

# Pixley Public Utility District

## Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Date: May 2, 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. Elvia Olea/Policy Advocate for Tulare County/Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability**

**6. 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) **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 **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

- Well and Waterline Replacement Project
- Near term activity for May:
- Work will focus on destruction of Well 2A, continued progress on Well 6, work on Well 5 – waiting on electrical equipment.
- The Division of Drinking Water has agreed with the direction of destroying Well 2A. The funding agencies have been informed of the change. USDA has requested video of Well 2a and John Zimmer is searching for it. We are corresponding with USDA to close the matter.

3) FUNDING ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

a) Planning Grant and Construction Grant Applications to the State

- The Planning Grant Application has been 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
- Groundwater Monitoring Wells at the WWTF
- Grit removal equipment at the WWTF
- Sludge Drying Bed improvements at the WWTF
- The State has assigned a Project Manager to the project application and will be contacting the District in the near future with recommendations.
- 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.
- Notice of Exemption was recorded with the County of Tulare and submitted to the State Clearinghouse.
- 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. The State has communicated back to the District on March 18, 2022 that the contract is under review by DFA Management Staff.
  - 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.
  - We have sent letters to and also met with the property owners impacted by the water project. All property owners have agreed to the easements, but we will wait to finalize the documents until funds are received.
  - The County has informed the District of insurance requirements for the project. The District's insurance carrier has been informed of the requirements and will provide a recommendation to the District. We are exploring the possibility of utilizing Provost & Pritchard's Errors and Omissions insurance for this project.
  - 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.
  - Pixley PPUD was accepted as a member by the Tule Basin Management Zone in April. Based on past experience, we do not expect to receive a response from the regional board.

- 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. A response from DDW is expected in the near future.
  - Recommended Action: Board’s pleasure.
- 7) Arsenic Compliance Order
- The Division of Drinking Water (DDW) has informed the Pixley PUD that the Pixley PUD is no longer in violation of the arsenic maximum contaminant level (MCL) identified in Compliance Order No. 03-12-15R-007. The directives contained in Compliance Order No. 03-12-15R-007 will no longer be enforced. The Pixley PUD may consider sending one final notice to customers informing them that the State has determined that the Pixley PUD is no longer in violation of the arsenic MCL (a draft is attached). The final notice should also be sent as bilingual notice.
  - Recommended Action: Board’s pleasure.
- 7. Tools & Maintenance**
- 8. Other Matters**
- 1) RESOLUTION NO. 2022-05/RESOLUTION ORDERING EVEN-YEAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION: CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER
  - 2) PIXLEY-TIPTON YOUTH BASEBALL/SPONSORSHIP
- 1. Board Member Communications**
- 9. Adjournment**

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