

LAVWMA
Livermore-Amador Valley Water Management Agency
Minutes
Regular Meeting of Board of Directors
Wednesday, November 20, 2024
6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Chair Arun Goel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Chair Arun Goel, Vice Chair Jeff Nibert and Directors Robert Carling, Dinesh Govindarao, Evan Branning, and Julie Testa.

LAVWMA Staff Present: General Manager/Treasurer Levi Fuller, General Counsel Alexandra Barnhill, Administrative Assistant Sheree Davis, Regional Government Services (RGS) Finance Consultants Tracy Fuller and Nazer Uddin (participated via Zoom).

Member Agency Staff Present: DSRSD Operations Director Dan Gill, Pleasanton Assistant Directors of Public Works Ryan Smith, and Acting Assistant Public Works Director of the City of Livermore, Anthony Smith.

4. Order of Agenda/Acknowledgement of Posting

Item No. 12.5 Consultant Services Agreement to Evaluate Air Entrainment in the LAVWMA Export Pipeline was added to the agenda by motion of the Board. Director Carling –Motion, Vice Chair Nibert –Second

There were no comments from the public. The Motion passed unanimously (6 – 0).

5. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

6. Consent Calendar

a. Board Meeting Minutes for the November 20, 2024 meeting

Director Govindarao – Motion, Director Nibert – Second

There were no comments from the public. The Motion passed unanimously (6 – 0).

7. Financial Reporting for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

Tracy Fuller of Regional Government Services reviewed the Treasurers Report. Director Govindarao commented on LAVWMA investments in that they are looking for a higher yield of return, that could be more aggressive with those investments.

Director Nibert commented that "aggressive" is a relative term depending on investment category. Tracy Fuller stated the majority of LAVWMA's investments are in CAMP which has an interest rate of 4.82% as of November 20, 2024.

Tracy Fuller will bring two reports to the February 19, 2025 Board Meeting:

- A Report on the reason for LAVWMA receiving fluctuating interest over the past 5 years.
- Modify the Treasurers Report to show YTD projections for expenditures.

Director Nibert pointed out that items in the LAVWMA budget should be adjusted annually by the CPI unless there are reasons to increase or decrease the budgeted amount. For example, the budgeted amount for insurance was the same amount in FY24/25 as it was in FY23/24.

This was an information item only requiring no action by the Board. There were no comments from the public.

8. Acceptance of the Audit Report of the Financial Statements for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024, as prepared by its external auditors, Maze & Associates

David Alvey of Maze and Associates reviewed the audit for FYE June 30, 2024.
Branning – Motion, Carling – Second

There were no comments from the public. The Motion passed unanimously (6 – 0).

9. LAVWMA Quarterly Report of Operations, 1st Quarter, FY2024-2025

The Board reviewed the Quarterly Report of Operations, 1st Quarter, FY024-2025.

Director Testa – LAVWMA should evaluate energy savings options.

Chair Goel – LAVWMA/DSRSD should pursue reimbursement to recover cost of DSRSD staff time and materials associated uncovering and bring to the surface a LAVWMA Manhole cover that was buried by Costco's asphalt contractor.

Director Branning - asked why the YTD cost were below budget for the 1st quarter. GM Fuller explained the first quarter is during low dry season flowing and therefore energy cost track below budget during dry season and over budget during wet months.

This was an information item only requiring no action by the Board. There were no comments from the public

10. Capital Project Status Reports – Livermore Interceptor Pipeline, the San Leandro Sample Station, and the Export Pipeline and Repairs Project

The General Manager updated the Board on the status of all Capital Projects and noted that all capital projects are currently on schedule to complete by June 30, 2025 with the exception of the SLSS Improvements project which has a scheduled completion date of August 30, 2025.

The General Manager noted that the budgeted amount of \$150,000 is only enough budget to overhaul two export pumps and motors, not four as noted in the budget. The General Manager stated that when he does the budget for FY25/26, he will include the budget to overhaul two export pumps and motors.

This was an information item only requiring no action by the Board. There were no comments from the public.

11. Update FY 2024-2025 Budget

(The Board considered adjusting the operating and capital budgets for FYE 2024/25. After discussion and examination of items the Board Approved adjusting the FY 24/25 budget.

Operating Budget - The LAVWMA Board approved an adjustment to the FY2024-2025 Operating Budget in the amount of \$188,500. This adjustment increases the overall Operating Budget of \$5,108,294 by 3.69%.

- Increase the budget for Regional Government Services from \$92,000 to \$153,000.
- Adding \$30,000 for the procurement and implementation of a Financial Software Package.
- Adding \$97,000 for the procurement and implementation of a Certified and Secure cloud-based document storage system and the copying and storage of LAVWMA Paper documents in this storage system.

Capital Budget - The Board approved an adjustment to the FY 2024-2025 Capital Budget in the amount of \$245,000. This adjustment increases the overall Capital Budget of \$4,470,000 by 5.48%.

General Manager Fuller stated that he would investigate and research LAVWMA's Records and Retention Policy and will create or modify such a policy as required.

There were no comments from the public. The Motion passed unanimously (6 – 0).

12. Board Member Compensation

The Board considered approving Ordinance No. 2024-01 to adjust compensation for LAVWMA Board Members for meeting attendance.

Director Branning requested in order to prevent Director's from receiving dual compensation for meeting attendance Under section C. Official Service:

- Eliminate Item #4 "Attendance at training programs that Board members must take as required by law (e.g. ethics training and sexual harassment prevention training) located in the State of California or webinars.be eliminated from the ordinance."
- Modify Item #5 to read "Attendance by any Director in their official capacity as a member of LAVWMA Board of Directors at meetings, conferences, seminars, educational events, regional meetings, committee meetings, and trainings located in the State of California or webinars of the following agencies and organizations and their committees."

- Director Branning Motioned – Director Carling – Seconded
- Ayes - 5
- Noes - 1 (Director Goel)

There were no comments from the public. The Motion passed (5 – 1).

13. Update on Nutrients to the Bay

The Board received an update on nutrients to the Bay.

This was an information item only requiring no action by the Board. There were no comments from the public.

14. Update and Response to Various Legal and Legislative Issues

The Board received a report regarding proposed legislation and legal developments affecting LAVWMA and its member agencies.

This was an information item only requiring no action by the Board. There were no comments from the public.

15. General Manager’s Report

The Board reviewed the General Manager’s Report regarding the operations and maintenance of the Agency and its facilities.

This was an information item only requiring no action by the Board. There were no comments from the public.

16. Matters From/For Board Members

There were no matters from/for Board members.

17. Next Regular Board Meeting, Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be held in DSRSD’s Board Room.

18. Adjournment

There being no further action, Chair Goel adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Minutes Approved by the Board on February 19, 2025.

Submitted by,

Levi Fuller

Levi Fuller
General Manager