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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Root Creek Water District
held on
April 17, 2023**

1. Call to Order

The board meeting for the Root Creek Water District (RCWD) was called to order at 11:01 a.m. by President Nick Bruno. Board members present were Nick Bruno, Jeff Coulthard, Amber Mendoza, Shannon Simonian, Mike DeLaGuerra, and Eric Bream. Members of the public included Julia Stornetta, Lauren Layne, Nicole Stornetta, Heather Bashian, Brian Ehlers, Al Solis, Steve Pickens, Shay Bakman, Tim Bakman, Garrett Pack and Jeff Callaway.

2. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. Public Comment

The district received no public comment.

4. Potential Conflicts of interest

There were no potential conflicts of interest.

5. Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Director DelaGuerra, seconded Director Coulthard to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2023 Regular board meeting and March 20, 2023 Special board meeting and to accept the March 2023 financials. Brian Ehlers needs to be added to the minutes as being present at both March 2023 meetings. The motion carried.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

7. Board Action Items

- a. **Fill vacancy on Board of Directors** - Director Simonian made a motion, seconded by Director Coulthard to appoint Matthew Cerniglia to the board of directors. The motion carried.
- b. **Emergency Declaration** - Director DelaGuerra made a motion, seconded by Director Mendoza to declare an emergency due to human safety to concerns to and to direct

staff to perform investigation and possible repair on district infrastructure at Road 40. The motion carried.

- i. Director Mendoza made a motion, seconded by Director DelaGuerra to hire BSK Geotechnical support services. The motion carried.
 - ii. MOU between RCWD and Madera County – Director Mendoza made a motion to enter into an MOU with Madera County regarding reimbursement of costs, seconded by Director Coulthard. The motion carried.
- c. **Agreement for Reimbursement** - Director Simonian made a motion, seconded by Director DelaGuerra to approve an agreement for engineering services by Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group to perform a Water Supply Assessment. The motion carried.
- d. **Customer Installment Payment Plans** - Director Mendoza made a motion, seconded by Director DelaGuerra to approve payment plans for delinquent municipal customer accounts. The motion carried.
- e. **Facilities Spare Parts** – Director Simonian made a motion, seconded by Director Coulthard to approve the purchase of spare parts from vendor iCAD for RCWD facilities.
- f. **Contract Award** - Director Coulthard made a motion, seconded by Director DelaGuerra to award a contract to Tesco Controls for electrical equipment and service at Municipal Well #6.

8. District Engineers Report

The municipal system had 1500 water connections at end of March. The district will be required to begin reporting water produced vs. water used by end of April 2023. It was mentioned we are not a system of concern according to California so currently we report quarterly; if we become a district of concern, then it will have to be reported monthly.

Wilson Homes will be making a sewer crossing at Road 40, and the County has requested a meeting with RCWD and Wilson to discuss the work plan. The agricultural pipeline expansion is moving forward, and the district will issue a Notice to Proceed once materials have been delivered. Wathen Castanos completed their sewer crossing at Road 40 to tie into the sewer main on the West side of the Road. In doing so, Wathen did not support the district's 48" pipeline. Additionally, the district has experienced an air release valve issue since refilling the line after the Wathen Castanos sewer crossing was backfilled. The irrigation pipeline was originally drained as a courtesy to Wathen Castanos, in an effort to make it easier for the builder to support the pipeline.

9. Legal Counsel Report

- AB1637 – Would require water districts to change website domains to CA.GOV or .GOV
- AB1563 – Groundwater extraction - Assemblyman Bennett
- AB560 – Sustainable Groundwater Act – Assemblyman Bennett
- AB779 – Groundwater Adjudication - Assemblyman Bennett & Wilson
- AB1837 – Regulates all water rights

- AB560 and AB779 – Allows for groundwater adjudications to be brought under the jurisdiction of DWR or SWRCB. Any implementation of a local GSP in place remains a separate process. Assemblymembers Bennett and Wilson
- AB1337 – Bill has been amended to give SWRCB jurisdiction over all water rights. The court ruled that the state did not have the right to have jurisdiction over curtailment, resulting in the drafting of AB 1337.

10. General Manager's Report

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Director Amber Mendoza resigned today. The consensus of the board of directors was to accept the resignation and post the vacancy. The district's action to move forward with a bond indenture is being postponed until the May 8 Board meeting.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 12:08 pm.



Julia D. Stornetta, District Secretary