

# DOMESTIC WATER POLICY COMMITTEE

## AGENDA

**April 7, 2022 (8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.)**

**Webinar Digital Platform or Phone Meeting**

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call  
(Three members needed for a quorum)
2. Public Comment  
Who: Public  
Expected Outcome: Interested persons are welcome to introduce any topic within the Committee's jurisdiction. Matters presented under this heading may be discussed but no action will be taken by the Committee at this meeting.
3. Topic: Approve 10/21/21 Meeting Minutes [\[Action Item\]](#)  
Who: Bill Zoslocki, Committee  
Expected Outcome: Approval
4. Topic: Domestic Water Project Update  
Who: Josh Foster, Committee  
Expected Outcome: Discussion
5. Topic: Proposed Future Policy Committee meetings  
Who: Josh Foster, Committee  
Expected Outcome: Discussion
6. Items too late for the agenda
7. Adjournment

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## Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2021

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Zoslocki called the meeting to order at approximately 8:33 a.m.

#### Present:

City of Modesto (COM): Sue Zwahlen  
City of Modesto (COM): Bill Zoslocki  
Modesto Irrigation District (MID): Nick Blom

#### Other Attendees:

Chad Tienken, MID  
Josh Foster, MID  
Jeremiah Loveland, MID  
Jeremy Parnell, COM  
Jessica Stillwell, MID  
Salena Brennan-Estrada, MID  
Jennifer Wright, MID  
Megan Thomas, MID

### 2. Public Comment

N/A

### 3. Approve April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Meeting Minutes [[Action item](#)]

Blom moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mayor Zwahlen. Motion carried.

### 4. Domestic Water Project Update:

Domestic production total as of October 1, is 15,070 AF.  
Previous year at this time was 14,023 AF for a difference of 1,047 AF.

5 year running average for this time is 15,237 AF.

System pressures have been maintained between 58-62 psi. Due to an abrupt staffing shortage, the plant shut down from Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm through Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 am for a total of 14 hours. Staffing concerns are being addressed so that future shutdowns do not occur.

Starting on November 1, 2021, the City will reduce the watering schedule to two days per week which will decrease demand for surface water.

Staffing shortage mitigation:

An open Senior Operator position has been underfilled with an apprentice to help with long-term staffing needs. Two Apprentice Operators have recently been promoted to Operator. Both are now qualified to solely operate a shift providing more flexibility and plant coverage. Two temporary employees have also been acquired and hold the necessary certification to operate the plant once fully trained.

## **5. Operations:**

The DRAFT 2022 Domestic Water budget was presented to the committee by Josh Foster. Foster noted that the DRAFT budget was reviewed and approved by the Technical Committee at their August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Overall, the O&M budget proposed reflects a 3% increase over previous year which includes the standard 3% contract wage increase. Both Admin and Laboratory saw a slight increase due to the implementation of the new ELAP TNI standards & regulations and the need for additional staff. On the capital side, there was a proposed ~60% reduction compared to previous year. This is a bit deceiving as a significant amount of capital will be rolled over from 2021 as a result of the pandemic and supply chain issues. New capital items for 2022 amount to ~\$350K with the larger cost items being a Lime system retrofit, boiler replacement, chemical dosing pumps and some laboratory equipment.

Approval of the DRAFT 2022 Domestic Water budget [[Action Item](#)]

Mayor Zwahlen moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick Blom. Motion carried.

## **6. Proposed future meetings:**

April 7, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.; location TBD

October 13, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.; location TBD

## **7. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:04 a.m.