Rasmussen, Quincy, and Tallakson
 Nays: None
 Absent: Director Chick
 Abstain: None

MINUTE ENTRY & RES. NO 2023-006 & 2023-007. MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

REGULAR AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS:

- 5. There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

6.a STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES; DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

The General Manager’s report and recommendation were included in the agenda packet for review. General Manager, Jessica Self, reviewed the State Legislation and recommendation with the Board. Discussion ensued regarding the State Legislation and water reporting requirements.

Motion: Director Tallakson
 Second: Director Rasmussen
 Ayes: Directors Bottomley, Rasmussen, Quincy, and Tallakson
 Nays: None
 Absent: Director Chick
 Abstain: None

MINUTE ENTRY. MOTION TO FORMALLY OPPOSE PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE BILLS AB 460, AB 1337 AND SB 389 AND SUPPORT SB 23 ON BEHALF OF UNION PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT.

6.b ACWA REGION 3 BOARD NOMINATION..... RES. NO 2023-008

A copy of the General Manager’s report regarding the proposed ACWA Board nomination and draft Resolution No. 2023-008 were included in the agenda packet for review. The General Manager reviewed the ACWA nomination recommendation with the Board. Discussion ensued regarding the nomination, pros and cons and costs of the General Manager serving on the Board.

Motion: Director Quincy
Second: Director Tallakson
Ayes: Directors Bottomley, Rasmussen, Quincy, and Tallakson
Nays: None
Absent: Director Chick
Abstain: None

RES NO. 2023-008. TO PLACE IN NOMINATION JESSICA SELF AS Aa
ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA WATER AGENCIES (ACWA) REGION 3 BOARD MEMBER

- 6.c UPDATE TO EMPLOYEE POLICIES (2115 & 2010)..... RES. NO 2023-009
A copy of the General Manager’s report and recommendation, Resolution No. 2023-009 and Policies with revisions were included in the agenda packet for review. The General Manager reviewed the proposed policy revisions with the Board.

Motion: Director Tallakson
Second: Director Rasmussen
Ayes: Directors Bottomley, Rasmussen, Quincy, and Tallakson
Nays: None
Absent: Director Chick
Abstain: None

RES NO. 2023-009. TO APPROVE THE UPDATE TO EMPLOYEE POLICIES NO.
2115 – ON-CALL & 2010 – HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME AS PRESENTED.

PUBLIC HEARING:

President Bottomley closed the Regular Session and opened the Public Hearing at 6:04 PM

- 7.a ADOPTION OF WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY PLANRES. NO 2023-010
A copy of the General Manager’s report and recommendation and Resolution No. 2023-010 were included in the agenda packet for review. The General Manager gave a presentation reviewing the Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

Public Comment: The General Manager fielded questions regarding the Water Contingency Plan.

Motion: Director Quincy
Second: Director Tallakson
Ayes: Directors Bottomley, Rasmussen, Quincy, and Tallakson
Nays: None
Absent: Director Chick
Abstain: None

RES NO. 2023-010. TO APPROVE ADOPTION OF THE WATER SHORTAGE
CONTINGENCY PLAN AS PRESENTED.

7.b FY 2023-2024 BUDGET & COLA SCHEDULE ADOPTION.....RES. NO 2023-011
.....RES. NO 2023-012

A copy of the General Manager's report & recommendation and Resolutions NO. 2023-011 & 2023-012 were included in the agenda packet for review. The General Manager gave a presentation reviewing the Proposed COLA 5-Year Schedule effective July 1, 2023.

Public Comment: The General Manager fielded questions regarding the 5-Year COLA Schedule. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed COLA schedule, a possible metric option and UPUD salaries staying competitive with other districts in the area. Mike Peccia voiced that he felt the salaries and proposed rates were too high.

Motion: Director Rasmussen
Second: Director Tallakson
Ayes: Directors Bottomley, Rasmussen, Quincy, and Tallakson
Nays: None
Absent: Director Chick
Abstain: None

RES NO. 2023-012. TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED COLA 5-YEAR SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023, AS PRESENTED.

The General Manager gave a presentation reviewing the FY 2023-2024 Proposed Budget.

Public Comment: The General Manager fielded questions regarding the proposed budget. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of UPUD reassessing their CIP plan and the possibility of grants for irrigation and who might fund them.

Motion: Director Tallakson
Second: Director Quincy
Ayes: Directors Bottomley, Rasmussen, Quincy, and Tallakson
Nays: None
Absent: Director Chick
Abstain: None

RES NO. 2023-011. TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED FY 2023-2024 BUDGET AS PRESENTED.

President Bottomley closed the Public Hearing and returned to Regular session at 7:15 PM.

REPORTS:

8.a UWPA REPORT. Joel Metzger informed the Board that UWPA & UPUD are coordinating an all-day Wildfire Education Workshop on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, starting at 8:30 am at the Native Son's Hall. Joel noted that Stantec, Utica's consultant on the FERC Exemption, has provided \$1,000 donation to provide lunch for everyone. The Native Sons are also donating usage of the hall. Jessica and Joel are working together to finalize the presentation. This is a non-public event aimed to focus on local entities collaborating during emergency response preparedness.

Joel also reported that Utica adopted their FY 2023-2024 budget in May. Joel said that Utica had also given a tour of their system to Tri Dam today and noted how it is very important that our local agencies share information and work together.

Next UWPA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 5:30 PM at the UWPA office in Angels Camp.

8.b LAFCO REPORT. There was nothing new to report.

The next LAFCO meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 17, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors Chambers in San Andreas.

8.c GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT. A copy of the General Manager's Report was provided to the Board and the General Manager reviewed the report with the Board.

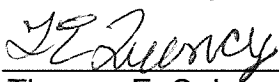
9. DIRECTORS COMMENTS. The Board thanked the General Manager and all those in attendance for their participation and interest in the district. Discussion ensued regarding the current UPUD rates, and the General Manager stated that if the public is interested, UPUD can give a presentation on the UPUD rates and where the money is being utilized. The General Manager also informed the Board that UPUD had been served a summons just before the meeting from Michael Hatfield regarding the UWPA fee and it has been forwarded to our legal counsel for review. A special meeting may need to be scheduled to review this item.

10. CLOSED SESSION: None

11. NEXT BOARD MEETINGS & EVENTS:

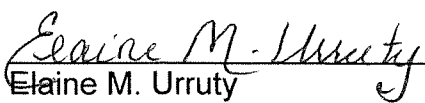
- Tuesday, July 11, 2023 – Wildfire Education Workshop
- Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 5:30 PM – Regular Meeting
- Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 5:30 PM - Regular Meeting

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned with no further business at 7:51 PM.

Submitted by: 
Thomas E. Quincy, Secretary

Date: 7-19-23

ATTEST:


Elaine M. Urruty
Clerk to the UPUD Board of Directors