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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Root Creek Water District
held on
June 13, 2022**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Additions to the Agenda

There was no addition to the agenda.

3. Public Comment

The district received no public comment.

4. CLOSED SESSION

Closed session concluded at 11:15 a.m. There were no reportable actions from Closed Session.

5. Call to Order Regular Session

Regular session was called back to order at 11:16 a.m.

6. Public Comment

The district received no public comment.

7. Potential Conflicts of interest

There were two conflicts of interest with Director Bruno and Director Mendoza regarding item 10d. Urban Reimbursement Agreement.

8. Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Director Coulthard, seconded by Director Jones to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on May 9, 2022, and the April 2022 financials. The motion carried.

9. Correspondence

GM Stornetta reported that the district had received correspondence from Department of Water Resources (DWR) regarding a total of \$ 7.6 million dollars in grant funds would be given to the Madera Subbasin for projects in Groundwater Sustainability Plans.

RCWD will be funded to construct additional surface water conveyance facilities with a portion of these grant funds. Also, staff has been coordinating with DWR to complete the paperwork associated with being the grant administration.

10. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

a. Well #6 Provost & Prichard Scope of Work

A motion was made by Director Jones and seconded by Director L. Hoffman to authorize a contract with Provost & Prichard to conduct services for the design and development of Well #6. The scope of work is to drill a test well to evaluate the water supply and quality for municipal service. The motion carried.

b. Basin Modification Project Change Orders

A motion was made Director Mendoza, seconded by Director Jones to approve change order items for Provost and Prichard for services performed on the storm basin, and budget item 900.08 -04 to increase by \$51,470.33. The motion carried.

c. Budget Adjustment

A motion was made by Director Jones, seconded by Director L. Hoffman to approve payment of the district's renewal fee for membership in the CV-Salts prioritization and optimization study, and budget item 560.01 - 02,05 to increase by \$1,196.25. The motion carried.

At 11:29 a.m., Directors Bruno and Director Mendoza departed the meeting.

d. Urban Reimbursement Agreement

Director Jones then made a motion to authorize Vice President Jeff Coulthard to sign the Restated Urban Reimbursement Agreement, Director L. Hoffman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

At 11:42 a.m., Directors Bruno and Director Mendoza returned to the meeting.

e. Prop 218 Rate Study

Director Coulthard made a motion, seconded by Director L. Hoffman to accept the Agricultural and Municipal Prop 218 Rate Studies, to approve mailing the 218 notices, and to establish August 8, 2022, as the public hearing date. The motion carried.

11. District Engineer's Report

Municipal Well #5 (Well 276) construction was completed as of the middle of May. Site improvements have been completed for the second Cloacina wastewater train, with some electrical wiring issues to be resolved. District Engineer Ehlers has been focused on the following related to wastewater operations: Year-end bids for the Groundwater Blending

Facility; design and development of disinfection process; and planning for expansion of the wastewater facilities above the current capacity of 400,000 gallons a day. He reported on progress with municipal Well #6 (Well 277) , including: project features and layout; issues to be resolved include PG&E service, raw water pipeline construction, and making the blending facility operational.

12. Legal Counsel Report

Council Lauren Layne reported that there have been additional language modifications to AB 2449, which seeks to amend the Brown Act, allowing for virtual meetings until June 2024. Secondly, AB 2201 allows the State Water Resources Board to impose requirements on local agencies or a combination of agencies to establish a groundwater sustainability plan subject to critical conditions of overdraft and require a permit for any new groundwater wells including any alteration to existing wells.

13. General Manager's Report

Riverstone Building Permits
May 29

GM Stornetta notified the board that the district will soon launch an updated website design. She gave water supply updates and reported that RCWD was bound to sell water ordered through the Wonderful water supply contract at the rate of 1300 per acre-foot, due to the inability to deliver large quantities of water as a result of drought conditions.

14. Public Hearing- Community Facilities District (CFD)

At 12:34 pm the public hearing was opened.

No public comment was received. Director L. Hoffman made a motion, seconded by Director Coulthard to adopt the CFD resolutions for Improvement Areas 1 and 2; therefore, authorizing the annual levy of special taxes for the fiscal year 2022/2023. The total levy is \$638,500.40.

The public hearing closed at 12:37 pm.

15. Adjournment

Director L. Hoffman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Jones, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 pm.



Julia D. Berry, District Secretary