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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Root Creek Water District
held on
May 9, 2022**

1. Call to Order

The board meeting for the Root Creek Water District was called to order at 11:03 a.m. by President Nick Bruno. Board members present were Nick Bruno, Jeff Coulthard, Amber Mendoza, Dan Hoffman, and Lynn Hoffman. Members absent: Eric Bream and Brice Jones. Members of the public included Julia Berry, Shay Bakman, Lauren Layne, Gabriel Delgado, 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. Potential Conflicts of interest

There were no conflicts identified.

5. Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Director Coulthard, seconded by Director Hoffman to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting on April 11, 2022, and March 2022 financials. The motion passes with Director Bruno abstaining.

6. Correspondence

There were no conflicts identified.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Water Supply and Utilization ad hoc Committee

The committee reported that the water delivery season remains uncertain, and supply is diminished by the call on water by the Exchange Contractors for water from the Central Valley Project. The District will purchase and deliver as much water, of the 3,500 AF order placed, as is possible through the contract with Wonderful Nut Orchards. Deliveries will be dependent on the run time schedule of Madera Irrigation District.

8. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

a. RT Diversified Contract

A motion was made by Director L. Hoffman and seconded by Director Coulthard to authorize an amendment to the contract to reflect a monthly wastewater operations increase to \$15,000.00 per month commencing June 1, 2022. Direction was given to staff to negotiate terms for hauling and discharge services with RT Diversified for wastewater management.

b. Water Supply and Utilization

Director L. Hoffman made a motion to adopt a ninth amendment to the water supply agreement with Wonderful Nut Orchards, Director Mendoza seconded the motion, and the motion passes.

c. Delinquency Management Schedule

No action was taken to adopt a schedule for water service interruption due to non-payment. General direction was given by the board to make amendments to the delinquency policy to ensure compliance with SB 988 policy for municipal service schedules.

d. Finance Committee

The board gave general direction to rename the budget committee to budget/finance committee, the purpose of the committee is to focus on financial matters, i.e. bond issuance, budgeting, and district service rates, among others.

9. District Engineer's Report

Wastewater peak flow was 145,000 gallons per day in the month of April with 1,039 municipal connections. Site improvements have been completed for the second Cloacina wastewater train, which is expected to be delivered by mid-June. District Engineer Ehlers is working on the following related to wastewater operations: the executed contract with Cloacina on a new DryPac; Year-end bids for the design and development of disinfection processes; and planning for expansion past 400,000 gallons a day.

The District Engineer continues to move forward with Well #277 – Project features and layout have been initiated; Groundwater Blending Facility pilot testing has been coordinated with vendors. Irrigation system expansion layout complete.

The District Engineer also mentioned the continued installation of the pump and motor to Well #5 continues with an on-site PG&E visit set to be rescheduled for the second week of May. The Storm Basin Modification construction work has been completed.

10. Legal Counsel Report

Council Lauren Layne attended the ACWA conference. She reported that Prop 2018 litigation mentioned the possibility of tiered rates. AB 2449 seeks to amend the Brown Act, allowing for virtual meetings until June 2024. AB 2108 allows the State Water Resources Board to include at least one member who is not required to have specialized experience in water supply and water quality.

11. General Manager's Report

Riverstone Building Permits

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GM Stornetta notified the board about the even-year election in 2022. GM Stornetta also mentioned the Road 40 is sagging above Root Creek's irrigation line and the need for road repair.

12. Adjournment

Director L. Hoffman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Coulthard, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 pm.



Julia D. Stornetta, District Secretary