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**PAGOSA SPRINGS SANITATION
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2012
Town Hall Council Chambers
12:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER** – Board President Aragon, Board Member Hart, Board Member Holt, Board Member Lattin, Board Member Volger
- II. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT**
 - 1. District Manager Report** – No violation were reported in January. The Owners and Engineering Agreement was submitted to USDA however the district received a letter stating the USDA is withdrawing funding for the wastewater treatment plant. The reason reported the district's lack of commitment to the project, and the reports of the districts possible direction related to the PAWSD pipeline. The District's attorney is working on the USDA withdraw in an attempt to validate the legality of their decision. Town Manager Mitchem explained that in order to keep the USDA funding available, the District may need to move forward with bidding the wastewater treatment plant. It has recently come to the District's attention that the EPA is mandating the enforcement of nutrient and phosphorus removal of wastewater treatment plant. PAWSD newly built mechanical plant does not meet the regulations proposed by the CDPHE. The modification could increase the costs of treating the sewage considerably. The CDPHE has estimated it will increase treatment costs by \$14 million dollars. The proposed regulations are being challenged by several districts. There are currently no mandates from the Federal Government and the State governor has said there will be no unfunded mandates put on districts. PAWSD is working to establish an estimated treatment cost for the District to work with for moving forward with the proposed pipeline. Board Member Holt said the increase treatment costs spread across more customers would be best, rather than just the Town residents if we were to build our own plant.
- III. APPROVAL OF JANUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND ACCOMPANYING PAYMENTS** – Board Member Volger moved to approve the January financial statement and accompanying payments, Board Member Holt seconded, unanimously approved.
- IV. NEXT BOARD MEETING MARCH 6, 2012 AT 5:00PM**
- V. ADJOURNMENT** – Upon motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 1:50pm.