



UTICA WATER AND POWER AUTHORITY

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Minutes of the October 26, 2021 Special Board Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Utica Water and Power Authority met in Regular Session via remote access at the UWPA office in Angels Camp, California.

Directors present:

- Rocky Chick (UPUD), Chair
- Alvin Broglio (COA), Vice Chair
- Jennifer Davis-Herndon (COA), Secretary
- Greg Rasmussen (UPUD), Director
- Larry Thompson, At-Large Community Board Member Alternate

Directors absent: None

Also present:

- Joel Metzger, General Manager
- Lori Karnes, Administrative Manager
- Frank Fields, O & M Superintendent
- Kyle Rasmussen, Conveyance Supervisor

Others Present:

- Public at Large

Item 1: CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLIEGIANCE

- The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Chick

Item 2: ROLL CALL

- Director Chick, Director Broglio, Director Davis-Herndon, Director Rasmussen, Director Thompson.
 - All present said aye.

Item 3: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Motion to approve:** Director Rasmussen
- **Second:** Director Davis-Herndon
- **Board Discussion:** None
- **Public Comment:** None
- **Vote:** 5-0-0
- **Ayes:** Directors Chick, Broglio, Davis-Herndon, Rasmussen, Thompson
- **Noes:** None

Item 4: PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was no public comment.

Item 5: CONSENT CALENDAR

- Approval of minutes of the regular meeting dated 9/28/21
 - A. Approval of minutes of the special meeting dated 10/7/21
 - B. General Manager's report (Metzger)
 - D. Financial reports 9/1/21 – 9/31/21 (Karnes)
 - E. Generation Report – (Fields/Karnes)
 - F. Operations report (Fields)
 - G. Conveyance report (Rasmussen)
 - H. Water Supply Conditions Report (Metzger)
 - I. Resolution. No. 21-11, COVID-19 State of Emergency Dec. (Metzger)

Director Thompson made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar

- **Motion to approve:** Director Thompson
- **Second:** Director Rasmussen
- **Board Discussion:** None
- **Public Comment:** None
- **Vote:** 5-0-0
- **Ayes:** Directors Chick, Broglio, Rasmussen, Davis-Herndon, Thompson
- **Noes:** None
- **Abstain:** None
- **Absent:** None

Item 6: REGULAR AGENDA

Discussion and possible action on all items

A. Certificate of appointment and oath of office for Gary Conrado, At- Large Community Board Member (Karnes)

Mr. Gary Conrado affirmed the oath of office and was seated as the Utica Water and Power Authority (Utica) Community At-Large director. The Board agreed to maintain all committee appointments currently assigned to each position through the end of the year.

Metzger thanked Mr. Thompson for his service on the board and contributions to the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) that spans over many years.

Mr. Thompson commented that it has been a pleasure and honor serving on the board and wished the group well in its future endeavors.

B. Approval of Utica Water and Power Authority's (Utica) annual audit (Metzger / Jolley)

Metzger introduced Mr. Ryan Jolley from Bryant L. Jolley, CPA, Accountancy Corporation.

Mr. Jolley gave an overview of his responsibilities as auditor. Jolley reported the audit was clean and found no material mis-statements or deficiencies in internal controls. The district's books and records were found to be in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Director Broglio made a motion to approve the Annual Audit for fiscal year 2020-2021.

- **Motion to approve:** Director Broglio
- **Second:** Director Rasmussen
- **Board Discussion:** None
- **Public Comment:** None
- **Vote:** 5-0
- **Ayes:** Directors Chick, Broglio, Rasmussen, Davis-Herndon, Conrado
- **Noes:** None
- **Abstain:** None
- **Absent:** None

C. ReMAT commercial operation date progress update (Metzger)

Metzger gave a brief overview of the history of ReMAT and the challenges Utica has faced during the application process. This year, after several attempts, a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) between Utica and PG&E was executed with a commercial operation date (COD) set for 12/1/2021. Utica is working with PG&E to satisfy remaining requirements and provide documentation to allow commercial operation to begin as scheduled.

D. Authorization of Calpine contract termination letter (Metzger)

Metzger explained that Utica is required to send a letter to Calpine providing notice of termination of the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) 30 days prior to the MPH ReMAT COD. Mr. Conrado asked how binding the new ReMAT contract is with PG&E, especially in light of its past financial challenges and bankruptcy. Mr. Todd Thorner, the consultant who has assisted Utica during the ReMAT process, expressed that this contract would be secure and less likely to be terminated compared to other larger contracts, adding ReMAT contracts survived PG&E's most recent bankruptcy.

Director Rasmussen made a motion to authorize Utica's general manager to send the termination letter to Calpine.

- **Motion:** Director Rasmussen
- **Second:** Director Broglio
- **Board Discussion:** None
- **Public Comment:** None
- **Vote:** 5-0-0

- **Ayes:** Directors Chick, Broglio, Rasmussen, Davis-Herndon, Conrado
- **Noes:** None
- **Abstain:** None
- **Absent:** None

E. Update on the State Water Resources Control Board emergency regulation and 15% voluntary water conservation targets (Metzger)

Metzger reported that Utica's customers had a reduction in usage from 2% - 15%. In September, Union Public Utility District (UPUD) had an increase of 4.4% and the City of Angels had a decrease of 4.1%. Utica is not mandated by the state to conserve, but it is important to show we are supporting the state's conservation efforts. On October 19th, the state lifted the curtailment temporarily and allowed reservoirs to fill during the recent storm. The temporary suspension is subject to change and as weather forecasts are evaluated.

Broglio mentioned that many customers have continued to conserve since the last drought, making it difficult for those users to reduce their usage even further. To help lessen the impact to those users, agencies would have to research each user to find out what water saving strategies they have implemented and notify the state, but it's unknown what the state's response would be.

Metzger commented that Utica has made sensible conservation efforts by selling water and running the powerhouses very tight. This has allowed for more water to be stored in the high country for future use in the event we continue this dry trend.

F. Infrastructure improvements update (Fields)

Frank Fields provided a presentation on grant funded projects that the operations staff are working on.

Stephens Tower

Utica received a \$25,000 grant from the Integrated Regional Water Management Authority funded through Department of Water Resources to build a communication tower at Stephens Reservoir. A majority of the work was completed in-house by Utica's staff. This tower will monitor dam conditions using radios to capture and transmit real time data to UPUD and assist in preparing reports for the state.

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The water logger was upsized to connect to the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system for real time data capture. This will help make water flow adjustments more efficiently and timely.

Murphys Forebay Cal.net Tower

This tower will be the main hub for supporting Utica's Line of Sight (LOS) system and provide better internet service for the town of Murphys. We will have the capability to communicate from Murphys Forebay to Angels Powerhouse and eventually to Hunter's.

Red Hill Road Back-up Generators

Utica and UPUD were awarded a grant for \$290,000 from California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Community Power Resiliency Allocation to Special Districts Program. UPUD's chlorinator building, used to treat raw water to make it drinkable, is the site for one of the five generators purchased with these funds. Maintaining power at this site is critical for ensuring the community has safe and reliable drinking water.

G. Annual maintenance outage overview (Fields and Rasmussen)

Kyle Rasmussen gave a presentation outlining conveyance projects the team will be working on during 2021 outage. Below is a list of these projects.

- Flume 6 and 17 - The inlet and outlet are slated to be repaired. Flume 17 is a very important waste gate dump. It has been leaking for a number of years and is in desperate need of repair.
- Shotcrete - Canal repairs are tentatively planned, depending on the weather. If there is too much rain the concrete trucks cannot gain access.
- Angels Forebay - The forebay is drained every year and mucked out. The team will inspect the dam, seal any cracks, and perform necessary maintenance.
- Vegetation control - Fire crews have been extremely helpful in the past doing vegetation control and moving lumber, but this year they are available on an extremely limited basis.
- Flumes 2 and 3 - There is a possibility that these flumes in the Angels Project will be repaired during the last week of the outage depending on how work progresses.

Frank Fields gave an update on work to be performed on the powerhouses during this year's outage. Fields also explained the coordination that takes place between the conveyance and hydro-operations to ensure water will still be delivered to UPUD and the City to meet their consumptive needs through November. Below is a list of scheduled projects for each powerhouse.

Murphys Powerhouse (MPH)

- Battery bank will be changed from vented regulated lead acid to wet cell with seismic rack. Not only does PG&E require these changes it is a requirement under Rule 21 Interconnection Agreement to be upgraded.
- Potential and current transformers will be replaced along with 2.4 kv buss cutouts.

Angels Powerhouse (APH)

- Three phase electrical panel replacement to remove internal outdated connection and hazards.
- Server upgrade, ignition, and relicensing installation with PLC processing upgrade will be completed by a contractor and Shawn Graham, Utica's IT Coordinator. MPH server was recently upgraded.

Due to the shipping delays, some projects may be put on hold until the necessary materials arrive.

Item 7: BOARD / GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS, FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Metzger presented a report from California Data Exchange Center (CDEC) concerning drought conditions. The report showed 2020-2021 being the third driest on record to date, but the late October storm pushed this region to a level that is on par with some of the wettest seasons recorded for this time of year. The recent storm produced an estimated 5 inches of rain in just two days. There were no major issues affecting operations with the last storm.

A. Schedule a date for December 2021 regular Board meeting

The Board approved cancelling the regular November meeting due to the maintenance outage and changing the December meeting date to December 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Chair Chick thanked Mr. Fields and Mr. Rasmussen for their efforts to keep Utica's operations running smoothly.

Director Conrado thanked Utica staff and recognized that every employee takes seems to take pride and ownership in the system and takes their responsibilities seriously in order to get the job done.

Director Rasmussen thanked Utica staff as well.

Director Broglio asked Metzger for clarification concerning the salary range for a job posting for Administrative Project Manager position. Metzger explained that it is a wide salary range, and salary would be negotiated based on experience.

Fields reported the revenue Utica received from the sale 414 AF of water sold in September exceeded the power market prices by more than \$21,000. These prices are subject to change on a month-by-month basis.

Item 8: UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS AND CALENDAR EVENTS

- November meeting cancelled due to Utica's annual maintenance outage

Item 9: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Approved at the December 14, 2021 meeting:

Ralph Chick

Chair

Attest:

Gori Karnes

Clerk to the Board

Signature Certificate

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