

Board of Commissioners
Central Arkansas Water

AGENDA

2:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 9, 2015
James T. Harvey Administration Building
221 East Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 11, 2015 Regular Meeting

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Sale of Refunding Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2015B

Staff requests Board approval of a Resolution providing for the issuance and sale of CAW Refunding Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2015B for the purpose of refinancing the outstanding principal of the CAW Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2010B.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Opposition to the Incorporation of Little Italy

Staff requests Board approval of a Resolution opposing the incorporation of the town of Little Italy in Pulaski County, AR. The Pulaski County subdivision and zoning regulations will be inapplicable within the territory encompassed by Little Italy if it successfully incorporates. The incorporation of Little Italy is not in the best interest of CAW or its ratepayers because the potential significant impact of water quality within Lake Maumelle.

b. Proposed Consolidation of Maumelle Water Management (MWM)

Staff requests Board approval of a Resolution authorizing staff to take actions necessary to fully explore the consolidation of MWM into CAW. CAW will perform a feasibility study of the proposed consolidation and report to this Board and MWM the terms and conditions upon which CAW staff would recommend consummation of the proposed consolidation.

c. Harassment, Discrimination and Diversity Sensitivity Training

CAW solicited Statements of Qualifications from interested firms to obtain the services of experienced trainers/professionals to perform Harassment, Discrimination and Diversity Sensitivity Training for the Diversity Inclusion Team, supervisory staff, and all employees. Just Communities of Arkansas (JCA) was selected as the top rated firm. JCA has performed similar training for CAW in the past and their work has been excellent. Negotiations with JCA are underway with final costs not expected to exceed \$35,000.

4. CONTRACTS

a. Cantrell Road 16-Inch Water Main Replacement

Staff requests Board approval of a contract in the amount of \$380,261 with J.R. Fox Company to replace an aging 16-inch steel pipe under Cantrell Road with a new 16-inch ductile iron pipe installed inside a bored 30-inch encasement pipe. Installed in 1941, the existing main is very shallow on the south side but very deep on the north side. The existing main is not encased under Cantrell Road; a break under the road would result in a costly repair and significant traffic impacts.

b. East Roosevelt and Welch Street Water Main Replacement

Staff requests Board approval of a contract in the amount of \$636,575 with Diamond Construction, Inc. to replace approximately 3,700 linear feet of 12-inch asbestos-cement pipe, 250 linear feet of 8-inch cast iron pipe, and 275 linear feet of 6-inch cast iron pipe along East Roosevelt Road and Welch Street in Little Rock. During the last twelve years, at least nine leaks and breaks have occurred on these older mains, some of which forced temporary closure of the Horace Mann Middle School and other area businesses.

5. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

a. Customer Relations and Public Affairs

b. Water Quality and Operations

c. Regionalism

d. Finance

6. BOARD BRIEFING