

# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SEWERAGE COMMISSION - OROVILLE REGION

(Held at the Commission office on April 13, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.)

## 1. Call to Order ❖

Vice-Chairman Fairbanks called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

## 2. Roll Call ❖

Commissioners present were Commissioners Fairbanks and Mastelotto from the Lake Oroville Area Public Utility District, Reynolds from the City of Oroville, and Hatley from the Thermalito Water and Sewer District. Staff present was Manager Sturdevant, Plant Supervisor Salsi, and SC-OR Attorney Scott Huber.

## 3. Salute to the Flag ❖

Commissioner Reynolds led Commissioners and staff in the salute to the flag.

## 4. Acknowledgment of Visitors ❖

None

## 5. Discussion and Authorization of Emergency Repairs on the Feather River Bridge Force Main ❖

Manager Sturdevant reported that on Friday morning, April 8, 2022, a SC-OR operator was informed by a citizen that there was water coming out from underneath the Feather River bridge. The operator went to the area and did not see any water coming out, but did see evidence that there had been water there, and immediately informed the Manager. Manager Sturdevant and Plant Supervisor Salsi went to investigate and saw the evidence of a leak too. When the operators ramped up the pumps at the Feather River Lift Station, then the leak appeared. They went into the bridge and saw where there was movement of our pipe at the seismic joint. They called Duke Sherwood contracting, who came and attempted to jack the pipe back into place. There is a PG&E gas line four feet from our pipe in the bridge, and we are concerned that if the bridge is moving more than it is supposed to then the PG&E transmission line is also at risk. They have contacted all of the necessary agencies that needed to be informed of the issue (CalTrans, PG&E, State Water Board, Butte County Environmental Health). CalTrans sent someone to inspect the bridge, who claimed that the bridge hadn't moved and then left. Commissioner Reynolds suggested that Attorney Huber contact a CalTrans manager to take this more seriously. Duke Sherwood Contracting began digging to see if the leak was below the surface, and determined the casing was too long and deep, and didn't have the proper shoring to do it safely. We made flow adjustment at the FRPS so there would be no more active leak, and determined it would hold until Monday. On Monday morning we set a gameplan after talking with Duke Sherwood, Jayme from TWSD and Cody from the City. So far, the costs for repairs are at \$52,000. Manager Sturdevant is asking for an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

Commissioners Reynolds and Hatley said that Manager Sturdevant and staff were doing a great job. Manager Sturdevant said that TWSD and the City were extremely helpful, which is very much appreciated.

Commissioner Reynolds made a motion to approve the \$52,000 spent up to an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for the emergency repairs on the Feather River bridge force main. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hatley and passed by the following vote: Fairbanks – Aye, Hatley – Aye, Reynolds – Aye.

Commissioner Reynolds said he would like an item on a future agenda to discuss the spending limit for the manager. Attorney Huber said there could be a hybrid spending limit, which would be a limit under normal conditions and a different limit under emergency circumstance.

**6. Visitor Comments ❖**

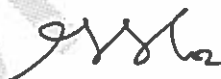
None

**7. Commissioner and Staff Comments ❖**

**8. Adjournment ❖**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m. to the regularly scheduled meeting on April 26, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



GLEN E. STURDEVANT, CLERK