

Special Meeting Minutes of the Florin Resource Conservation District

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

Attendance:

Committee Members: Chuck Dawson – present
Barrie Lightfoot – present
Tom Nelson – present
Don Menasco – present
Elliot Mullberg - present

Associate Members: Davies Ononiwu and Mike Schmitz

Staff: Mark J. Madison, General Manager
Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary
Dennis Coleman, Finance Manager
Donella Ouellette, Finance Supervisor
Bruce Kamilos, Associate Civil Engineer

Consultants: Ann Siprelle, General Counsel, BBK

This was a posted meeting and it began at 5:30 PM.

Public comment for items not on the agenda:

Mike Menowsky, rate payer, commented on a number of concerns he had. He stated he would like to see EGWD provide conservation options for the customers use for their homes and yards. Mr. Menowsky stated he would like EGWD to review the base charge and consider restructuring it based on the highest usage. He also stated he would like to see programs offered to those customers that cannot afford the rates.

1. Central Valley Rail to Trails Foundation Presentation

General Manager Mark Madison introduced the agenda topic and provided a background on the subject. In summary, the FRCD Board of Directors passed Resolution 09.17.03.01 on September 17, 2003 to support the Central California Traction (CCT) Corridor Company Rails-to-Trials project, which was proposed by the Central Valley Rails-to-Trails Foundation (CVRTF). The project was designed to convert a portion of the railways between Sacramento and Lodi into a safe route for non-motorized recreation and alternative commuting.

Betsy Mahan, CVRTF President, spoke to the FRCD Board of Directors regarding the status of the CCT. She stated that the project was still being held up due to a high speed rail project. She stated that the CVRTF launched a campaign to save the trail and will be hosting their annual fundraiser event TrailFest 2013, which will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2013, at Project R.I.D.E., in Elk Grove.

2. Title and Role of Elk Grove Water District as a Department of the Florin Resource Conservation District

Chairman Barrie Lightfoot introduced the agenda item.

Director Elliot Mulberg gave some background on the item. He stated that everyone thinks of the Florin Resource Conservation District as the Elk Grove Water District.

A discussion occurred regarding changing the name to combine the FRCD and the EGWD.

General Counsel Ann Siprelle stated that the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors would have to authorize a name change.

Comments included:

- FRCD activities could not be financially covered by the EGWD rate payers.
- A tax could be added for FRCD activities with the vote of the rate payers and if it passed.

General Manager Mark Madison inquired if the Board of Directors would like staff to prepare a resolution to change the name. The FRCD Board of Directors directed staff to not change the name, by a majority vote, 4/1; nays: Dawson, Lightfoot, Menasco, Nelson; and ayes: Mulberg.

A discussion occurred regarding developing a website for the FRCD.

Mr. Mulberg suggested adding the FRCD name to the banner on the EGWD website (Florin Resource Conservation District/Elk Grove Water District). Mr. Madison replied that staff will take care of it.

A discussion occurred regarding ordering business cards for the FRCD Board of Directors. Mr. Madison stated he would develop some options for the Board for the Florin Resource Conservation District/Elk Grove Water District business cards.

3. Brown Act Overview

General Counsel Ann Siprelle gave an overview of the Brown Act.

She highlighted what can be discussed in open session after being discussed in closed session. In summary, confidential information obtained in closed session cannot be disclosed in open session. After an agreement discussed in closed session is approved, the agreement becomes public document, and therefore anything contained in the approved agreement that was discussed in closed session is no longer "confidential" and may be discussed. Similarly, to the extent a closed session matter is reported out in open session, it is no longer "confidential" and may be discussed. However, any negotiations or other discussions in closed session that is not documented in a final agreement or that has not been made public by report out in open session remains confidential and may not be disclosed.

Mr. Madison suggested that Brown Act training be scheduled for the Board of Directors.

Adjourn to next Regular Board Meeting on July 24, 2013, at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefani Phillips

Stefani Phillips, Secretary