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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Root Creek Water District
held on
August 14, 2023**

1. Call to Order

The board meeting for the Root Creek Water District (RCWD) was called to order at 10:59 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 Berry Stornetta, Al Solis, Nicole Stornetta, Steve Pickens, Brian Ehlers, Shay Bakman, Heather Bashian, and Counselor Craig Armstrong.

2. Public Comment

The district received no public comment.

3. Closed Session

Closed Session was called to order at 11:02 a.m. and concluded at 11:20 a.m. There were no reportable actions from Closed Session.

4. Potential Conflicts of interest

There were no potential conflicts of interest.

5. Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Director Coulthard, seconded by Director DelaGuerra to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2023 board meeting, to accept the June 2023 financials and approve customer payment plans. The motion carried.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

7. Board Action Items

- a. **Hauling Services** – Director Cerniglia made a motion, seconded by Director Griffin, to enter into contract with Holloway for wastewater hauling services. The motion carried.

- b. **Agricultural System Expansion** – Director Griffin made a motion, seconded by Director Simonian, to approve a change order from Lawrence Backhoe Service in the amount of \$19,759.82. The motion carried.
- c. **Agricultural System Expansion** – Director DelaGuerra made a motion, seconded by Director Coulthard, to approve a change order from Provost and Pritchard in the amount of \$48,000. The motion carried.
- d. **Water Treatment and Blending Facility** – Director Simonian made a motion, seconded by Director Cerniglia to award a contract for services to construct a groundwater treatment and blending facility subject to legal review prior to awarding the contract in the amount of \$25,433,800. The motion carried. A budget adjustment is required as a result of the action.
Staff was directed to ask legal counsel to review the district standard contract language related to warranty, late finishes, required maintenance, and actions in the event that a project is behind schedule.
- e. **Contract for Services** – Director DelaGuerra made a motion, seconded by Director Griffin to enter into contract with Best, Best, and Krieger for legal services in the amount of \$26,000. The motion carried.
- f. **Contract for Services** – Director Cerniglia made a motion, seconded by Director Griffin to enter into a contract with Baker, Manock, and Jensen for legal services in an amount not to exceed \$10,000. The motion carried.

8. District Engineers Report

Currently, there are approximately 1,500 connections to the system. Staff is in the process of wrapping up the Wastewater Treatment Facility project. The agricultural pipeline expansion project has been experiencing subsurface water intrusion in the trenches and is delayed as a result, however pipe is installed to Road 39. Road 40 remains open, and the District awaits a response from the County. Waer deliveries are estimated to by approximately 3100 acre feet by the end of July, 1860 acre feet of which have been delivered for irrigation.

9. Legal Counsel Report

No report was given.

10. General Manager's Report

The District bought 833 AF of water from Madera Irrigation District for \$350 per acre-foot. 41 permits were pulled in each of the months of June and July (totaling 82 permits). A public hearing will be held on October 9, 2023 to adopt an updated schedule of district fees and assessments, effective January 1, 2023. Staff has been working with the district financial consultant to plan for future income and expenses and to project a potential timeframe for repayment of debt.

11. Community Facilities District (CFD)

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was called to order at 12:07 p.m.

- a. A motion was made by Director DeLaGuerra, seconded by Director Griffin authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes and determined the Necessity to Incur Bonded Indebtedness within Improvement Area No. 1 of CFD No. 2023-1. The motion carried.
- b. A motion was made by Director Cerniglia, seconded by Director DeLaGuerra to certify the results of the August 14, 2023 Special Tax and Bond Elections within Improvement Area No. 1 of CFD No. 2023-1 of the Root Creek Water District. The motion carried.
- c. A motion was made by Director Simonian, seconded by DeLaGuerra acknowledging the Resolution has passed and to adopt the ordinance. The motion carried.

The public hearing was closed at 12:12 p.m.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.



Julia D. Stornetta, District Secretary