

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRCD BOARD

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Florin Resource Conservation District was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Barrie Lightfoot, Chair, at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove CA.

### Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present: Barrie Lightfoot, Chuck Dawson, Don Menasco, Elliot Mulberg and Tom Nelson  
Directors Absent: None  
Staff Present: Mark J. Madison, General Manager; Dennis Coleman, Finance Manager; Bruce Kamilos, Associate Civil Engineer; Donella Ouellette, Finance Supervisor; Ellen Carlson, Management Analyst; Water Distribution Foreman Jose Carrillo; Water Distribution Operator II John Diaz; and Administrative Assistant II Michelle Costa-Norwood  
Associate Directors Present: Davies Ononiwu and Mike Schmitz  
Consultants Present: Ann Siprelle, General Counsel

### Public Comment

None

#### 1. Proclamations and Announcements

Recognition of John Diaz for five years of service with the District.

The Board congratulated Mr. Diaz for his service with the District.

#### 2. Consent Calendar

- a. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 26, 2014
- b. FRCD Cash Flow Worksheet – February, 2014
- c. Warrants Paid – February, 2014
- d. Active Accounts – February, 2014
- e. Bond Covenant Status for FY 2013-2014 – February, 2014
- f. Revenues and Expenses – Actual vs Budget FY 2013-2014 – February, 2014
- g. Cash Accounts – February, 2014
- h. Consultants Expenses – February, 2014
- i. Conservation Activities – February, 2014

Director Elliot Mulberg pulled Consent Calendar item i for discussion.

MSC (Mulberg/Dawson) to approve Consent Calendar items a-h, 5/0: Ayes: Dawson, Menasco, Mulberg, Nelson, and Lightfoot.

Director Elliot Mulberg thanked staff for putting together the information for agenda item number (i) Conservation Activities.

MSC (Mulberg/Nelson) to approve Consent Calendar items i, 5/0: Ayes: Dawson, Menasco, Mulberg, Nelson, and Lightfoot.

The Board thanked the staff for the conservation activities that they participate in.

### 3. 2013-14 Drought Water Conservation Efforts

Management Analyst Ellen Carlson introduced Amy Talbot from the Regional Water Authority (RWA).

Ms. Talbot highlighted RWA's drought water conservation efforts:

- Public outreach specific to drought
- Interactive website
- "How long you can go" campaign
- Cultivating relationships with the community and encouraging partnerships

Ms. Talbot stated that Ms. Carlson does a wonderful job with the Water Conservation Program.

Ms. Carlson mentioned that an additional \$30,000 has been awarded for the Meter Retrofit Program by RWA.

### 4. Operations Report – January 2014

General Manager Mark Madison highlighted the following activities:

- Door hangers – may discuss discontinuing the process for door hangers during the months of November/December
  - February door hangers dropped down to 397
- Work Orders – Hydrant Flushing has been frozen due to drought and conservation efforts
- Hydrant maintenance - 117
- Meters Retrofit - Commercial
  - 9 – Distribution } to date, the District is more than half way complete.
  - 14 – Utility }
- Well 12 – no longer on line (needs to come off map)
- 1D School Street – ran very little
- Well 4D Webb Street – ran the most
- Well 11D Dino – second in line
- Well 14D Railroad – did not produce
- Well 3 Marvell – off line for maintenance
- Well 8 Williamson – off line for maintenance for piping modifications (building a shed for noise control)
- Well 9 Polhemus – off line for maintenance
- No additional water purchased from Sacramento County
- Combined total production down from last year – 40% drop
  1. Conservation /awareness
  2. Intertie closed
- Static pumping levels – no updates
- All samples were regular and submitted on time. .
  - Bacti sample – Closed valve issue that caused the line pressure to drop
  - Backflow – 37 notices were issued (18 passed, 3 failed and were retested and passed) there is 13 delinquencies to follow up on.
- 4 safety meetings
- Meter Retrofit – the map indicates what is left for completion.
  - Melrose – District crews performing the work
- EGWD leaks – 5 service line leaks (saddles)
- Pressures are balanced in service area 1 and 2

- IT Report – CityWorks is in service now. (The Asset Management Program and the GIS work will run through CityWorks.)

Associate Director Davies Ononiwu inquired as to why the wells have not been running.

General Manager Mark Madison responded that there are wells that have been deactivated and they are being abandoned. He stated, in relation to the wells that are not running the reason for that is due to needed maintenance; they are on standby mode waiting to be serviced.

#### **5. Purchase Order for a 2014 Ford F550 Dump Truck**

General Manager Mark Madison presented the FRCD Board of Directors with a purchase order for a 2014 Ford F550 Dump Truck. He stated that the dump truck and an pickup truck were included in the FY 2013-14 Capital Improvement Program and approved by the Board on June 26, 2013. He stated that bids for both vehicles were solicited and the dump truck bid came in at \$51,337.09, which is over the General Manager's purchasing authority requiring Board approval.

MSN (Mulberg/Dawson) to approve the issuance of a purchase order to Elk Grove Ford, in the Amount of \$51,337.09, for the purchase of a 2014 Ford F550 2-3 Yard Dump Truck, 5/0: Ayes: Dawson, Menasco, Mulberg, Nelson, and Lightfoot.

#### **6. Florin Resource Conservation District Election**

Secretary Stefani Phillips presented the resolution calling the District General Election. She stated that the resolution to consolidate with the state election is due by June 4, 2014. Ms. Phillips stated that there would be three seats up (Directors Barrie Lightfoot, Don Menasco, and Tom Nelson) in November 2014. She stated that the candidate statement, which is optional, would cost \$2050.00, and currently, the election cost is approximately \$113,028. Ms. Phillips stated that the final number of registered voters would be tallied after May 17, 2014, which would establish the final election costs.

The Board carried a discussion regarding how the election could be paid for, such as the method used in the past (90/10 split – 90% EGWD and 10% FRCD). Director Chuck Dawson commented that most of the voters live outside of the EGWD boundaries and that he did not like that particular split.

Director Dawson suggested adding an initiative to the ballot to raise money for the FRCD.

The Board had a discussion in regard to adding an initiative to the ballot.

Director Elliot Mulberg commented that he felt that the EGWD ratepayers should pay for the election costs because they get the benefit of the Board of Directors not the FRCD. He commented that the Board needs to figure something out to benefit the people outside of the EGWD boundaries.

Chairman Barrie Lightfoot inquired how to get an initiative on the ballot. General Counsel Ann Siprelle, replied that the FRCD can get an initiative on the ballot.

A discussion occurred regarding methods to raise money for the FRCD. Director Elliot Mulberg recommended having staff present options to raise money for the FRCD.

Director Elliot Mulberg stated he would see if Mr. Rose would be available for the next Board meeting.

A discussion was held regarding alternative methods to the election to reduce the cost, such as having the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors select a board for the FRCD, or a mail ballot.

The Board's consensus was to stay with the election process and to discuss how to split the costs of the election at a later date.

MSC (Nelson/Mulberg) to adopt a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Board of the Florin Resource Conservation District Calling the District General Election and requesting consolidation with the November 4, 2014 Statewide Election, 5/0: Ayes: Dawson, Menasco, Mulberg, Nelson, and Lightfoot.

## 7. Legislative Update

Management Analyst Ellen Carlson presented the Legislative Update to the Board of Directors.

She highlighted the following developments:

- HR 194 – amended authorization
- HR 1331 – passed committee and moving forward (Bond Bill)
- AB 1674 – moving forward (Bond Bill)
- AB 848, SB 927, SB 1080, and SB 1250 are all Bond Bills
- SB 1420 – System water loss (new bill) – will follow carefully
  - This bill refers to the Urban Water Management Plan – new requirement (Quantify and report on distribution system water loss)
- SB 1370 – new Water Bond Bill

Director Tom Nelson commented that although the District is working at getting all of the connections on meters, it still does not give accurate information as to the water consumed and produced in the same time period. General Manager Mark Madison stated he would have to give that some thought.

General Manager Mark Madison commented that the District is starting to see aggressive legislation. For instance, Costa's bills are aggressive on "storing water".

Director Elliot Mulberg inquired if Ms. Carlson knew anything about AB 1739 – Groundwater Basin Management: sustainability. Ms. Carlson stated that she did not know very much on that bill and will look into it further.

## 8. Committee Meeting(s) Update

None

## 9. Directors Comments and Information

Chairman Barrie Lightfoot requested staff to invite NRCS District Conservationist Dwane Coffey to attend the April Board meeting to give the Board an update. He stated he would like to hear what information Mr. Coffey could provide on drip systems for agriculture to help with conservation efforts.

Director Tom Nelson stated that he would like to put on a workshop for the farmers hosted by the tri-RCD's to show them how to produce more with less water. He said that he knows of someone who irrigates for alfalfa using a conservation friendly irrigation system. Mr. Nelson stated that maybe Mr. Coffey could provide be of help with the coordination of a workshop.

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**10. Closed Session**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Section 54957)

Title: General Manager

Respectfully submitted,

*Stefani Phillips*

Stefani Phillips, Secretary