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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Root Creek Water District
held on
February 8, 2021**

1. Call to Order

The board meeting for the Root Creek Water District was called to order at 11:03 a.m. via conference call by President Nick Bruno. Board members present were: Nick Bruno, Jeff Coulthard, Eric Bream, Dan Hoffman, Lynn Hoffman, Toni Scarborough and Amber Mendoza. Members absent: none. Members of the public included Julia Berry, Gabriel Delgado with Baker, Manock and Jensen, Brian Ehlers, Emory Wishon, Sydney Wishon, Shay Bakman, Brian Partridge, and Hannah Galindo with Fresno Land.

2. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Potential Conflicts of Interests

There were no conflicts identified.

5. Consent Calendar

A motion to approve item 5a.-5c. Consent Calendar was made by Director Mendoza, seconded by Director L. Hoffman and the motion carried.

6. Correspondence:

The District received no correspondence.

7. Committee Reports

8. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Old Business

a. RT Diversified Rate Schedule

At the January board meeting, staff was directed to compare rates to the cities of Clovis and Fresno, and to consider taking the contract out to bid. Both of these items were completed. It was noted by GM Berry that rates may be increased at the Board's

discretion to cover the costs of water and wastewater services. Any rate increase approved by the Board of Directors would require a public hearing.

A motion was made by Director L. Hoffman and seconded by Director Coulthard to adopt a revised rate schedule effective January 1, 2021. The motion carried.

New Business

b. District Standards and Specifications

A motion was made by Director L. Hoffman, seconded by Director Scarborough to adopt revised standards for easements related to storm drain facilities, establishing a 30' easement and prohibiting these easements from being located on private property.

9. District Engineer's Report

Wastewater flows peak was 122,000 gallons per day in the month of January, with average daily flows approximately 95,000 gpd. There are 688 municipal connections and a total of 760 connections in the system. The Clacina wastewater unit is operating well and is in compliance with the District's wastewater discharge permit requirements.

10. Legal Counsel Report

Gabriel Delgado filled in for District Counsel Lauren Layne and there was no legal report.

11. General Manager's Report

Riverstone Building Permits:

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GM Berry reported that action by the Board of Directors at the January 2021 meeting authorized the Water Supply and Utilization Committee to give direction to staff, which resulted in a decision to order 4,000 acre-feet of water from Wonderful Orchards. The standby charge of approximately \$1.7 million dollars was forwarded to Wonderful and the order is placed.

GM Berry and District Counsel continue to work on an agreement to lease or acquire Well #276, scheduled to be converted for municipal use. Also, Berry notified the Board that warrants will be issued to reflect District obligations on a regular basis as landowner contributions are forwarded to cover District expenses.

An Application for water rights on Root Creek is drafted and has been reviewed by Counsel. It will be submitted in step with a grant application already under reviewed by state staff for funding from the Storm Water Resources Plan grant program.

District Engineer Ehlers has drafted the Annual Report for GM Berry's review. It will then be provided to the other GSA's in the Madera Subbasin for review, in accordance with the signed Subbasin Coordination Agreement. The Madera Subbasin Coordination Group will meet on Thursday, February 11, 2021.

**12. ROOT CREEK WATER DISTRICT ACTING AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT (CFD) NO. 2016-1**

No action was taken. The bond issuance and sale schedule was distributed as an information item only. Bond proceeds will be available to the District on March 30, 2021 and the bond staff team has convened several conference calls, including RCWD Board members, staff and interested parties. The project is on schedule.

14. Adjournment

Director L. Hoffman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director D. Hoffman, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.



Julia D. Berry, District Secretary