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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Root Creek Water District
held on
March 14, 2022**

1. Call to Order

The board meeting for the Root Creek Water District was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by President Nick Bruno. Board members present were Nick Bruno, Jeff Coulthard, Amber Mendoza (via phone), Eric Bream, Dan Hoffman, Lynn Hoffman, and Brice Jones. Members of the public included Julia Berry, Gabriel Delgado, Al Solis, Jason Stacier, and Angela Perez.

2. Election of Officers

Director L. Hoffman motioned to keep the current slate of officer positions as it currently stands, Director Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Additions to the Agenda

There was no addition to the agenda.

4. AB 361 Resolution

There was a motion by Director L. Hoffman, seconded by Director Coulthard, and the motion carried to approve the AB 361 Resolution with an update to today's date in Section 5.

5. Public Comment

The district received no public comment.

6. Potential Conflicts of interest

There were no conflicts identified.

7. Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Director Coulthard, seconded by Director Hoffman to approve the minutes of the special board on January 24, 2022, and both the December 2021 and January 2022 financials. The motion carried.

8. Correspondence

The district received no correspondence.

9. Committee Reports

GM Stornetta summarized the key points on the water supply and utilization ad hoc Committee meeting. The committee recommends that the district considers entering mediation with Madera Irrigation District. The District has forwarded a standby payments to both Madera Irrigation District and Wonderful Nut Orchards for 2022 water supply.

GM Stornetta also addresses the annexation process for Consolidated LD to enter the District. The District will assist Consolidated Land Co. with its efforts by providing a list of requirements prior to development. The annexation will require a water supply to the District to be provided by Consolidated Land Co. to support its water consumption.

10. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

a. Budget Adjustments

Director L. Hoffman motioned to approve adjustments to the district budget. Director D. Hoffman seconded the motion, and the motion carried to adjust budget items 560.01, 510.03, and 960.20:

1. Expense: Permits *Budget Item 560.01.02* increase \$6800.00
2. Other Expense: Water Purchases *Budget Item 510.03* increase \$765,442.60
3. Other Expense: *Interest Expense Budget Item 960.2* increase \$488,761.81

b. 2021 SGM Grant Program Implementation Grant Resolution

GM Stornetta reported on the district's opportunity to become the administrator for the SGMA implementation grant program. This will allow the district to administer a grant on behalf of the Madera Subbasin. Director L. Hoffman motioned to approve filing a grant application, receive grants funds, execute , Director Coulthard seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

11. District Engineer's Report

Wastewater peak flow was 216,470 gallons per day in the month of February, with an average daily flow of approximately 142,165 gpd. There exist over 1,000 municipal connections. The District Engineer notified the board about the shut offs of both the Ovivo plant and the 50,000 gpd Cloacina plants. A new Cloacina plant is online and has been in operation for one month. The second Cloacina train is expected to be delivered by the end of March and the final site improvements are almost completed. Total volume will be 400,000 gpd with both trains in operation.

District Engineer Ehlers also mentioned Well #5 should be operational by the end of March.

12. Legal Counsel Report

Public meetings may be held virtually until March 31, 2022, which is also subject to change depending on the severity of the pandemic at that time.

13. General Manager's Report

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GM Stornetta informed the board that the MPAC200 wastewater treatment facility and Well #5 facilities have been added to the district's insurance policy coverage. GM Stornetta also mentioned that she conducted a site visit to Cloacina to inspect the second train for the wastewater plant.

The district made payments for the municipal bonds in the month of March with CFD funds and will make another scheduled payment in September. The schedule is as follows:

	Improvement Area 1	Improvement Area 2
March	\$114,849.31	\$ 47,031.25
September	\$229,850.00	\$ 97,031.25
2022 Total	\$344,699.31	\$ 144,062.50

GM Stornetta then reported that construction at Muni Well #5 is dependent on a PGE easement in order for PGE to work on the transformer which will power the well. Currently, the easement needs to be notarized and emailed to the PGE representative and work is scheduled for April 24, 2022. The district has begun providing water to ranches from Well #1. Complaints of brown water increased after damage to a water system blow off increased flows and increased sediment interaction with chlorine.

A letter from District Counsel was mailed to subcontractor RT Diversified on March 3rd, 2022. There is an ongoing contractual issue with RTD for services as it relates to the cost for operating wastewater facilities. The subcontractor requests additional payment for operating the new plant. GM Stornetta will continue to negotiate with RT Diversified and bring a potential solution to the board of directors.

14. Adjournment

Director L. Hoffman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Jones, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.



Julia D. Berry, District Secretary