

***Mendocino County***

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

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**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting**

**June 7, 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 5:00 pm.

Trustees Present: Christopher Watt, President (Recused 5:50 pm -7:32 pm)  
Alfred White, Vice President  
Matthew Froneberger, Treasurer  
John Reardan, Trustee  
Tyler Rodrigue, Trustee

Staff: Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager  
Jeanne Zolezzi, Legal Counsel

**2. Public Expression** - No one from the public indicated interest in public expression.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

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

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

**4. CLOSED SESSION**

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

**Gov. Code § 54956.9(d) *Significant exposure to litigation: (1 potential case)***

The Board entered closed session at 5:01 pm and returned to open session at 5:36 pm. President Watt reported the Board directed GM to provide comments during the State Water Board meeting on June 15, 2021 regarding the proposed Curtailment of Diversions to Protect Water Supplies and Threatened and Endangered Fish in the Russian River Watershed item.

**5. Public Expression** - No one from the public indicated interest in public expression.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

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

GM Salomone presented the item, noting the only addition to the written staff report is the State Water Resources Control Board release of the proposed Curtailment of Diversions to Protect Water Supplies and Threatened and Endangered Fish in the Russian River Watershed, commonly known as Emergency Regulations. Devon Jones of the Mendocino County Farm Bureau asked for clarification on the terms to the section regarding the District's redirection of water previously stored in Lake Mendocino. Bree Klotter, Board member of the Redwood Valley County Water District, asked for clarification of reductions to the Eel River diversion and impacts to water supply. GM Salomone noted any abandoned water from the Eel diversion reaching Lake Mendocino does not factor into the amount of stored water available to the District.

***President***  
*Christopher Watt*

***Vice President***  
*Alfred White*

***Treasurer***  
*Matthew Froneberger*

***Trustee***  
*Tyler Rodrigue*

***Trustee***  
*John Reardan*

## 7. **Associated California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 1 Board Nominations**

GM Salomone presented the item and comments and questions were offered by Trustees.

Vice President White moved to approve Resolution #21-02 nominating General Manager Elizabeth Salomone to the ACWA Region 1 Board for the 2022-2023 term. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

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

## 8. **Proposed Final Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget**

GM Salomone asked to postpone this item to the next Board Meeting and received Board consensus.

## 9. **Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Contribution Proposal**

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.

GM Salomone presented the item, reviewing the information provided in the meeting materials. Laura Foglia from Larry Walker Associates Inc., the consultants engaged by the GSA, provided further information and addressed comments and questions.

Vice President White, the District's appointed representative to the GSA, opened a discussion to consider the District's level of continued participation with the GSA. The Board directed staff to bring an agenda item to the next Board meeting.

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

## **REGULAR BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND REPORT ITEMS**

### 10. **Consent Calendar**

- a) Approval of Minutes for the May 3, 2021 Regular Meeting
- b) Acceptance of the May 2021 Financial Reports

Consent Item 10a was not complete in time for the Board meeting and therefore removed from the consent calendar.

Vice President White moved to approve Consent Calendar 10b Acceptance of the May 2021 Financial Reports. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

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

### 11. **Board Member and Committee Reports**

*Vice President White* reported on a recent Upper Russian River Water Agency (URRWA) meeting, adding to the GM Report. URRWA and the City of Ukiah have had an introductory meeting and will continue meeting. The Groundwater Sustainability Agency financial contributions were discussed and each member agreed to discuss with their individual Boards. Consolidation efforts were discussed and Staff to return with reports on process and costs.

*Treasurer Froneberger* reported on the Local Agency Formation Commission noting consensus between the City of Ukiah, Ukiah Valley Sanitation District, and LAFCo staff to meet and build consensus on several projects.

*President Chris Watt* reported on meeting with an URRWA Board member and a City Council member in a get-to-know-one-another approach.

## **12. General Manager Report & Correspondence**

GM Salomone presented the item, noting the proposed office rental was abandoned for various reasons.

## **13. Direction on Future Agenda Items**

Items identified included:

- Groundwater Sustainability participation.
- Closed Session on information received from participation in IWPC closed sessions.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Reardan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm. Vice President White 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 July 6, 2021***



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President of the Board of Trustees



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Secretary of the Board of Trustees