

BISHOP AREA WASTEWATER AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
*November 14, 2023*

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pachucki called the Bishop Area Wastewater Authority Board of Directors Meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop, California in-person and via Zoom.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Muchovej

3. ROLL CALL

Present:

Chair Pachucki  
Vice Chair Muchovej  
Board Member Stone  
Board Member Schwartz

Absent:

None

Others Present:

Nora Gamino, Authority Administrator  
Michele Rhew, Authority Secretary  
Ward Simmons, Legal Counsel via Zoom  
Jennifer Krafcheck, Eastern Sierra Community Service District  
Steve Nixon, Eastern Sierra Community Service District  
Gary Milici, City of Bishop  
Sandra Warlie, Bishop Paiute Tribe

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: See modified public comment procedure above. Under California law the Board of Directors is prohibited from generally discussing or taking action on items not included in the agenda; however, the Board of Directors may briefly respond to comments or questions received from members of the public. Therefore, the Board of Directors will be provided with all public comments but will not generally discuss the matter or take action on it.

There were no public comments received.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Wastewater Treatment Plant Tribal Flow Assessment

Chair Pachucki opened the item and turned it over to Authority Administrator Gamino.

Authority Administrator Gamino gave a review of the item.

Following Board discussion, Vice Chair Muchovej made a motion to execute the Professional Services Agreement with Lumos and Associates for the Bishop Area Wastewater Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant Tribal Flow Assessment in the not-to-exceed amount of \$6,500.00 and Board Member Stone seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Ayes: Chair Pachucki, Vice Chair Muchovej, Board Member Stone, and Board Member Schwartz

Noes: None

B. Preliminary Engineering Report Proposal Discussion

Chair Pachucki opened the item and turned it over to Authority Administrator Gamino.

Authority Administrator Gamino explained that the report is a high-level assessment, and it will show treatment options for a new plant. Gamino stated that the report is a critical step as the Authority moves forward with a new plant. The report proposal costs \$160,000 and is not in the 22/23 fiscal year budget. Discussion should include how to fund the cost, such as applying for grants or adding to the current budget.

Extensive discussion took place among the Board and Staff.

Steve Nixon of Eastern Sierra Community Service District and Gary Milici of City of Bishop both gave their input on the proposal from an operational standpoint.

After lengthy discussion, direction was given to staff to bring the information requested for clarification to the January Board meeting.

No additional comments were made.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR – NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC: All matters under the Consent Calendar are considered routine by the Authority and will be acted on by one motion.

A. Bishop Area Wastewater Authority Meeting Minutes July 18, 2023

B. Budget Distribution Adjustment, Professional Services

Chair Pachucki opened the item and asked for comments from the Board.

No comments were made.

Board Member Stone made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar and Board Member Schwartz seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

Ayes: Vice Chair Muchovej, Board Members Schwartz and Stone, and Chair Pachucki  
Noes: None

## 7. STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

Authority Administrator Gamino updated the Board on meetings with Lahontan and LADWP regarding the land purchase, revisions to WDRs, and Board Order transfer forms. Gamino explained that the Ad-hoc committees are on hold at this time. And lastly, that staff is actively working towards hiring one of the City's on-call engineering firms as an administrator.

No further reports were made.

## 8. CLOSED SESSION

### A. Conference With Real Property Negotiator

Property: Portions of Assessor Parcel Numbers 0080103500; 0080101900;  
0130200500

Agency Negotiator: Nora Gamino

Negotiating Party: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

Closed Session began at 8:54 a.m. Closed Session ended at 9:38 a.m.

To report on actions taken in Closed Session as required by law, Chair Pachucki announced that direction was given to staff.

9. ADJOURNMENT: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Bishop Area Wastewater Authority Board of Directors will be January 16, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in the Bishop City Council Chambers, 301 West Line Street, Bishop.

Chair Pachucki adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on January 16, 2024.

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Chair Pachucki

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Michele Rhew, Authority Secretary