

Pixley Public Utility District

Board of Directors Board Meeting

Date: March 4, 2024

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: 232 East Davis Pixley CA 93256

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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. Provost & Pritchard

1) Development Update and Report on Active Items

a) <u>Available Water Units</u>	123
• Will Service Letters	
• Mercado – Walnut (11/19, 11/22)	1
• Orneles – 270 Court (12/19, 2/23)	3
• <i>N&S Truck Stop (11/21)</i>	22
• <i>Palma-Quiroz – 888 Walnut (7/22)</i>	1
• <i>Correa 640 Joanne (7/22)</i>	0
• <i>Camp 1021 School (8/22)</i>	0
• <i>Correa – 1072 Ellsworth (12/22)</i>	2
• <i>Thandi/Singh – 174 Court (12/22, 1/24)</i>	24
• <i>Correa 451 Market (1/23)</i>	3
• <i>Pixley Park (2/23)</i>	2
• <i>Correa – Tr. 7445 (4/23)</i>	18
• <i>Robles – 339 Walnut (6/23)</i>	2
• <i>Terrel – 1430 Terra Bella (12/23)</i>	1
• <i>Palma – 772 Main Street (1/24)</i>	1
• <i>Ayon – 585 ½ Walnut Avenue (1/24)</i>	1
• Jacobo – 156 Pine	1
• Remaining Available Water Units	41

- Projects in *italics* have expired. Recommend sending notification letters indicating that extension requests are necessary. Projects in ***bold italics*** have applied for extensions. Projects in **bold** are new projects. Projects ~~struck out~~ have been constructed.
 - Juana Jacobo APN 299-180-052 156 Pine St Will Serve Letter
- b) Pixley Elementary School
- PPUD received communication from the Pixley Elementary School requesting information associated with potential annexation of the school to the PPUD. Communications have been initiated.
- c) Pixley Park
- The County of Tulare has hired a design consultant and is consulting with District staff for water services to restrooms at the Park. P&P staff reviewed the draft plans and is coordinating with the engineer to determine fees.
- 2) Infrastructure Planning
- a) Well and Waterline Replacement Project
- Near-term activity for the month:
 - Well 5: Remaining items for Unified Construction are programming of the Cla-Val, providing for low flow shut off, and installation of the sound enclosure. Cla-Val is somewhat automated but requires consistent flushing. Bacteriological testing was conducted in the last week of February.
 - Well 6: Remaining work for Unified Construction is the air release valve at the hydropneumatics tank. A final schedule has been requested. Work is awaiting completion of Well 5. Unified has requested release of a portion of the retention. (\$59,661.51 remains)
 - The financial hardship memorandum associated with the Proposition 84 funds was approved at the October Board meeting and was sent. Michael and Ronnie met with State grant staff, who acknowledged the hardship and are reviewing the information to determine any potential compensatory payment to PPUD.
 - Recommended Action: Board's Pleasure
- 3) Funding Assistance Applications
- a) Interim Emergency Drinking Water and Drought Related Drinking Water Funding
- The fill station passed water tests and is in service. The State is issuing an extension to the contract. PPUD received the State license through the California Dept. of Public Health. P&P staff is completing the final report and reimbursement request. Latest test indicated non-complaint levels of 1-2-3 TCP, so we are recommending a granulated activated carbon filter to mitigate the issue. Awaiting the State site visit.
 - Recommended Action: Board's Pleasure

- b) Drought Relief Grant Applications to the Department of Water Resources
 - A contract for the funding has been received from the Department of Water Resources.
 - ❖ Well 4 Rehabilitation:
 - Design is proceeding and we are coordinating with the electrical engineer. An updated set of Plans and Specifications will be submitted to DWR for review and authorization to advertise for construction. It is anticipated that the advertisement for construction will be in March 2024. Coordinating with sub-consultants for final design.
 - Recommended Action: Board’s Pleasure
 - c) TCP Planning Grant from the State Water Resources Control Board – Well 5, Well 3A, AND Well 4
 - The State has authorized Self Help Enterprises with a Technical Assistance Grant for the project.
 - Design and environmental work have begun. The work now includes mitigation measures for Well 6
 - Recommended Action: Board’s Pleasure
 - d) TCP Construction Grant Applications to the State Water Resources Control Board – Well 5, Well 3A, 4, and 6
 - The State has assigned a Project Manager for the Construction Grant Application. Information has been requested by the State to continue to process the application.
 - Recommended Action: Board’s Pleasure
- 4) County Water Feasibility Study
- County staff approached the PUD concerning the feasibility of extending the water main in Park Drive north to Road 120. It was determined that P&P staff would contract directly with the County to provide options (including new well/and or tank facilities) at no cost to the District. A draft copy of the study has been sent to the County for review.
 - Recommended Action: Board’s Pleasure
- 5) County Road Projects
- County Staff approached the PUD concerning two additional roadway projects. Including the Court Street project, the locations include:

Location	Water Valves	Sewer Manholes	Projected Cost	Projected Date
Court St. Park St. to School St.	26	10	\$92,000	Summer 2024

Terra Bella Ave. Rd. 96 to Cedar St.	7	1	TBD	Summer 2024
Terra Bella Ave. SR 99 to School St.	TBD	TBD	TBD	Summer 2025

6) Pixley PUD Rate Study

- P&P staff has prepared a draft rate study for review and comment. The draft study addresses water rates and sewer rates. Per direction from the November special meeting, a meeting was scheduled December 4th with Leadership Counsel to discuss options. Revised rate study to be included for Board’s review
- Recommended Action: Discuss options

6. Tools & Maintenance

7. Other Matters

- 1) New Leaf Energy/onCore Origination
 - Letter of Intent to Option and Lease 314-080-030
 - Recommended Action: Discuss options and potentially approve LOI to be signed
- 2) District Bank Accounts
 - Tri Counties Bank inquiry for potential transfer of Bank Accounts
 - Citizens Business Bank option of Treasury Bills
 - Recommended Action: Discuss options and potentially approve the transfer of Banks or option of Treasury Bills at our current Financial Insitution

8. Board Member Communications

9. Adjournment

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