

***Mendocino County***

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

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**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of February 6, 2023**

IN COMPLIANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 361, THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM.

**1. Roll Call**

President Watt called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Trustees Present: Christopher Watt, President  
Alfred White, Vice President  
John Bailey, Treasurer (Arrived 5:34 PM)  
Tyler Rodrigue, Trustee  
John Reardan, Trustee

Staff: Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager  
Johnny Caspers, Engineer (Balance Hydrologics)  
Eric Riedner, Hydrologist/Civil Engineer (Balance Hydrologics)

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Vice President White moved to approve the agenda. Trustee Rodrigue seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

**3. Public Expression**

No one indicated interest in speaking.

**CLOSED SESSION 5:35 PM – 6:08 PM**

- 4. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**  
Gov. Code § 54956.9(d) Significant exposure to litigation: (1 potential case)

The Board held a closed session to confer with and receive advice from its legal counsel and technical staff from Balance Hydrologics regarding potential litigation, and as authorized by Government Code 54956.9(d). GM Salomone reported out after that the Board was updated and no action taken.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION (Taken out of order in the meeting)**

**5. Water Supply Conditions Update and District Response**

GM Salomone presented the item, receiving comments and questions from Trustees.

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## 6. Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) Update Presentation

Donald Seymour from Sonoma Water provided an update on FIRO and received comments and questions.

## 7. Draft Financial Statements & Independent Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

GM Salomone presented the item. Treasurer Bailey noted reserves have been stable but inflation since 2020 has been 15% overall, reducing in the reserves value, and posed the concern of cash reserves being adequate.

Vice President White moved to approve the Draft Financial Statements & Independent Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and directed General Manager to sign the management representation letter and other documents necessary for finalization contingent on all questions by GM Salomone and Treasurer Bailey being addressed by Accountant and/or Auditor. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

## REGULAR BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND REPORT ITEMS

### 8. Consent Calendar

- a) Acceptance of the January 2022 Financial Report
- b) Approval of December 5, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- c) Approval of January 9, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- d) Approval of Resolution #23-01 Affirming the Appointment of Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Representatives
- e) State of Emergency

Treasurer Bailey noted the monthly "Income & Expense/Budget vs. Actual" report shows no values in the budget column and formatting needs to be updated to clarify. He also noted he will be working with GM on budget performance and the need to review cash reserves considering rate of inflation. GM Salomone noted the updated format of the reports after reorganization by Accountant for audit streamlining. Salomone noted that consulting budget line item exceeds budget due to accounting services, which should taper off significantly in the next month or so.

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

Ayes: 5 (Bailey, Reardan, Rodrigue, Watt, White) With Bailey abstaining from Item 8b.

### 9. Trustee & Committee Reports

- a. Budgeting for Strategic Plan Implementation Ad Hoc: Did not meet since last meeting.
- b. GM Evaluation Ad Hoc: Did not meet since last meeting.

*Treasurer Bailey:* Met with Vice President White regarding their representative positions on the Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

*President Watt:* Reported on a collaborative grant funding application effort for the Russian River Water Forum.

*Trustee Reardan:* Provided an update from Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission, reviewing the letter to the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) stating intention regarding the Coyote Valley dam enhancement feasibility study.

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**10. General Manager Report & Correspondence**

GM presented the written report, sharing additional information on the Department of Water Resources (DWR) grant application submitted by Sonoma Water for the Russian River Water Forum. The match funding is proposed to be provided jointly by Sonoma County and Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission.

**11. Direction on Future Agenda Items**

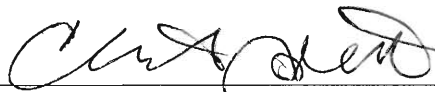
The next meeting is Monday, March 6, 2023 at 5:30 PM. The meeting is in person with the intent to provide a hybrid option for the public, but the public may want to plan in-person attendance to be certain not to miss.

**ADJOURNMENT**

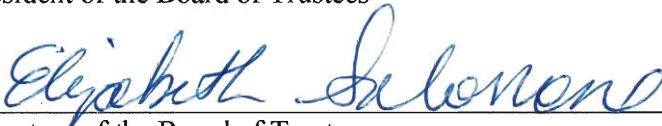
Vice President White moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. Treasurer Bailey seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

***APPROVED by Board of Trustees on March 6, 2023***



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President of the Board of Trustees



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Secretary of the Board of Trustees

**President**  
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**Vice President**  
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