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LAUREN D. LAYNE, LEGAL COUNSEL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Root Creek Water District  
held on  
July 10, 2023**

**1. Call to Order**

The board meeting for the Root Creek Water District (RCWD) was called to order at 11:03 a.m. by President Nick Bruno. Board members present were Nick Bruno, Jeff Coulthard, Shannon Simonian, Mike DelaGuerra, Eric Bream Matthew Cerniglia, and Henk Griffin. Members of the public included Julia Stornetta, Al Solis, Nicole Stornetta, Steve Pickens, Brian Ehlers, and Craig Armstrong.

**2. Public Comment**

The district received no public comment.

**3. Potential Conflicts of interest**

There were no potential conflicts of interest.

**4. Consent Calendar**

A motion was made by Director Coulthard, seconded by Director DelaGuerra to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2023 board meeting, to accept the May 2023 financials and approve customer payment plans. The motion carried.

**5. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**6. Board Action Items**

- a. **Water Supply Contingency Plan** – Director DelaGuerra made a motion, seconded by Director Simonian, to adopt a District Water Supply Contingency Plan.
- b. **Agricultural System Expansion** – Director DelaGuerra made a motion, seconded by Director Griffin, to approve a change order in the amount of \$49,800.92.
- c. **ACWA Appointment** – Director Coulthard made a motion, seconded by Director Cerniglia, to review to appoint District Counselor Lauren Layne to the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Legal Affairs and State Legislature Committees.

- d. **Storm Drain Facility Agreement** – Director Cerniglia made a motion, seconded by Director Simonian to authorize the board president to sign an agreement with BN Riverstone 2 LP related to storm drain facilities and the relinquishment of storm drain fees in the amount of the construction costs benefiting Riverstone Parcel 1.

**7. District Engineers Report**

Surface water delivery was resumed after direction from the Board at the June board meeting. The district has delivered a total of 719 AF of water since June 13, 2023. County Road 40 has been excavated and BSK's final geotechnical report has been submitted to the County of Madera Public Works department. We are currently awaiting a response from the County prior to moving forward on road repair. The pump at Well #5 was pulled for repair and we are in process of reinstallation. Regarding wastewater, conversations are being had with Cloacina regarding warranty and project completion on the MPAC 200 trains. Cloacina's Dry Pac has been installed, and this will eliminate need for sludge hauling, lowering the overall cost of hauling.

**8. Legal Counsel Report**

Craig Armstrong was directed to research the process for recouping past due fees associated with properties which have changed ownership, and a process moving forward related to District property lien policy.

**9. General Manager's Report**

General Manager drafted letter to Madera County regarding Road 40 distress. Lennar is now accessing construction water from Well #277 because of a need to decrease the demand on the municipal system to ensure supply for commercial and residential customers. A foot valve is being installed at Well #5 to improve operations of the well. Staff is working on a process for capturing costs associated with water flushing required for bacteriological testing of new connections to the system.

**10. Community Facilities District (CFD)**

- a. Director Cerniglia made a motion, seconded by Director Simonian to adopt Resolution of Intention No. 2023-7-10a and to authorize the levy of a special tax.
- b. Director DelaGuerra made a motion, seconded by Director Cerniglia to adopt Resolution of Intention 2023-7-10b to incur bond indebtedness within Community Facilities No. 2023-1 of the Root Creek Water District.

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 11:45 am.



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Julia D. Stornetta, District Secretary