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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Root Creek Water District
held on
November 13, 2023**

1. Call to Order

The board meeting for the Root Creek Water District (RCWD) was called to order at 11:08 a.m. by Vice President Jeffrey Coulthard. Board members present were Mike DeLaGuerra, Eric Bream, Matthew Cerniglia, and Henk Griffin. Board members absent were Nick Bruno and Shannon Simonian. Members of the public included Julia Stornetta, Al Solis, Nicole Stornetta, Steve Pickens, Shay Bakman, Heather Bashian, Lauren Layne, Jessica Johnson, Gonzalo Romero Orozco, Jack Shannon, Tina Shannon, Noble Batson, Debbie Turnbull, Debbie Oneal, Ken Corby, Melonie Chann, Bryan Olson, Lara Olson, Jordin Bowers, Shane Bowers, Nichole Foki, Steve Whitney, Adrian Gonzales, and Belen Salazar.

2. Public Comment

The district received no public comment.

3. Potential Conflicts of interest

There were no potential conflicts of interest identified.

4. Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Director DeLaGuerra, seconded by Director Cerniglia to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2023 board meeting, and to accept the September 2023 financials and approve customer payment plans. The motion carried.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

6. Public Hearing

The public hearing was called to order at 11:10 a.m.

The public hearing was closed at 11:58 a.m. after public comment was received.

7. Resolutions to Adopt Fees Discussed in the Public Hearing

Director Griffin made a motion, seconded by Director Bream to adopt resolutions establishing fees and assessments. The motion carried.

8. Board Action Items

- a. **Purchase and Sale Agreement** – Director Cerniglia made a motion, seconded by Director DeLaGuerra for the purchase of APN 049-052-006 for the purpose of building a water blending and treatment facility. The motion carried.
- b. **Storm Drain Basin Maintenance Agreement** – Director Griffin made a motion, seconded by Director DeLaGuerra to enter into an agreement with Bonadelle Homes and Groveland Development Corporation to maintain the storm basin at APN 080-150-014. The motion carried.
- c. **Cost Sharing Agreement** – (Item was held for consideration upon conclusion of Closed Session). Director Griffin made a motion, seconded by Director DeLaGuerra to enter into a cost-sharing agreement with Madera County for repair of distress of Road 40, with the addition of language on settlement claims and subject to legal counsel review.. The motion carried.
- d. **2024 Fiscal Year Budget** – Director DeLaGuerra made a motion, seconded by Director Cerniglia to approve the budget for the 2024 Fiscal Year, commencing January 1, 2024. The motion carried.
- e. **Storm Drain Basin Construction** – Director Griffin made a motion, seconded by Director DeLaGuerra to award a contract to the apparent low bidder, Westbury Construction, Inc. for the construction of a storm drain basin metered outlet at the Market basin. The motion carried.

9. District Engineers Report

Ag system Pipeline Expansion is complete as of October 30, 2023. A grant application has been submitted to the US Bureau of Reclamation Water Smart to further expand the In-Lieu Pipeline in the amount of \$2,340,100.00. If the grant is awarded, the District's out of pocket expense will be \$385,408.15. Water deliveries totaled 5,063.7 acre-feet for the 2024 water year.

10. Legal Counsel Report

AB334 was discussed: public officials cannot be financially interested in a project related to the agency for which they serve. There is a safe harbor provision regarding conflict of interest. Additionally, there have been changes to the Brown Act teleconferencing rules.

11. General Manager's Report

There were 21 building permits pulled for the month of October. There are 98 homes still without a 1.5" meter and RTD is aggressively installing these meters daily. There are currently 310 remaining meters in inventory to complete meter installation. Because of the recent influx of water meters and the installation in an expedited timeframe, the District's operating cash flow has been depleted quickly.

12. **Community Facilities District** – Director Cerniglia made a motion, seconded by Director Griffin to file the FY 2022/2023 SB 165 – Local Special Tax and Bond Accountability Report. The motion carried.

13. Closed Session –

Closed Session was called to order at 12:42 pm and adjourned at 1:02 pm. There were no reportable actions from Closed Session.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 1:03 pm.



Julia D. Stornetta, District Secretary