

# DOMESTIC WATER POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2020

## 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Present:

Modesto Irrigation District (MID): Nick Blom  
City of Modesto (COM): Bill Zoslocki  
City of Modesto (COM): Ted Brandvold

Other Attendees:

John Davids, MID  
Jeremiah Loveland, MID  
Jessica Stillwell, MID  
Salena Brennan-Estrada, MID  
Josh Foster, MID  
Megan Thomas, MID  
Wilson Chalabi, COM  
Will Wong, COM  
Spencer Boyd, MID

## 2. Public Comment

N/A

## 3. Approve 10/3/19 Meeting Minutes [[Action item](#)]

Blom moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brandvold, to approve 10/3/19 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

## 4. Approve 2021 Capital and O&M Budget for Domestic Water [[Action item](#)]

John Davids started off with an introduction of Josh Foster; highlighting his past management experience in the private industrial water treatment field. Foster then gave a brief overview of the DRAFT Domestic Water budget for 2021. The DRAFT budget includes an overall increase of 1.1%. This is inclusive of the 3% wage increase per the current MOU. Excluding the 3% wage increase, MID staff continues to decrease overall costs while maintaining a high level of service. The domestic water admin is proposing an increase of 2% due to State fees and plant insurance. A&G is forecasted to increase by 3%, which

tracks with the wage increase previously discussed. A&G is where the domestic water plant is charged for MID support services – IT, HR, etc. Domestic water operations isn't proposing an increase. Domestic water laboratory proposes a 10% increase which is due to increased costs associated with implementing new statewide standards Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP). Domestic water maintenance proposes a decrease of 9% as a result of the renewed focus on completing more maintenance activities with in-house maintenance staff.

On the Capital side, staff is proposing a 2.2% increase due to aging infrastructure and replacement of equipment. A couple of the larger cost items to be addressed were the filter inspection/replacement along with updating the SCADA control systems. Foster noted that the 2021 draft Domestic Water budget was presented and approved by the Domestic Water Technical Committee at their Aug 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting. City of Modesto staff has reviewed and concur with the draft budget. Director Blom moved to approve the draft 2021 Domestic Water budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brandvold. Motion Carried.

## 5. Domestic Water Project Update

Foster stated that the conventional plant produced 613.55 MG, the membrane plant produced 321 MG, for a total combined flow for the month of August equal to 934.55 MG. ACH trial concluded 11/30/2019, but State allowed continued operation through end of July 2020 until permanent permit was received. Zoslocki asked Foster to follow up with an email to further explain flow production. The below summarizes the contents of that email.

August flows for Conventional plant = 613.55 MG with an avg. of 19.8 MGD  
Membrane plant = 321.00 MG with an avg. of 10.35 MGD  
Total combined flow for both plants = 934.55 MG with an avg. of 30.15 MGD

2019 Q4 total production = 5,970 AC-FT  
2020 Q1 total production = 3,094 AC-FT  
2020 Q2 total production = 7,479 AC-FT  
2020 Q3 total production = 5,741 AC-FT (through 8/30)

Domestic Water total production for current water year = 11,264 AC-FT  
Previous water year total production at the same time = 13,172 AC-FT  
5 yr. avg. at the same time = 11,025 AC-FT

**6. Next Meeting**

Tentatively set for November 12, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.; location TBD

**7. Items too late for the agenda**

N/A

**8. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 a.m.