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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Root Creek Water District
held on
May 8, 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, and Matthew Cerniglia. Board members absent were Eric Bream. Members of the public included Julia Stornetta, Lauren Layne, Nicole Stornetta, Heather Bashian, Brian Ehlers, Al Solis, Steve Pickens, Shay Bakman, and Tim Bakman.

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 DelaGuerra, seconded by Director Coulthard to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023 Special board meeting and the March 2023 financials. The motion carried.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

6. Board Action Items

- a. **Fill vacancy on Board of Directors** – Director Simonian made a motion, seconded by Director Coulthard, to appoint Henk Griffin to the board of directors. The motion carried.
- b. **Bylaws and Rules of Order of the Madera Region Regional Water Management Group (RWMG)** – Director Coulthard made a motion, seconded by Director DelaGuerra, to adopt the revised bylaws dated April 24, 2023. The motion carried.
- c. **Conflict of Interest Code** – Director Coulthard made a motion, seconded by Director Coulthard, to adopt a revised Conflict of Interest Code for the district. The motion carried.

- d. **Water Meter Policy** – Director Simonian made a motion, seconded by Director DelaGuerra, to adopt a revised water meter policy. The motion carried.
- e. **Agricultural Irrigation Pipeline Easement** – Director Coulthard made a motion, seconded by Director Cerniglia, to approve a pipeline easement agreement with San Joaquin River Ranch for the expansion of the District’s In-lieu pipeline. The motion carried.
- f. **Agricultural Irrigation Pipeline** – Director Coulthard made a motion, seconded by Director Cerniglia, to consider a change order related to the expansion of the District’s In-lieu pipeline. The motion carried.
- g. **District Infrastructure Policy** – Director Simonian made a motion, seconded by Director DelaGuerra to adopt a revised Infrastructure Policy for construction in the district boundary.
- h. **Storm Basin Maintenance** – Director Cerniglia made a motion, seconded by Director DelaGuerra, to approve a contract to clear storm basins in the amount of \$6,680 and to amend the annual budget. The motion carried.
- i. **Emergency Declaration** – Director Cerniglia made a motion, seconded by Director DelaGuerra, to declare an emergency and to direct staff to perform investigation and possible repair on the District In-lieu pipeline. The motion carried.

7. District Engineers Report

The Department of Drinking Water has notified the district that it will not permit the use of Iron Sequestrant on another well, aside from RCWD’s Well #2. Well #2 is currently permitting an injection of sequestrant is ongoing. The district will release an RFP to construct a water treatment and blending facility, which will be constructed in 2 years.

The DryPAC facility was scheduled to be delivered May 2, 2023. At this time the district has been informed by the manufacturer, Cloacina, that the actual completion date will be toward the end of May and the equipment will not be operable until the end of June 2023.

Plans have been reviewed for all of the parcels in village B and development is underway. One-half of the plans in Village E have been submitted and we expect to receive for review Village E plans in the Fall 2023.

The district remains focused on updating GIS files to include facilities constructed and new facilities as they are completed.

8. Legal Counsel Report

- AB1637 – Still moving forward per legal counsel.
- AB460 – Still moving forward per legal counsel.

9. General Manager’s Report

- a. 161 new permits were pulled in the month of April.
- b. Meeting with Madera County regarding Road 40 sagging is scheduled for May 15, 2023.

10. Community Facilities District (CFD) – Director Coulthard made a motion, seconded by Director Simonian, to adopt a Resolution of Issuance and to authorize the General Manager to execute the final documents. The motion carried.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 12:02 pm.



Julia D. Stornetta, District Secretary