

**Alleghany County Water District  
Minutes of Special Meeting  
Tuesday, June 6, 2017 Alleghany Firehouse, 105 Plaza Court Alleghany**

The meeting was called to order by President Tobyn Mehrmann at 6:07 p.m.

**Quorum:** Present were Directors Tobyn Merhrmann, Robbin DeWeese and Madeleine Hamb. Also present: Water Treatment Operator Bruce Coons and Water Distribution Assistant Edward Snyder. Members of the public Ernest & Nancy Finney, Vickie Tenney , Jan Sticha and Becky Wilkerson. General Manager Rae Bell Arbogast was present and took the minutes.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion made to approve the agenda by Robbin DeWeese and seconded by Tobyn Merhmann  
**Ayes: DeWeese, Hamb, Mehrmann. Naves: 0. Absent: 0. Abstain: 0 Vacant: 2. Motion Passed**

**Appoint new board member:**

Two applications were received by the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline: Nancy Finney and Jan Sticha. After some discussion the following vote was cast: **In Favor of Jan Sticha: DeWeese, Hamb In Favor of Nancy Finney: Mehrmann.. Absent: 0. Abstain: 0 Vacant: 2. NO ACTION TAKEN (For a five member board the quorum is 3, with two vacancies a unanimous vote is needed to pass)**

**Secretary Posting:** There was no response to the request for a volunteer Secretary that was posted on the bulletin board at the Post office on May 10<sup>th</sup>. By general consensus the board approved re-posting for the position with the same rate of pay that the previous Secretary was being paid: \$30 per meeting for the first hour and \$15 per additional ½ hour capped at \$60 per meeting.

**Planning Project Update:** Attached to these minutes.

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Rae Bell Arbogast  
General Manager

# Alleghany County Water District

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~ Established March 8, 1939 ~

## CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

I, Rae Bell Arbogast certify that the following document was posted on behalf of Alleghany County Water District, Sierra County California:

Agenda and meeting packet Special Meeting, Meeting Date 6/6/17

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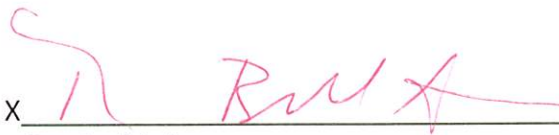
Alleghany Post Office Bulletin Board (packets put in box for the public) and On the door of the Alleghany Firehouse (meeting location)

Emailed to email list as well.

On 6/3/17 (date)

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Signed under penalty of perjury: X



Rae Bell Arbogast

**NOTICE**  
**OF SPECIAL MEETING OF**  
**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**OF**  
**ALLEGHANY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

**Tuesday June 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm**  
**Alleghany Firehouse 105 Plaza Ct. Alleghany**

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

This agenda has been prepared and posted at least 48 hours prior to the special meeting of the Board of Directors in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act. Special meetings do not include a Public Comment Period for items not on the agenda. Details and supporting materials concerning agenda items are available for public reference by calling 530-287-3204 or email: [alleghanywater@gmail.com](mailto:alleghanywater@gmail.com)

1. Call to Order
2. Establish a Quorum
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Appoint new member of the board for the Vacancy dated 4/11/17. Two applications received. (Oath of office to be administered at next regular meeting).
5. Secretary Position Posting ~ no response to the request for a volunteer.
6. State Revolving Fund Projects Update
7. Adjourn

# APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO Allegheny County Water District VACANCY

**Instructions**

If you are interest in serving on the Allegheny County Water District Board of Directors, please complete this application and return it to: ACWD, P. O. Box 860, Allegheny, CA 95910.

To be eligible applicants must be a registered voter within the Allegheny County Water District. Appointees must take an oath of office upon filling their board seat.

Date Due: June 1, 2017

You will be advised by the district board if your appointment is confirmed.

Thank you for your interest.

Allegheny County Water District

DATE: 4/23/17

NAME: JAN STICHA

AGE (optional): 70

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: 103 PLAZA CT.

BUSINESS OR MAILING ADDRESS: P.O.B. 885

PHONE (DAYTIME): 287 3065 PHONE (EVENING): 287 3065

E-MAIL: MAGYVER@MAGYVER.COM

EDUCATION			
Institution	Major	Degree	Year
UNIV. OF ILLINOIS	EE	BS	1967

WORK/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE				
Organization	City	Position	From	To
AVFD	ALLEGHANY	RADIO TECH	2015	PRESENT

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**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS:**

Please briefly describe your qualifications and why you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors.

WATERSHED DIRECTOR FOR "WESTERN MINING ALLIANCE" 2014

PRESIDENT OF "T.R.A.C.E.S." AMATEUR RADIO CLUB 1973-PRESENT

OWNER OF "SECURITRON CO." 1974-1997

OWNER/OPERATOR "ALCHEMIST MINING GROUP" 1988-PRESENT

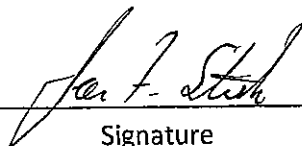
PUBLISHED "FIRE IN THE HOLE" WEEKLY NEWS LETTER (ONLINE)  
FROM GOLD CANYON AND ALLEGHANY 1998-2016

REVISED GOOGLE MAPS IN ALLEGHANY AND GOLD CANYON AREA  
TO CORRECT ERRORS IN LOCATION AND NAMES 2012

I HAVE BEEN A PART TIME RESIDENT OF THIS AREA SINCE 1967  
AND A FULL TIME RESIDENT SINCE 1999. AS SUCH, I HAVE A VESTED  
INTEREST IN ALLEGHANY COMMUNITY SERVICES. I HAVE ALSO  
DEALT WITH THE STATE WATER BOARD REGARDING MINING DISCHARGE  
ISSUES. I BELIEVE MY INTEREST IN ACWD ISSUES AND DEDICATION  
TO THIS AREA WOULD MAKE ME A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR THIS POSITIO

**CERTIFICATION:**

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct. I authorize the verification of the information in this application:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

4/25/17  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Date Due: June 1, 2017

You will be advised by the district board if your appointment is confirmed.  
Thank you for your interest.

Alleghany County Water District DATE: May 17, 2017

NAME: Nancy Finney AGE (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE ADDRESS: 102 Plaza Ct., Alleghany

BUSINESS OR MAILING ADDRESS: Box 915, Alleghany CA 95910

PHONE (DAYTIME): 287-3441 PHONE (EVENING): \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: nancyf93277@yahoo.com

EDUCATION			
Institution	Major	Degree	Year
CSU San Francisco	English/Literature	BA	1965
CSU San Francisco	Literature	MA	1968
CSU San Jose	Library & Information Science	MLIS	1977

WORK/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE				
Organization	City	Position	From	To
Sierra Plumas Unified School District	Alleghany	English, 7-12	1964	1967
Klamath-Trinity School District	Hoopa Pecwan	English, 9-10 K-6	1968	1970
Hanford Union High School	Hanford	Librarian	1971	1980
College of the Sequoias	Visalia	Librarian & Director, Learning Resources	1980	2004

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS:**

Please briefly describe your qualifications and why you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors.

As Learning Resources Director at College of the Sequoias, a community college serving 12,000 students, I developed and managed budgets of around \$900,000 annually and administered the Library, Tutorial, Audio Visual and Distance Learning Programs, staffed by 15 full-time employees. Locally, I've served on the Sierra County Firesafe Council and the Sierra County School Board, and so I'm familiar with board processes and functions. As a longtime resident of Alleghany, I'm also familiar with the concerns of many residents here about sustaining a reliable and affordable water source, and I would like to represent those on the ACWD Board.

**CERTIFICATION:**

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct. I authorize the verification of the information in this application.

Nancy Finney  
Signature

May 7, 2017  
Date

## Alleghany County Water District State Revolving Fund (SRF) Projects Update:

Prepared by: Rae Bell Date: 6/6/17

### **1. PLANNING PROJECT (Water Source Analysis) UPDATE:**

Driven Pipes Correction to information provided at the May regular meeting: Vickie Tenney was correct and there is a clause in the Ram Spring lease that indicates future changes to the collection system must be approved by Original Sixteen to One Mine, Inc (MINE). An approval letter was obtained from the Mine as soon as this was determined (Dated May 10<sup>th</sup>).

On May 15<sup>th</sup> the drillers arrived. Everything went as anticipated by Roger Lee. Initially we chose not to go any deeper than 30 feet as the drillers got "the lay of the land" but by the 11<sup>th</sup> hole we only had one hole with marginal water production so the call was made to go another 10 feet and we got good water. (The first 11 holes were in the area of the dried up collector). The drillers finished on May 18<sup>th</sup> and their total bill came to \$24,501.59

Starting along the fence furthest from the pumphouse here is a list of the producing holes with GPM's taken on May 18th:

#1 14.28 GPM #2 46 GPM #3 6.66 GPM #4 17.64 GPM #5 15.38 GPM #6 .41 GPM #7 .75 GPM  
#8 3.12 GPM

Total 104.24 GPM

The flows were checked again on May 24th and they were all about the same.

It was decided to NOT use pipes # 6,7, and 8 since the flow is so marginal.

#2 was immediately piped into the pumphouse with a temporary pipe since most of the old collectors were pulled out. The exception is the old collector #1 in the opposite corner (upper left if you are facing the pumphouse). That collector was not impacted by the drilling and is still producing water at a rate of approximately 15 GPM.

It was interesting and more than a little nerve-racking to see the existing collectors slow down as the drillers hit water. The area where we started turned out to have the best water production. The last holes drilled (closest to the pump house) were disappointing as far as water production goes. The best producers are between 40 and 55 feet deep.

Stephen Rooklidge and Pete Stamas came on the 16<sup>th</sup> and at that point there really was no choice but to remove the existing collection system because we had robbed most of the water with the pipes. Some of the first holes were deepened after the 11<sup>th</sup> hole got good water. Only two of them became good producers though. A total of 17 holes were drilled but only 8 are producing water. The holes that did not produce water were sealed back up with cement per the State's instructions. Pipe #2 was tested for bacteria before it was piped into the sump and it was absent. The June raw water test was done on Pipe # 1 and it also was absent.



A plumber will be here tomorrow (Wed the 7<sup>th</sup>) to put in a manifold with sample taps that will combine pipes 1 through 5 into one 3 inch line piped into the sump. A ¾ inch spigot will be installed off the 3 inch line for the Microscopic Particulate Analysis. Sample taps and bypasses will be installed on each individual pipe. The State considers this to be a temporary set-up since the construction phase of the project may change things a bit. We have asked the plumber to leave sections un-glued so that we can hopefully re-use the parts. We got two estimates for the plumbing: one from ABT which came in at \$3,795 and one from Mr. Rooter which came in at \$3,207.10.

On a slightly different note regarding our recently adopted Policy 6: The Uniform Cost Accounting Act does NOT require the district to only use contractors on our list. For projects under \$45,000 the district can negotiate contracts with any company it chooses. For projects between \$45,001 and \$175,000 it is not required that the list be used, but it is required that an informal bidding process be used and the list is included as a means of notification as well as a State run exchange. (I verified this before we hired the plumber) We ended up hiring Mr. Rooter.

Wells Test wells 1C and 2 (the last two) have been abandoned as of yesterday. Tractor work was completed today. I believe some material still needs to be brought in and compaction done at the tank site. A new spring that has popped up above the water tank is complicating the restoration of the tank site. (keeping it wet)

Secondary Water Source Installing the driven pipes made the need for a secondary water supply hit home. The project would have been much less nerve-racking if we had a back-up water supply. Thankfully it seems to have gone ok, but until we go through 2 or 3 summers we won't really know how consistent the flow is going to be. I suggest that if any planning \$ is left after the construction phase for the Ram Spring has been figured out, we use it to explore other secondary water source options. This would be the prudent thing to do.

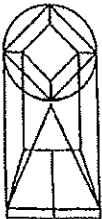
## **2. WATER TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE:**

There is nothing new to report since the last meeting except that Kip has agreed to bill the work that he is currently doing for the tank later, after the new funding agreement is in place. This will leave more funds available for the planning phase. He is working on the logistics of the temporary tank for the bid specs as well as other work related to putting the bid documents together.

As was explained verbally in April: the application got the stamp of approval from the funding division on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The funding agreement is now "in the works" it is expected to take 2 to 3 months to have it finalized. Once it is finalized the project will go out for bid. One of the last steps is review by our attorney and that has not happened yet.

### **Disclaimer**

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May 10, 2017

Alleghany County Water District  
PO Box 860  
Alleghany, CA 95910

Re: Driven Pipe Water Collection Project

To Whom It May Concern:

Per the terms of the Lease Agreement between Alleghany County Water District(ACWD) and Original Sixteen to One Mine, Inc. (Mine) dated August 8, 1977 for the use of the Ram Spring; The mine has reviewed the plan to install driven pipes for spring water collection. We understand that work is expected to commence on May 15, 2017. The mine authorizes these improvements per the terms of the Lease Agreement.

Sincerely,

Michael M Miller  
President