

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Root Creek Water District held at 2:27 pm, Monday, March 10, 1997 at the office of the District, located at 39639 Avenue 10, Madera, California.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Rodger B. Jensen, President  
Benton H. Coulthard, Vice President  
Philip R. Pierre  
Dave Cobb  
Al Bates, Secretary

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jim Provost, Consulting Engineer  
Chris Campbell, Attorney

### **MINUTES**

President Jensen asked if there were any corrections to the December 9th meeting which had been mailed. Upon motion of Director Pierre, seconded by Director Cobb and unanimously passed that the minutes of December 9th are approved as mailed.

### **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Attorney Campbell reported that in January the District By-Laws and Conflict of Interest Code were on the consent calendar of the Board of Supervisors and had been taken off that calendar for study and not acted upon. Subsequently, the County Counsel explained to the Supervisors that this was an administrative procedure item. The approval was then rescheduled for the consent calendar on February 22nd where they were approved.

### **RECORD MAP**

Attorney Campbell reported that his office had been informed by representatives of Madera Title Companies that they would like the District to record a map showing the District boundaries with the Madera County Recorder's Office. This would assure that when a property changed hands within the District, that the new landowner would be made aware of the District. A short discussion followed, the upon motion of Director Coulthard, seconded by Director Cobb, the staff was ordered to have a District boundary map recorded with the Madera County Recorder's Office.

### **DISTRICT LEGISLATION**

President Jensen reported that he had met with the Board of Madera Irrigation District and agreed to take out of the District's proposed legislation all reference to curbs, gutters, street lighting, etc. It was also proposed to have an agreement that gave Madera Irrigation District the option to sell this District water at prices offered by others. Madera Irrigation District also wanted to have first right of refusal on selling this District electricity which was felt that this District couldn't do. The proposal presented by Jack Gualco was rejected at this time but his bills were authorized for payment. President Jensen expressed the belief that with the Farm Bureau opposed to the District, along with others which might go along, it would be very difficult to pass any legislation. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that a major effort should be made to obtain support for the bill by the District's next meeting and then decide what action to take.

### **GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Mr. Provost referred to his letter proposal previously mailed to the Board. He stated that to get the process started to adopt a groundwater management plan the board needs to have a public hearing to decide if the District should do a groundwater management plan. After a short discussion, it was

determined that the District should, at least, start the process. Upon motion of Director Coulthard, seconded by Director Bates, the manager was instructed to notice a public hearing to be held at the April Board Meeting.


**FISCAL AFFAIRS**

Mr. Campbell and Mr. Provost expressed the concern that the District should establish "budgets" and levy charges on the land. After a short discussion, it was concluded that the Manager and Attorney should submit a time line with specific recommendations at the next Board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Jensen adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

  
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Al Bates, Secretary

Approved:

  
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Rodger B. Jensen, President