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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Root Creek Water District  
held on  
May 13, 2024**

**1. Call to Order**

The board meeting for the Root Creek Water District (RCWD) was called to order at 11:02 a.m. by President Nick Bruno. Board members present were Nick Bruno, Matthew Cerniglia, Jeffrey Coulthard, Shannon Simonian, Mike DelaGuerra, Eric Bream, and Henk Griffin. Members of the public included Julia Stornetta, Al Solis, Nicole Stornetta, Brian Ehlers, Steve Pickens, and Jessica Johnson.

**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 Coulthard, seconded by Director DelaGuerra to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2024 board meeting, and to accept the March 2024 financials. The motion carried.

**5. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**6. Board Action Items**

- a. **Capitalization Policy** – Director Cerniglia made a motion, seconded by Director Griffin, to adopt a District Capitalization Policy. The motion carried.
- b. **Enersponse Agreement** – Director Simonian made a motion, seconded by Director Cerniglia, to enter into an agreement with Enersponse related to energy savings, and to ratify entrance into the contract by signature of the General Manager. The motion carried.
- c. **General Counsel Legal Services** – Director Griffin made a motion, seconded by Director DelaGuerra to enter into an agreement with Best, Best, and Krieger for legal services as General Counsel. The motion carried.

**7. District Engineers Report**

At the end of April, there were 2,100 connections to the system. Out of 17,000,000 gallons of water developed, Provost & Pritchard and RTD only had a 1% difference in water accounting. Currently, at the WWTP, 260,000 gallons are being processed daily and 310,000 gallons during peak hours. The foundation has been poured at the Water Treatment and Blending Facility. In the next few weeks, construction of the facility will go vertical. As of today, Lyles is 14% ahead of schedule for the Water Blending Facility.

**8. Legal Counsel Report**

AB 1820 and SB 1210 speak to the ability to establish/limit fees on builders. Language in the bills have been amended so that these limits are not applicable to local agencies. AB 2079 (Bennett) pertains to groundwater extraction. It allows for restrictions on new eight-inch wells or larger and may result in a prohibition on drilling new levels. Replacement wells are not affected but must be a new “like-kind” well and takes in to account the proximity of a new well to small water systems or a grouping of residential wells close to each other.

**9. District Manager’s Report**

There were 63 building permits pulled in the month of April and 20 escrow closings reported by builders in Riverstone. There is an operations meeting this week with Central Cal Waterworks, RTD, and District Engineers.

The District has fully paid Lyles for the completion of Road 40 and are waiting on reimbursement from Madera County for half of the costs, in accordance with the cost sharing agreement executed in 2023. Staff recommends RCWD will allow builders to water pads between the hours of 8 p.m. and 4 a.m., and water for flushing be limited for flushing of in-tract improvements to a maximum total length of 2,500 feet instead of 5,000 feet, which are changes to the policy adopted in the past. This is as a result of consultation amongst staff, meetings with builders and an analysis of water availability by the water operations team. Builders are currently doing this. The board gave direction to staff to draft the policy to reflect these changes.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 11:36 am.



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Julia D. Stornetta, District Secretary