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FRANK SPLENDORIO, LEGAL COUNSEL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Root Creek Water District  
held on  
August 12, 2024**

**1. Call to Order**

The board meeting for the Root Creek Water District (RCWD) was called to order at 11:01 a.m. by President Nick Bruno. Board members present were Nick Bruno, Jeffrey Coulthard, Shannon Simonian, Mike DeLaGuerra, and Henk Griffin. Board members absent were Eric Bream and Matthew Cerniglia. Members of the public included Julia Berry, Nicole Stornetta, Brian Ehlers, Steve Pickens, Steve Spencer, Shay Bakman and Frank Splendorio.

**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 July 8, 2024, board meeting stating there were grammatical errors on customer installment payment plan, and to accept the June 2024 financials. The motion carried.

**5. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**6. Board Action Items**

- a. **RCWDGSA GSP Update** – Director Cerniglia made a motion, seconded by Director Simonian, to enter into an agreement for professional engineering services with Provost & Pritchard not to exceed \$40,000 to update the Root Creek Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (RCWDGSA) Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and make a budget adjustment to *Engineering Budget Line Item 620.04-2*. The motion carried.

**7. District Engineers Report**

The District Engineer stated that with an additional 600-1,100 connections, we will have a problem in regard to the WWTF. The request came into flush backbone in Village E by the developer. The issue is where does this water go. A flushing plan is due to be submitted by August 13 by the developer. The board is requesting a basin be built immediately and to reuse water. RCWD cannot hold this flushed water, and this flushed water can only be reused where it will not compromise our municipal water system. Water meters are not being installed in a timely manner due to builders not laying sidewalks nor are they cleaning meter boxes.

Well 277 is plugged currently and P & P is getting estimates from Zim Enterprises to fix and scrub well.

Plans are done for Well 5 (1,000,000 gallons) – modifications need to be done and ICAD will need to program.

**8. Legal Counsel Report**

SB 1255 is related to low-income rate assistance program. Customers will subsidize these lower rates but can opt out if they choose not to participate.

**9. District Manager's Report**

There were 43 building permits pulled in the month of July and 94 escrow closings reported by builders in Riverstone.

Currently, we are going back and forth with Tesco to come to an agreement on how much of the work was actually completed. The District says 20% and Tesco is saying more.

We are documenting in emails these conversations.

There was a meeting held with Lennar representatives regarding the P.G.&E. power line being under grounded. Lennar has agreed to pay the cost of this. RCWD has stipulated this must be done along with Well 277 by May 2025 due to the District's Water Blending Facility Project being completed summer 2025. Lennar also agreed to pay for a 24 hour/day generator if power is not up by May 2025.

Julia and Legal Counsel, Frank Splendorio are approaching Madera County now to run RCWD election in 2026.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 11:59 am.



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Julia D. Berry, District Secretary