

Pixley Public Utility District

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Date: March 7, 2022

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: 232 East Davis Pixley CA 93256

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NOTE: IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONFERENCE CALL INTO THE MEETING THE NUMBER IS: (701)802-5228 AND THE ACCESS CODE IS: 173772

Agenda:

1. Call to Order

2. Minutes

3. Bills to be Paid

4. Public Comments

- Members of the public may address the Board during public comments regarding any matter which is under the jurisdiction of the Board. Comments shall be limited to three minutes per person with thirty minutes overall for the entire comments period, unless otherwise indicated by the Board President.

5. Surplus Truck

- Discussion, consideration and possible action related to the 2003 Chevrolet Pickup

6. Provost & Pritchard

1) DEVELOPMENT UPDATE AND REPORT ACTIVE ITEMS

a) Remaining Available Water Units -

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| | <u>133 units</u> |
| • Will Serve Letters | |
| • Elm St. – Medrano (5-16-19) | 1 |
| • 1575 N. Park (5-28-19) | 1 |
| • 1224 E. Terra Bella Ave. (6-24-19) | 1 |
| • Walnut – Romero (09-17-19) | 2 |
| • 521 Walnut – Coronel (10-8-19) | 1 |
| • Mercado – Walnut (11-19-19) | 1 |
| • Orneles – 270 W. Court Ave. (12-20-19) | 3 |
| • Mata – 1021 S. Walnut (2-4-20) | 1 |
| • Navarro – 637 W. Compton (6-29-20) | 1 |
| • Campos – Pine St | 2 |
| • N&S Truck Stop (11-2-21) | 22 |
| • Remaining Available Water Units | <u>97 units</u> |

• Other:

- It is noted that a couple of developers have approached the District with questions regarding water and sewer capacity to support additional development. General

information has been provided. It is recommended that developers be required to submit written requests to the District to determine what level of effort is appropriate and what costs the developers would be required to cover.

2) INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

a) Well and Waterline Replacement Project

- Near term activity for March:
- Work will focus on modification of Well 2A, continued progress on Well 6, work on Well 5.
- Information provided by the Contractor indicates that the damage to the well casing in Well 2A is not responding to repair efforts. The well is likely to be abandoned rather than rehabilitated. This is very unfortunate and not expected.
- The Division of Drinking Water will provide direction and the funding agencies have been informed of the change.
- It is still expected to extend the water main in Elm Street by one block as Change Order work.

3) FUNDING ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

a) Planning Grant and Construction Grant Applications to the State

- The Planning Grant Application is being finalized and submitted to the State for consideration. The improvements would include the following:
- Relocation of wastewater collection system improvements in the vicinity of Court and Main Streets
- Construction of a self-cleaning screen prior to the influent lift station at the WWTF
- Construction on pumps in the aeration tanks to allow for dewatering of the aeration tanks when maintenance is required
- The Construction Grant Application is being finalized and submitted to the State for consideration. The improvements would include the following:
- Groundwater Monitoring Wells at the WWTF
- Grit removal equipment at the WWTF
- Sludge Drying Bed improvements at the WWTF
- Recommended Action: No action requested at this time.

b) Interim Emergency Drinking Water and Drought Related Drinking Water Funding

- The State has provided an updated Scope of Work for District review. Comments to the updated Scope of Work have been returned to the State for final edits.
- Recommended Action: Board's pleasure

c) Drought Relief Grant Applications to the Department of Water Resources

- The District has received a funding commitment from the State for the projects summarized below. An initial meeting was held with the State to initiate the process. A Contract for the funding is expected from the Department of Water Resources in the near future.
- Well 4 Rehabilitation
- This project would rehabilitate the Well 4 well casing in a manner similar to the work performed on Well 3A. The project would include a standby generator for Well 4. Funding has been approved for this project by DWR.

- Water main in Elm and loops to School Street
 - This project would provide a 10 inch main extension in Elm from Joanne to Ellsworth. In addition, this project would loop the waterlines in Carol, Holste, Sarah, and Diane to School Street. Funding has been approved for this project by DWR.
 - Next courses of action will be to proceed with final Construction Documents as soon as the Contracts are received from DWR.
 - Recommended Action: Board's pleasure
 - d) TCP PLANNING GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD – WELL 5, WELL 3A, WELL 2A AND 4
 - The Applications were submitted to the State for processing on June 23, 2020.
 - The State has submitted a request for a Technical Assistance Grant on behalf of the Pixley PUD to perform design and environmental tasks for the project.
 - Recommended Action: Board's pleasure
 - e) IRWM GRANT TO EVALUATE IMPROVING THE WATER LINE NORTH OF COURT ALONG PARK.
 - The County of Tulare has authorized additional work to be performed on this project. The work involves defining the necessary easements that should be existing for the existing water and sewer mains in the vicinity of the project. In addition, modifications to the existing Caltrans encroachment permit are in process. The encroachment permit modifications include clauses to allow for the temporary closure of tow off ramps from State Route 99.
 - Water Main Loop Across State Route 99
 - This project would provide for a 12-inch main across State Route 99 north of Howard. The project would extend a 12-inch main north in Park Drive. The water main would loop from Main to Howard. Funding has been received from the County of Tulare for this project.
 - The County of Tulare has notified the District that Pixley PUD will receive \$2,000,000 of grant funds to complete the construction of the water project. It is expected that the Pixley PUD will receive a contract in the next few months.
 - Letters have been sent to the property owners impacted by the water project. It is anticipated that easements will be finalized for approval by the Board by the April 2022 meeting.
 - Recommended Action: Board's pleasure.
- 4) NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY
- The District received a Notice of Deficiency regarding the justification for choosing Path A for nitrogen mitigation as required under CV SALTS. A response has been submitted to the RWQCB for review.
 - A meeting was conducted by the RWQCB on February 22, 2022. A summary of the meeting is attached. The RWQCB is recommending that the Pixley PUD change the choice to Pathway B, which would involve joining the Tule Subbasin Local Management Zone. A determination of the annual cost of participation has been requested.
 - Recommended Action: Authorize staff to change the Pathway for compliance with the Nitrate.

- 5) TULE BASIN WATER QUALITY COALITION – WATER FILL STATION
 - The Tule Basin Water Quality Coalition is requesting to enter into an agreement with the Pixley PUD for the installation and operation of a water fill station. The proposed location is the southeast corner of the tank site on School Street north of Terra Bella.
 - Updated information has been received and reviewed. Comments have been returned to the applicant. It is expected that an updated draft contract will be submitted to the Board for review in the near future.
 - Recommended Action: Board’s pleasure.
- 6) POINT OF USE (POU) AMENDMENT TO THE WATER SUPPLY PERMIT
 - Information has been sent to DDW regarding the potential amendment to the Water Supply Permit to incorporate Point of Use (POU) devices at the Pixley Elementary School and Middle School.
 - Recommended Action: Board’s pleasure.

7. Tools & Maintenance

8. Other Matters

- 1) Late Charges/Discussion, consideration and possible action on reinstating late Charges

9. Board Member Communications

10. Adjournment

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