

Minutes

Regular Meeting

Aliso Water District

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Board members present:

President Roy Catania Treasurer Michael Logoluso
Director Jeremy Seibert Director Bernard Puget (by phone) Director Daniel Hartwig

Public present or by telephone:

Joe Hopkins Summer Rooks Rick Iger Peter Allbright
Dave Holland Martin Britz Dianna Short John Gaugel

1. Call to Order:

President Roy Catania called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M.

2. Consideration of the Adoption of Resolution 2023-01 Authorizing Use of Teleconferencing in Compliance with Gov. Code Section 54953(e):

President Catania provided summary of the resolution and there were no discussion/questions.

M/S Jeremy Seibert and Mike Logoluso to approve resolution as presented.

Director Mike Logoluso	Aye
Director Jeremy Seibert	Aye
Director Roy Catania	Aye
Director Bernard Puget	Aye

The President then publicly announced the Board approved the motion.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held October 25, 2022:

M/S Bernard Puget and Jeremy Seibert to approve the minutes.

Director Mike Logoluso	Aye
Director Jeremy Seibert	Aye
Director Roy Catania	Aye
Director Bernard Puget	Aye

The President then publicly announced the Board approved the motion.

4. Appointment of Vacant Board Position:

President Catania announced that Director Ross Franson resigned in December 2022 from the Aliso Water District (AWD) Board and will now serve on the Westlands Water District Board. Ross Franson recommended the AWD Board consider Daniel Hartwig, Woolf Farms, to complete the remainder of his term. Daniel Hartwig accepted the invitation to participate on the AWD Board for the remainder of Ross Franson's term.

M/S Bernard Puget and Mike Logoluso to approve appointing Daniel Hartwig to serve the remainder of the vacant Board position.

Director Mike Logoluso	Aye
Director Jeremy Seibert	Aye
Director Roy Catania	Aye
Director Bernard Puget	Aye

The President then publicly announced the Board approved the motion.

5. Election of District Officers:

President Catania reviewed the current slate of officers: Roy Catania, President; Mike Logoluso, Treasurer; and Secretary position is currently open. Bernard Puget recommends keeping the same slate of officers. Daniel Hartwig volunteered to be Secretary for the remainder of his term.

M/S Bernard Puget and Jeremy Seibert to retain the current slate of officers and appoint Daniel Hartwig as Secretary.

Director Mike Logoluso	Aye
Director Jeremy Seibert	Aye
Director Roy Catania	Aye
Director Bernard Puget	Aye
Director Daniel Hartwig	Aye

The President then publicly announced the Board approved the motion.

6. Election Year, Odd Numbered Years for Water District:

President Roy Catania reported that he and Director Bernard Puget's terms will expire in December 2023. Elections are held in odd number calendar years and Directors serve four-year terms. Directors are permitted to run for re-election for another four-year term at the end of their expired term year. Both Directors have expressed interest that they would like to re-run and continue their service on the Board.

Counsel agreed to handle and prepare election timelines, declaration of candidacy, as well as any additional documents that will need to be filed after the last Tuesday in August 2023.

If there are no contested replies based on the election, then counsel will file the results in Madera County and Director terms will take effect in December 2023.

M/S Daniel Hartwig and Jeremy Seibert to call for general election in the defined statutory date in August 2023 organized by counsel.

Director Mike Logoluso	Aye
Director Jeremy Seibert	Aye
Director Roy Catania	Aye
Director Bernard Puget	Aye
Director Daniel Hartwig	Aye

The President then publicly announced the Board approved the motion.

7. Treasurer's Report:

Michael Logoluso provided handouts for both the General Administration and Capital Projects Account. The General Administration Account had a beginning balance of \$825,582.68 on 10/26/2022 with income of \$325,249.13 and expenses of \$53,498.38 through 1/24/2023 with an ending balance of \$1,097,333.43. Mike Logoluso reviewed the income and expenses for the financial period. In the income category, Prop 218 tax monies were collected by Madera County district and deposited in January 2023.

The Capital Projects Account had a beginning balance of \$1,096,890.78 on 10/26/2022 with income of \$45,359.50 and expenses of \$12,384.69 with an ending balance of \$1,129,865.59 on 1/24/2023. Capital Projects income is gathered from Extraction Fees and Mike Logoluso reported that all outstanding Extraction Fees for Jul-Dec 2021 have been collected. There are \$47,350.00 outstanding Extraction Fees for Jan-Dec 2022 which are being pursued. No new expenses and current expenses are detailed in the financial packet.

M/S Jeremy Seibert and Daniel Hartwig to approve treasurer's report.

Director Mike Logoluso	Aye
Director Jeremy Seibert	Aye
Director Roy Catania	Aye
Director Bernard Puget	Aye
Director Daniel Hartwig	Aye

The President then publicly announced the Board approved the motion.

8. 2022 Audit:

President Roy Catania informed the Board that every year AWD does an audit. AWD engaged Bryant L. Jolley, CPA, to conduct the audit last year for FY2021. There was previous discussion regarding a need to rotate the CPA every four years to conduct the independent review to comply with a government regulation. Mike Logoluso spoke with CPA Bryant Jolley, and was informed that by utilizing a different CPA within their firm they could satisfy that requirement.

M/S Bernard Puget and Daniel Hartwig to approve the firm of Bryant L. Jolley CPAs to conduct the 2022 audit.

Director Mike Logoluso	Aye
Director Jeremy Seibert	Aye
Director Roy Catania	Aye
Director Bernard Puget	Aye
Director Daniel Hartwig	Aye

The President then publicly announced the Board approved the motion.

9. Investment Recommendation and Policy Update:

Joe Hopkins provided a brief background concerning the investment policy. The Board previously voiced concerns about the security of AWD's funds that have exceeded FDIC limits and therefore directed staff to research its financial standing and investment options.

Joe Hopkins reviewed the Evaluations of Investment Institutions memo which included a summary and comparison of three investment institutions that were researched. The following institutions were evaluated for return, risk, ease of account and flexibility:

1. Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF),
2. California Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (CA Class),
3. CalTRUST.

A comparison chart of the three institutions' services was provided and reviewed by Joe Hopkins. Joe Hopkins then reviewed the Financial Practices Recommendation memo which recommended AWD to invest in CalTRUST in a short-term fund account and segregate this account into sub-accounts:

- a. General Administrative Account – Discretionary
- b. General Administrative Account – Restricted Legal Fund (Target \$1M)
- c. Capital Projects Account – Discretionary
- d. Capital Projects Account – Restricted Water Purchases Fund (Target \$500,000)

The memo provided a recommendation on reallocation of existing funds to the new account structure to maximize FDIC coverage and meet the proposed restricted fund objectives originally intended in the Prop 218 Engineer's Report and Fee Study.

The Board will review the information provided by staff and table action until the April 25 Board meeting.

10. Insurance Update:

Roy Catania provided an update regarding the insurance request for Rain-For-Rent for the rental pump, pipeline, and appurtenances. Roy Catania spoke with insurance agent Frank Cozzi and who provided the insurance certificate, and AWD will receive an invoice for services.

11. P&P On-going Consulting Contracts:

Joe Hopkins informed Board members that every year AWD Board will review the on-going contract between the AWD and Provost & Pritchard (P&P). Joe Hopkins presented two proposals, one proposal is for the General Administrative Fund, and the second proposal for the Capital Project Fund.

The proposals describe the tasks and functions performed by P&P for AWD. The General Administrative fund estimated proposed fee for FY2023 is \$221,000. There was an increase in the management line item from \$60,000 in FY2022 to \$80,000 FY2023, which is a \$20,000 increase. The Capital Project Fund proposed for FY2023 has stayed the same at \$50,000.

M/S Daniel Hartwig and Mike Logoluso to approve P&P on-going contracts for FY2023.

Director Mike Logoluso	Aye
Director Jeremy Seibert	Aye
Director Roy Catania	Aye
Director Bernard Puget	Aye
Director Daniel Hartwig	Aye

The President then publicly announced the Board approved the motion.

12. Other Business:

- a. **Form 700 FPPC:** Roy Catania informed the Board that the 700 form is due April 2, 2023. Roy Catania has not received any communication yet from Madera County regarding filing the form online. Roy Catania will keep the Board posted and encouraged members to file.
- b. **CaISPA Lawsuit:** Dave Holland reported nothing has happened that is affecting AWD directly at this time on this matter.
- c. **Millerton Daily Operations:** Roy Catania provided a handout and reviewed it with the Board. Current storage is recorded at 402,982 AF at 77% capacity, inflows of 2,700 CFS and releases of 4,794 CFS.

Dave Holland reminded the Board that the Gov. Code Section 54953(e) use of teleconferencing will revert to in-person meetings at the end of this month. If Board members would like to remote in, there are exceptions for medical emergencies and accommodations can be made upon Board approval.


13. Public Comment:

Joe Hopkins introduced Dianna Short, a new P&P employee who will be working with AWD and relieve projects from Summer Rooks.

14. Next meeting scheduled for April 25, 2023.


15. Meeting adjourned at 2:36 P.M.

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Roy Catania, President

Minutes

GSA-GSP Meeting

Aliso Water District

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Board members present:

President Roy Catania Treasurer Michael Logoluso
Director Jeremy Seibert Director Bernard Puget (by phone) Director Daniel Hartwig

Public present or by telephone:

Joe Hopkins Summer Rooks Rick Iger Peter Allbright
Dave Holland Martin Britz Dianna Short John Gaugel

1. Call to Order:

President Roy Catania called the meeting to order at 2:36 P.M.

2. Consideration of the adoption of Resolution 2023-01 authorizing use of teleconferencing in compliance with Gov. Code Section 54953(e):

President Catania provided summary of the resolution and read the resolution recommendation into the record. No discussion/questions.

M/S Jeremy Siebert and Bernard Puget to approve resolution as presented.

Director Mike Logoluso	Aye
Director Daniel Hartwig	Aye
Director Jeremy Seibert	Aye
Director Roy Catania	Aye
Director Bernard Puget	Aye

The President then publicly announced the Board approved the motion.

3. Approval of Minutes of Regular GSA-GSP Meeting held October 25, 2022:

Roy Catania asked to modify on page four, third paragraph add the term “monitoring wells” to the verbiage “construction of 3 new wells”.

M/S Mike Logoluso and Jeremy Seibert to approve the minutes with the amended request.

Director Mike Logoluso	Aye
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Director Jeremy Seibert	Aye
Director Daniel Hartwig	Aye
Director Roy Catania	Aye
Director Bernard Puget	Aye

The President then publicly announced the motion passed.

4. Well Construction Policy Update (Executive Order N-7-22):

Joe Hopkins provided an update to the board summarizing that limited progress has been made on the Well Construction Policy. The new order states that a GSA needs to sign off on new well construction. Aliso Water District (AWD) has not received any requests for new wells, so there is little urgency to complete the policy at this time.

5. Water Rights Update with Possible Action:

- a. Temporary:** Joe Hopkins reported that AWD received an approved temporary permit on December 27, 2022, and flood waters started on January 5, 2023. Joe Hopkins updated the Board on the current project materials and what has been acquired.

The District filed an emergency exemption (Fish and Game Code 1610) with California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) on the Lake and Streambed Agreement (LSA). Comments were provided back to CDFW, however no feedback has been provided to date.

As allowed by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), water will be diverted as “flood water” until all current terms and conditions are met, at which time water will be diverted under the permit until March 31. After March 31, AWD will need to present a study to SWRCB that there are flood water triggers. Joe Hopkins explained to new Board member, Daniel Hartwig, that the District will temporarily deploy a 5 cfs pump and fish screen for approximately \$200,000 for 30 days—approximately \$700 per acre-foot.

Mike Logoluso recommended providing a timeline on the AWD website for growers to understand the project and where their monies are being allocated.

- b. Standard:** Joe Hopkins informed the Board that the standard permit application is still in progress. P&P will return to SWRCB with concerns and conditions regarding this permit. Joe Hopkins is working through the requested fishery study with FishBio to provide additional analysis on the water depth for fish to survive. FishBio will come to collect data when the water flows reach between 1,000-2,000 cfs range.
- c. Retention of Special Counsel for Dealing in Water Right Application Process:** Joe Hopkins reported the Board previously discussed engaging Tom Berliner to assist the District with navigating requirements from SWRCB regarding the San Joaquin River Restoration Project. The estimated cost to retain Tom Berliner would be roughly \$20,000, which includes 30 hours of time billed at \$645/hr.

The District discussed project cost sharing with Triangle T. Triangle T requested originally doing a 75/25 split since they are conducting their own evaluation as well. Joe Hopkins will reach out to Triangle T to negotiate the 60/40 split.

6. GSP Implementation Update:

Joe Hopkins updated the Board that P&P is processing information for the Annual Reports and waiting on GSP determination by Department of Water Resources (DWR) which is supposed to arrive by March 2023.

Joe Hopkins requested that a new alternative representative be appointed to the DM Coordination Committee; a position formerly held by previous director, Ross Franson. Daniel Hartwig volunteered to be the new alternate representative with no objection from the board.

7. Grant Update with Possible Action:

Joe Hopkins provided an update regarding the District's SGMA Grant Agreement Round 1 for the bypass project. Data was gathered on the regional sites for the three new monitoring wells—1 deep well in the north, 1 deep well in the south, and 1 shallow well in the north as recommended by KDSA.

AWD received a \$1 million grant for the design and construction of the permanent turnout structure on the Chowchilla Bypass. P&P presented a proposal outlining design services and the estimated proposed cost is \$133,500.

M/S Daniel Hartwig and Bernard Puget to approve the proposal for the Chowchilla Bypass Project.

Director Mike Logoluso	Aye
Director Jeremy Seibert	Aye
Director Daniel Hartwig	Aye
Director Roy Catania	Aye
Director Bernard Puget	Aye

The President then publicly announced the motion passed.

Joe Hopkins mentioned that SGMA Round 2 did not put in a request for this project but rather focused on data collection.

8. Other Business:

No other business discussed.

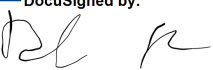
9. Public Comment:

No public comment.

10. Next meeting April 25, 2023


11. Meeting adjourned at 3:53 P.M.

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Roy Catania, President

Minutes

Special Meeting

Aliso Water District

Friday, February 17, 2023

Board members present:

President Roy Catania Treasurer Michael Logoluso
Director Jeremy Seibert Director Bernard Puget (by phone)
Director Daniel Hartwig (by phone)

Public present or by telephone:

Joe Hopkins Dave Holland

1. Call to Order:

President Roy Catania called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

2. Investment Recommendation and Policy:

President Catania brought back to board the previous meeting's discussion on investment policy and establishing an account with CalTRUST. After a brief discussion the board decided it needed to first establish online banking with its current bank California Bank and Trust. In order to do so, an email account needs to be established for the account. This brought up concerns of security, liability, and long-term use if established with the current treasurer's personal email. The solution proposed was to establish a new email address (treasurer@alisowdgsa.org) that would be assigned to the treasurer (current and future) to provide continuity with the account. For security, subsequent treasurers would be required to establish new passwords for the email account and connected bank accounts when assuming the new officer role.

M/S Bernard Puget and Jeremy Seibert to establish treasurer@alisowdgsa.org email address, and for the treasurer to be allowed to establish and use online banking with California Bank and Trust.

Director Mike Logoluso	Aye
Director Jeremy Seibert	Aye
Director Roy Catania	Aye
Director Bernard Puget	Aye
Director Daniel Hartwig	Aye

The President then publicly announced the Board approved the motion.

3. Other Business:

No other business was brought before the board.


4. Public Comment:

No public comments were received.

5. Next meeting scheduled for April 25, 2023.


6. Meeting adjourned at 11:08 A.M.

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Special GSA-GSP Meeting

Aliso Water District

Friday, February 17, 2023

Board members present:

President Roy Catania Treasurer Michael Logoluso
Director Jeremy Seibert Director Bernard Puget (by phone)
Director Daniel Hartwig (by phone)

Public present or by telephone:

Joe Hopkins Dave Holland

1. Call to Order:

President Roy Catania called the meeting to order at 11:08 A.M.

2. Water Rights:

Temporary diversion rental cost evaluation. The temporary equipment rental cycle for pumping equipment from Rain for Rent will expire February 24th. The flood in the Bypass ended February 2nd, the equipment is sitting idle, and it is not certain that the flood will return. Mr. Hopkins presented the Board with a memo titled ‘Temporary Diversion System Rental Evaluation’ discussing operations to date, and the pros and cons of either leaving or returning the equipment. It was the recommendation of Mr. Hopkins to leave the equipment in place for another cycle, and revisit this topic as the hydrologic forecast became clearer in March.

M/S Jeremy Seibert and Mike Logoluso to leave Rain-for-Rent rental equipment in place for the subsequent cycle ending March 24, and to reassess continued rental prior to end of period.

Director Mike Logoluso	Aye
Director Jeremy Seibert	Aye
Director Roy Catania	Aye
Director Bernard Puget	Aye
Director Daniel Hartwig	Aye

The President then publicly announced the Board approved the motion.

Water Rights Special Counsel. At the January 24, 2023 board meeting, the board directed staff to request a 60/40 cost share with Triangle T Water District, to retain special counsel Tom Berliner of Duane Morris LLP to provide legal support as it relates to the San Joaquin River Restoration Program and the Water Districts' pursuit of a standard water rights. Triangle T and Aliso Water Districts had previously shared costs 50/50 in similar water rights endeavors, however, since Triangle T already has counsel providing general water rights support, they desired an unbalanced cost share to compensate for their contribution.

M/S Mike Logoluso and Daniel Hartwig to enter into a cost share agreement with Triangle T Water District for special counsel costs, where Aliso Water District would pay 60% and Triangle T Water District would pay 40%.

Director Mike Logoluso	Aye
Director Jeremy Seibert	Aye
Director Roy Catania	Aye
Director Bernard Puget	Aye
Director Daniel Hartwig	Aye

The President then publicly announced the Board approved the motion.

3. Other Business:

No other business was brought before the board.


4. Public Comment:

No public comments were received.

5. Next meeting scheduled for April 25, 2023.

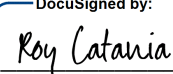
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