



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ARVIN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
April 1, 2024

The Board of Directors of the Arvin Community Services District duly met at a Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, April 1, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at 309 Campus Dr., Arvin, CA 93203.

The meeting was called to order by President Reyna at 6:02 PM
Directors Present: Gallardo, Pantoja, Ojeda, Alvarez (6:10 PM), Reyna
Others Present: General Manager/Board Secretary – Raul Barraza, Jr.; Legal Counsel – Alan J. Peake; District Engineer – Dee Jaspar.

Pledge of allegiance: The Pledge was led by President Reyna.

Agenda Item #1 Public Comment

No public comment.

Agenda Item #2.: Consent Calendar

a. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2024

A motion was made by Director Pantoja to approve Consent Calendar 2.a. and seconded by Director Gallardo.

AYES: Gallardo, Pantoja, Reyna. Abstain: Ojeda. Absent: Alvarez.

b. Accounts Payable for March 18, 2024 – March 29, 2024

A motion was made to approve Consent Calendar 2.b. by Director Gallardo and seconded by Director Ojeda.

AYES: Gallardo, Ojeda, Pantoja, Reyna. Absent: Alvarez

Agenda Item #3: Update on Arvin Edison WSD and Arvin CSD Spreading Ponds Expansion

General Manager updated board of directors on spreading ponds project with AEWSD. Arvin CSD has the option of buying more than the 10% the board agreed with. Any water that goes into these ponds, Arvin CSD would get the percentage of water applied based on purchase. AEWSD will not sell any of their contracted water, but would allow Arvin CSD to pay to have purchased water transported through their facilities. More conversations to take place with AEWSD to reach final contract.

Agenda Item #4: Board to discuss and take action re: Purchase of Wachs Compact LX – VMT Single turner valve maintenance trailer through Sourcewell for \$41,195.00

General Manager presented the board of directors with a valve maintenance trailer that is needed in order for the district to move forward with the Valve Replacement Project. Valve machine comes with software that keeps track of turns for each valve and GPS coordinates. This will also allow operators to close and open valves for shutoffs with a smaller risk of breaking old valves. A motion was made by Director Gallardo to approve the purchase and it was seconded by Vice President Alvarez.

AYES: Gallardo, Ojeda, Pantoja, Alvarez, Reyna.



Agenda Item #5: Board to discuss and take action re: Approval of Registration and Travel for 3 operators to the California Rural Water Association 2024 Education and Exhibitor Expo

General Manager presented the board of directors with a cost to send 3 operators to the CRWA Education and Exhibitor Expo where they will be able to receive up to 16 contact hours for water distribution and treatment certifications. After a small conversation regarding travel cost, A motion with exceptions on travel pay was made by Vice President Alvarez and seconded by Director Pantoja.

AYES: Gallardo, Ojeda, Pantoja, Alvarez, Reyna.

Agenda Item #6: Update on Solar Project

General Manager updated the board of directors that there has been to cash calls totaling in \$1,700,000 to purchase material and processing of all required permits.

Agenda Item #7: Board to discuss and take action re: A Letter of Support Request – H.R. 7525 Special District Grant Accessibility Act

General Manager and Legal Counsel presented the board of directors with an opportunity to support a bill that would federally recognize all special districts as governmental agencies allowing them to procure federal assistance. A motion was made by Vice President Alvarez and seconded by Director Gallardo.

AYES: Gallardo, Ojeda, Pantoja, Alvarez, Reyna.

Agenda Item #8: Board to discuss and take action re: A Letter of Support for HCD Surplus Land Act Draft Guidelines

General Manager and Legal Counsel called for tabling item. The letter should be to not support new HCD Guidelines. Item tabled for next meeting.

Agenda Item #9: Staff Comments

General Manger: General Manager informed board of directors about door tags and shutoffs for the month of April.

Legal Counsel: Form 700s due.

District Engineer – Water Analysis Update for water year 2023

Agenda Item #10: Board Member Comments:

- a. **Director Gallardo:** No comment.
- b. **Director Ojeda:** Was wondering what public events the District should start doing outreach. A discussion was had on the different opportunities and will be brought up at meetings coming up to each event.
- c. **Director Pantoja:** No comment.
- d. **Vice President Alvarez:** No comment.
- e. **President Reyna:** No comment.

Agenda item #7: Adjournment

A motion was made by Director Ojeda and seconded by Vice President Alvarez to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

AYES: Gallardo, Ojeda, Pantoja, Alvarez, Reyna.

Submitted by:

Raul Barraza, Jr.

**Raul Barraza, Jr.
Board Secretary/General Manager**

Attest:

Aurelio Reyna

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Board President**