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BRIAN EHLERS, DISTRICT ENGINEER
LAUREN D. LAYNE, LEGAL COUNSEL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Root Creek Water District
held on
September 11, 2023**

1. Call to Order

The board meeting for the Root Creek Water District (RCWD) was called to order at 11:04 a.m. by President Nick Bruno. Board members present were Nick Bruno, Jeff Coulthard, Shannon Simonian, Mike DelaGuerra, Eric Bream, and Matthew Cerniglia. Board member absent was Henk Griffin. Members of the public included Julia Stornetta, Al Solis, Nicole Stornetta, Shay Bakman, Heather Bashian, and Craig Armstrong.

2. Public Comment

The district received no public comment.

3. Closed Session

Ended at 11:20 a.m. There were no reportable items from Closed Session.

4. Potential Conflicts of interest

President Bruno and Director Simonian recused themselves for Board Action Item a.

5. Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Director DelaGuerra, seconded by Director Cerniglia to adopt the minutes from the August 14, 2023 board meeting, to accept the July 2023 financials and approve customer payment plans. The motion carried.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

7. Board Action Items

- a. **Well 277 (Municipal Well #7) Purchase and Sale Agreement** – Director DelaGuerra made a motion, seconded by Director Bream, to enter into an agreement to purchase Well 277 in the amount of \$268,694.30 subject to review by Counsel. The motion carried.
- b. **Pipeline Easement** – Director Cerniglia made a motion, seconded by Director DelaGuerra, to approve a pipeline easement from San Joaquin River Ranch, LLC for

Municipal Well #2 for the benefit of the RCWD Water Treatment and Blending Facility subject to District Engineer and Counsel review. The motion carried.

- c. **Pipeline Easement** – Director Simonian made a motion, seconded by Director Coulthard, to approve a pipeline easement from Riverstone Farms for Municipal Well #1 for the benefit of RCWD Water Treatment and Blending Facility subject to District Engineer and Counsel review. The motion carried.
- d. **Board of Directors Per Diem Policy** – Direction was given to staff to move forward with withholding tax contributions as necessary and to maintain the \$100/meeting per diem for board members. The motion carried.

8. District Engineers Report

The number of unmetered connections is going down. Currently, we are at around 155. The volume of water losses is also coming down. Water usage is at 50% of normal day usage and 70% on max day usage relating to a number of activities, including flushing and landscaping.

Brian is currently working on a response to Cloacina with the General Manager and District Counsel. Regarding the Ag System Expansion, we are applying for a Water Smart grant due to the cost of the quote we received from Lawrence Backhoe to harvest our old pipe. The quote came in at or about \$1,000,000 to pull and replace the old pipe. The district would be better served to install new pipe and grant funding can be used to furnish and install.

9. Legal Counsel Report

No report given.

10. General Manager's Report

16 building permits were pulled the month of August for the Riverstone Development. Road 40 is still cut open, but Madera County has advised us to “move forward with fixing the road.” Madera County has no tot date provided a compaction report, although it was requested in writing. The board gave direction to staff to repair Road 40 before the rainy season comes, causing bigger issues.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 11:43 a.m.



Julia D. Stornetta, District Secretary