

Pixley Public Utility District

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Date: February 7, 2022

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: 232 East Davis Pixley CA 93256

Contact: (559)757-3878

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. LTRID/Resolution of Support/State Election Ballot Initiative

- Discussion, consideration and potential action on Resolution No. 2022-03 Supporting the Water Infrastructure Action of 2022

7. Tait Property

- Discussion, consideration and possible action on Notice of Availability of Surplus Property

8. Appointment of Board Member

- Discussion, consideration and possible action on appointment of Board Member to filling Board Vacancy

9. Shut Offs

- Discussion, consideration and possible authorization to establish procedure for notification and shutoff consistent with State arrearage program legislation

10. Provost & Pritchard

1) DEVELOPMENT UPDATE AND REPORT ACTIVE ITEMS

a) Remaining Available Water Units -

133 units

- Will Serve Letters

- Elm St. – Medrano (5-16-19)

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- 1575 N. Park (5-28-19)

1

- 1224 E. Terra Bella Ave. (6-24-19)

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- 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 **97 units**
- 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 February:
- Work will focus on modification of Well 2A, continued progress on Well 6, work on Well 5.

b) Well 5 Emergency Repairs

- Staff continues to monitor operational adjustments. The well is not completely functional at this time.
- There are no additional emergency efforts planned for the Well. Remaining work is under the USDA/Proposition 84 project.
- Recommended Action: It is recommended to remove the State of Emergency designation for the Well 5 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
- A draft Resolution authorizing the above items will be submitted under separate cover.
- 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
 - 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. A few easement documents need to be finalized regarding the proposed and existing water lines west of State Route 99 north of Court.
 - 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.
 - Recommended Action: Board’s Pleasure.
- 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.

11. Tools & Maintenance

12. Other Matters

- 1) Form 700
 - 2) Late Charges/Discussion, consideration and possible action on reinstating late Charges
 - 3) RCAC/Corporate Resolution to Borrow
- Discussion, consideration and possible action on Corporate Resolution to Borrow

CLOSED SESSION

13. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code section 54957 (b) (1) – Operator in Training

OPEN SESSION

14. OIT INCREASE/Discussion, consideration and possible action on Operator in Training pay increase not to exceed \$24.48

15. Board Member Communications

16. Adjournment

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