

Mendocino County

Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District

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APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Meeting of June 2, 2025

At District Office: 304 N. State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482

1. Roll Call

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

Trustees Present: Christopher Watt, President
Tyler Rodrigue, Vice President
Dave Koball, Trustee

Trustees Absent: John Bailey, Treasurer
John Reardan, Trustee

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

2. Approval of Agenda

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

Ayes: 3 (Koball, Rodrigue, and Watt)

Absent: 2 (Bailey and Reardan)

3. Public Expression

Lee Howard and Steve Thompson, both former District Trustees, commented on the potential annexation of the Redwood Valley County Water District, providing historical information and concerns.

CLOSED SESSION

4. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov. Code § 54956.8)

Property: Potter Valley Project | *Agency negotiator:* General Manager, General Counsel, Board Members

Negotiating parties: Agency, Inland Water & Power Agency, PG&E | *Under negotiation:* Purchasing Entity

5. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

(Paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Gov. Code § 54956.9) *Significant exposure to litigation:* One Case

The Board entered closed session with legal counsel at 5:22 PM. The Board returned to open public session at 6:37 PM. President Watt stated no reportable action was taken.

PUBLIC HEARING

6. Proposed Final Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget and Rate Setting

GM Salomone presented the item, noting there were no changes from the May 5, 2025 draft. President Watt opened the Public Hearing at 6:38 PM. No one offered comment. GM Salomone reported no written comments were received. President Watt closed the Public Hearing at 6:39 PM. No comments were offered by Trustees.

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Trustee Koball moved to approve Resolution #25-01 Adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 with revenue in the amount of \$616,040, expenses in the amount of \$616,000, and rates set at \$66.00 per acre foot. Vice President Rodrigue seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

7. Vacancies, Retention Efforts, and Any Necessary Actions As Mandated per Assembly Bill 2561

GM Salomone presented the staff report and Legal Counsel memo.

Vice President Rodrigue moved to approve the following declaration:

The Board of Trustees of the Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District does hereby declare:

- (a) There are no current vacancies and no vacancies within the last calendar year, therefore no recruitment efforts have been made; and
- (b) If a vacancy occurs, the District engages professional recruitment services to assess District needs, advertise, and provide the District with qualified candidates; and
- (c) Annual performance evaluations performed as per District policy contribute to employee retention efforts; and
- (d) No changes to policies, procedures, or recruitment activities are needed at this time to remove obstacles in the hiring process; and
- (e) The District is committed to ensuring that information concerning District employment is available to the public.

Trustee Koball seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

8. 2025 Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP)

GM Salomone presented the staff report, noting both TUCP and the full change petition will allow current and new customers, who are prevented from diverting stored water due to restrictions in the District's license, to access stored water. This will put more of the District's water to beneficial use and meet needs of the District's constituency.

The Board directed GM Salomone to prioritize the full formal change petition and bring to the Board for approval as soon as possible, preferably the July 7, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

9. Proposed Surplus Water Agreement

GM Salomone presented the staff report, noting this agreement can expand the District's ability to serve the community.

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Vice President Rodrigue moved to approve the proposed Agreement for Surplus Water Service. Trustee Koball seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 (Koball, Rodrigue, and Watt)

Absent: 2 (Bailey and Reardan)

10. Proposal for General Manger Performance Evaluation Process & Strategic Planning

GM Salomone presented the staff report. The Board provided feedback:

- Optional items in the cost proposal need to be evaluated further by GM and tasks scaled down if possible to reduce overall costs.
- GM Evaluation process would benefit with further streamlining and aligning with the Strategic Plan
- The Strategic Plan update should be prioritized and the GM Evaluation process updated after.
- Valuable to have Human Resource services available as needed.
- The Board would like the costs to remain within the approved budget of \$10,000 total per year for HR and Strategic Planning combined.

REGULAR BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND REPORT ITEMS

11. Water Supply Conditions Update

No comments or questions on the staff report.

12. Consent Calendar

- a) Acceptance of the May 2025 Financial Reports
- b) Approval of May 5, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes
- c) Approval of USGS Joint Funding Agreement for 10/1/25 to 9/30/26
- d) Approval of Nigro & Nigro Engagement Letter for Audit Services FY 24-25
- e) Approval of Resolution #25-02 Approving a Revised Uniform Water Supply & Purchase Agreement and Amendment

Trustee Koball moved to approve the consent calendar. Vice President Rodrigue seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 (Koball, Rodrigue, and Watt)

Absent: 2 (Bailey and Reardan)

13. Trustee & Committee Reports

LAFCo MSR/SOI & Annexation Ad Hoc: GM Salomone provided an update on behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee on the annexation. Mapping work is on track and other required documents are drafted.

Change Petition Ad Hoc: GM Salomone provided an update on behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee. Mapping and outreach to diverters continues.

President Watt and Trustee Koball reported on the May 29, 2025 Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission all members Joint Board Meeting, which was recorded and available on the City of Ukiah website.

President Watt reported on the Lake County Town Hall on Lake Pillsbury and the Potter Valley Project.

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14. General Manager Report & Correspondence

GM presented the report and

15. Direction on Future Agenda Items

Change petition to the State Water Resources Control Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Koball moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. Vice President Rodrigue seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

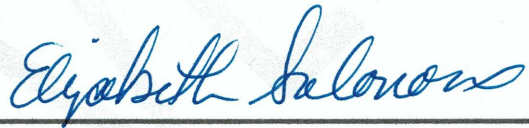
Ayes: 3 (Koball, Rodrigue, and Watt)

Absent: 2 (Bailey and Reardan)

APPROVED by Board of Trustees on July 7, 2025



President of the Board of Trustees



Secretary of the Board of Trustees

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