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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Root Creek Water District
held on
March 11, 2024**

1. Call to Order

The board meeting for the Root Creek Water District (RCWD) was called to order at 11:03 a.m. by Vice President Jeffrey Coulthard. Board members present were Nick Bruno, Matthew Cerniglia, Jeffrey Coulthard, Shannon Simonian, Mike DeLaGuerra and Henk Griffin. Board member absent was Eric Bream. Members of the public included Julia Stornetta, Al Solis, Nicole Stornetta, Shay Bakman, Jordan Wamhoff, Brian Ehlers, 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 Griffin to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2024 board meeting, and to accept the January 2024 financials. The motion carried.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

6. Board Action Items

- a. **Information Technology Services** – Director DeLaGuerra made a motion, seconded by Director Simonian, to approve an agreement with iCAD Automation, Industrial Control and Design, Inc. for on-call programming and IT services in the amount of \$22,200 for the 2024 RCWD Budget year. *Budget item 550.06-2,3.* The motion carried.
- b. **Connection Fee Study** – Director Cerniglia made a motion, seconded by Director DeLaGuerra, to enter into an agreement with Lechowicz and Tseng to conduct a review and update of the connection fee study in the amount of \$21,560. *Budget item 900.06-2.* The motion carried.

- c. **Municipal Well 5, Booster Pump Improvements** – Director DeLaGuerra made a motion, seconded by Director Coulthard, to approve a scope of work with District Engineer, Provost and Pritchard, to evaluate and design improvements to Well 5 and the booster pump station to improve operational flexibility in the amount of \$42,000. *Budget item 900.06-2.* The motion carried.
- d. **Municipal Well 7 Improvements** – Director Griffin made a motion, seconded by Director DeLaGuerra, to award a contract to the apparent low bidder, W.M. Lyles Company, to convert existing Well 277 for municipal use in the amount of \$1,641,800. *Budget item 900.05-2.* The motion carried.

7. District Engineers Report

There are a total of approximately 1,900 connections to the RCWD system currently. The 2-million-gallon Groundwater Blending and Treatment facility is currently on schedule for completion in August 2025. Plans for Riverstone Village C are expected to be submitted from the builder for review to the District Engineer by the end of March. With the last rain, the potential surface water supply came up to 70% but may be expected to reach 100% by the end of the rainy season. Weather reports show normal snowpack levels to date.

8. Legal Counsel Report

AB 1820 – Water districts would have to provide information in 10 days, includes preliminary fee and exaction estimates.

SB 1147 – This bill will result in new limits on microplastics in water. This is opposed by ACWA.

SB 1210 – Limits amounts that can be assessed to construct public facilities. Connection fees to be 1% of cost to build. ACWA opposes this.

AB 2257 – This bill was written by ACWA and would require that any entity bringing action against a public agency must have standing in the administrative record by participating in a public meeting.

9. District Manager's Report

There were 9 building permits pulled for the Riverstone development in the month of February. Construction water will soon be limited to flushing, with the phasing out of the ability to water construction pads. This will occur as the Summer months approach and water use increases by the development. As a result of a letter written to Cloacina by the General Manager, they are moving forward. Cloacina has agreed (in writing) to complete the programming of the plant, replace warrantied items and provide an operations and maintenance manual.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 11:42 am.

Julia D. Stornetta

Julia D. Stornetta, District Secretary