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BRIAN EHLERS, DISTRICT ENGINEER
FRANK SPLENDORIO, LEGAL COUNSEL

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Root Creek Water District
held on
Monday, February 9, 2026**

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, Matt Cerniglia and Mike De La Guerra, and Henk Griffin. Board member(s) absent: Eric Bream. Members of the public included Julia Berry, Frank Splendorio, Al Solis, Brian Ehlers, Steve Pickens, Shay Bakman, and Melissa Anna.

2. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Closed Session

Closed Session convened at 11:02 a.m. and closed at 11:26 a.m.

5. Report from Closed Session

There were no reportable items.

6. Potential Conflicts of interest

There were no potential conflicts of interest identified.

7. Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Director De La Guerra, seconded by Director Cerniglia, to adopt the minutes from the meeting on November 10, 2025, with a change to include “wastewater” and “municipal” water flow in the District Engineer’s report, and to accept the November and December 2025 financials. The motion carried.

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9. Board Action Items

- a. **District Procurement** – Director Cerniglia made a motion, seconded by Director Simonian, to adopt a revised District Procurement and Purchasing Policy. The motion carried.
- b. **Security and Surveillance Services** – A motion was made by Director Griffin, seconded by Director De La Guerra, to authorize the General Manager, or her designee, to enter into an agreement, in a form approved by General Counsel, for onsite security services at District facilities. Amount \$61,152. (*Budget Item 580-03 - 2, -3, 4.*) The motion carried.
- c. **District Audit Report** – Director Simonian made a motion, seconded by Director Cerniglia, to accept the Fiscal Year 2023 District Audit. The motion carried.
- d. **Wonderful Water Contract Amendment-** Director De La Guerra made a motion, seconded by Director Coulthard to authorize the General Manager, or her designee, to sign a 13th Amendment to the existing contract for water supply with Wonderful Nut Orchards, LLC, in a form approved by District Counsel. The motion carried.

10. District Engineer Report

District Engineer Brian Ehlers reported that the average daily wastewater flow for the month of January was 435,669 gallons and the daily peak flow was 512,946 gallons. There were 20,478,790 gallons in municipal water deliveries in January to support the following uses: municipal, landscape irrigation, commercial, system hydrant flushing, construction Water Treatment Facility commissioning, and Wastewater Treatment Plant operations. In the month of January, the total residential and commercial water connections in the system were 3,223. The new Wastewater Treatment Plant continues to run smoothly and construction on the widening of Avenue 12 continues.

11. Legal Counsel Report

No report was given.

12. District Manager's Report

GM Berry reported she has contacted the county about upcoming elections. GM Berry reported that staff are targeting the March meeting for a public hearing to consider capacity fees.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.



Julia D. Berry, District Secretary