

***Mendocino County***

***Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District***

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**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting**

**July 6, 2021**

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE DIRECTIVES OF THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER, STATE AND CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC), THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM.

**1. Roll Call**

President Watt called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

[Note: Due to technical difficulties, a break was called from 5:39 pm – 5:47 pm.]

Trustees Present: Christopher Watt, President (Recused 5:36 pm -5:41 pm and 5:47 - 6:11 pm)  
Alfred White, Vice President  
Matthew Froneberger, Treasurer  
John Reardan, Trustee  
Tyler Rodrigue, Trustee (Arrived 5:40 pm)

Staff: Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager

**2. Public Expression**

Joe Scriven, Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, addressed the Board noting the contract between the two agencies to conduct outreach has ended but the districts will continue to work collaboratively. He announced the arrival of free lawn signs “Drought is here – save water.” Treasurer Froneberger asked about the scope of work of the Mendocino County Water Agency and Mr. Scriven explained the Resource Conservation District is a contractor for the Water Agency and the timeline was approximately one year to have the Water Agency scope developed and online.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Treasurer Froneberger moved to approve the agenda as presented. Vice President White seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

Ayes: 4 (Froneberger, Reardan, White, Watt)  
Absent: 1 (Rodrigue)

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**4. Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)**

President Watt recused himself from the item noting a potential perceived conflict as he may be reviewing the GSA plan on an advisory level in his professional work. Vice President White assumed chairing the meeting during this item.

Vice President White presented the item and invited Trustees to comment on the District’s level of participation and financial contribution. After discussion, consensus from the Trustees was to continue participating noting that if expenses become extraordinary the Board will reexamine the District’s level of participation. Vice President White noted the Ukiah Valley basin was required to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Agency and Plan due to insufficient data as well as the groundwater and surface water interaction.

***President***

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*John Reardan*

President Watt returned to the meeting at the completion of this item.

## 5. Water Supply Conditions Update and District Response

GM Salomone presented the item, reviewing the staff report and noting the most recent Lake Mendocino storage levels State Water Resources Control Board responses. Comments and questions were offered by Trustees and Bree Klotter, Redwood Valley County Water District Board.

## 6. Proposed Final Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget

GM Salomone received comments and questions from Trustees. It was noted the Water Supply Reliability Reserve account (line S-4) is higher in 2021-22 because (1) it includes a transfer of \$175,000 from checking account of surplus revenue from FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21; and (2) changes to other Reserve account line items S-1, S-2, and S-3 per policy contribute to the balance change.

Discussion was held regarding the recommended reduction of water sales revenue by 25% of contracted water sales. Consensus was to maintain the full water sales revenue of \$325,000, noting the Board will review the Budget later in the Fiscal Year if significant changes occur.

Trustee Reardan moved to approve Resolution # 21-03 adjusting the revenue to \$375,000 and removing “with the use of reserves to account for negative balance.” Trustee Rodrigue seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

Ayes: 5 (Froneberger, Reardan, Rodrigue, White, Watt)

## REGULAR BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND REPORT ITEMS

### 7. Consent Calendar

- a) Acceptance of the June 2021 Financial Report and Project Water Worksheet
- b) Approval of Minutes for the May 3, 2021 Regular Meeting
- c) Approval of Minutes for the May 17, 2021 Special Meeting
- d) Approval of Minutes for the June 7, 2021 Regular Meeting

On Consent Item 7a, the Project Water Worksheet was not included in the packet therefore withdrawn from the Consent Calendar.

Trustee Reardan moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Vice President White seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

Ayes: 5 (Froneberger, Reardan, Rodrigue White, Watt)

### 8. Board Member and Committee Reports

*Trustee Reardan* provided an update on the United States Corp of Engineers has recently shown willingness to continue with work regarding the raising of the Coyote Valley Dam.

*President Watt* shared his observations when canoeing down the Russian River.

### 9. General Manager Report & Correspondence

GM Salomone presented the item, noting public agencies will need to provide a physical location for public meetings beginning in September. No plans have yet been made.

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Christopher Watt

**Vice President**  
Alfred White

**Treasurer**  
Matthew Froneberger

**Trustee**  
Tyler Rodrigue

**Trustee**  
John Reardan

**10. Direction on Future Agenda Items**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President White moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Treasurer Froneberger seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

Ayes: 5 (Froneberger, Reardan, Rodrigue White, Watt)

***APPROVED by Board of Trustees on August 1, 2021***



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President of the Board of Trustees



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Secretary of the Board of Trustees

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