

Mendocino County

Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District

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APPROVED MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of
January 9, 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 (5:39 PM)
Tyler Rodrigue, Trustee (Arrived 5:44 PM)
John Reardan, Trustee

Staff: Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager

2. Approval of Agenda

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

Ayes: 3 (Reardan, White, Watt)
Absent: 2 (Bailey, Rodrigue)

3. Public Expression

No one indicated interest in speaking.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

4. Water Supply Conditions Update and District Response

GM Salomone presented the item, reviewing the staff report and noting a communication from United States Army Corp of Engineers regarding potential flood releases at Lake Mendocino that was posted on the USACE Facebook page. Comments and questions were offered by Trustees and Bree Klotter (Redwood Valley resident and former Redwood Valley County Water District Board Director.)

The Board received a review of the water supply declaration status and recommendation to repeal the current Declaration #22-01, Stage III: Water Warning.

Trustee Reardan moved to approve the agenda. Treasurer Bailey seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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5. Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Update Presentation

GM Salomone presented a Winter 2022-2023 update. Comments and questions were offered by Trustees and Bree Klotter (Redwood Valley resident and former Redwood Valley County Water District Board Director.)

6. Senate Bill 88 Alternative Compliance Plan

GM Salomone presented the item. Comments and questions were offered by Trustees and Tom Schoeneman (Redwood Valley County Water District Board.)

Trustee Reardan moved to approve the Senate Bill 88 Alternative Compliance Plan contingent on District Legal Counsel review and approval. Vice President White seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

7. 2023 Board Business

Trustee Reardan moved to approve the appointment of John Bailey to the Ukiah Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency as the Alternate Representative. Vice President White seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

The Board considered changing the start time of Board meetings from 5:30 PM to 5:00 PM. Due to difficulty of some Trustees to make the earlier time, the matter was dropped and no changes were approved.

REGULAR BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND REPORT ITEMS

8. Consent Calendar

- a) Acceptance of the December 2022 Financial Report
- b) Approval of December 5, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
- c) State of Emergency

GM Salomone requested Item 8b) Approval of December 5, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes be pulled from the Consent Calendar. The Board consensus was to pull the item for a future meeting.

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

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

9. Trustee & Committee Reports

- a. Budgeting for Strategic Plan Implementation Ad Hoc: Did not meet since last meeting.
- b. GM Evaluation Ad Hoc: President Watt provided an update on the first meeting and follow up steps.

Trustee Reardan: Provided an update from Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission, reviewing comments submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regarding the Potter Valley Project.

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10. General Manager Report & Correspondence

GM presented the written report, sharing additional information on the Russian River Water Forum, a review of the ACWA Conference held November 29 – December 1, 2022, and updates on the Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency work.

Discussion was held regarding the feasibility study for the Coyote Valley Dam improvements. Sean White, City of Ukiah Director of Water Resources, provided further information on the topic.

11. Direction on Future Agenda Items

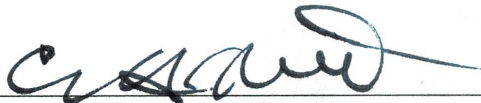
*Ad Hoc Committee updates. *Presentation on FIRO.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Reardan moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. Vice President White seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED by Board of Trustees on February 6, 2023



President of the Board of Trustees



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