

### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRCD BOARD

# Wednesday, August 27, 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; Hossein Golestan Interim

Finance Manager; Bruce Kamilos, Associate Civil Engineer; Donella Ouellette, Finance Supervisor; Ellen Carlson,

Management Analyst; and Daphne Murra-Davis, Customer

Service Representative II

Associate Directors Present: Davies Ononiwu and Bob Gray Consultants Present: Ann Siprelle, General Counsel

#### **Public Comment**

Laura Bemis, member of the public, addressed the board with a request to purchase a piece of property adjacent to her home (next to Well #6), which is owned by the District. General Manager Mark Madison replied that the District has not entertained the idea of selling any of its properties, but if they do, they will keep that in mind.

#### 1. Proclamations and Announcements

Recognition of Daphne Murra-Davis for 5 years of service.

General Manager Mark Madison presented Daphne Murra-Davis, Customer Service Representative II with a plaque recognizing her for 5 years of service.

#### 2. Consent Calendar (Stefani Phillips, Secretary)

- a. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 23, 2014
- b. FRCD Cash Flow Worksheet July, 2014
- c. Warrants Paid July, 2014
- d. Active Accounts July, 2014
- e. Bond Covenant Status for FY 2014-15 July, 2014
- f. Revenues and Expenses Actual vs Budget FY 2014-15 July, 2014
- g. Cash Accounts July, 2014
- h. Consultants Expenses July, 2014
- i. Conservation Activities July, 2014

The board requested to pull Consent Calendar f and i for discussion.

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

Director Tom Nelson inquired on Consent Calendar item (f) Revenues and Expenses as to why there was an increase in Office and Operational expenses.

Finance Supervisor Donella Ouellette responded that the District paid the insurance and workers compensation premiums for the quarter up front.

Director Elliot Mulberg requested that Consent Calendar item i be presented at future Regular Board Meetings as a reportable update with a staff report and not part of the Consent Calendar.

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

## 3. Solar Energy Development Presentation

Andy Sinnot, Project Development Manager, SolarCity, gave a presentation to the FRCD Board of Directors on solar energy development. He stated that SolarCity is an ACWA preferred provider. Mr. Sinnot stated that they performed a feasibility study and that it would not be cost effective to install solar energy at the Railroad facility at this time. He stated that maybe next year at this time it would be more cost effective.

Mr. Sinnot stated that SolarCity can set up a contract with EGWD for solar energy under a power purchase agreement (PPA).

Director Don Menasco inquired if any of the abandoned well sites could be used for solar energy and if the District could wheel the energy to another location.

Mr. Sinnot replied, perhaps, it really depends on the open space that is available (2-4 acres).

# 4. Operations Report – July, 2014

General Manager Mark Madison highlighted the following activities:

- Low pressure in Service Area 2 Sacramento County
- Door hangers 393
- Shut-offs 61
- USA's 137 (a lot)
  - o PG & E looking for gas leaks
- Hydrant Maintenance 43 (painting hydrants)
- Utility Crew 1 meter
- Well 1D hardly ran
- Well 4D heavy producer
- Well 11D 2<sup>nd</sup> largest producer at approximately 110 million gallons
- Well 14D not too much
- Well 3 a fair amount (air problem resolved and being monitored)
- Well 8 ran quite a bit
- Well 9 ran not stop
- No water purchased from Sacramento County
- Combined production down 20%
  - Sacramento County production down 6%
- Static and pumping nothing new to report
- Samples taken 86 (a lot of samples)
  - Start of FY and annual samples taken
  - Warf hydrant replacement project
  - o Pneumatic tank at Well 9
- Backflow
  - Developing a better report system for reporting to the FRCD Board of Directors

- o July notices
  - 251 Issued
  - 147 responded
  - 104 did not respond
  - 3 did not pass
  - 107 remain outstanding for July
  - 16 are outstanding from May and June
  - 123 are outstanding in total

Mr. Madison stated that the Backflow program is going very well.

- Meter-retrofit Melrose Street Project the pipe has been installed
  - o Commercial (non-resident) 29
  - Multi-family units still to come
- New Map bull heads (review on bull heads to follow)
- Leaks 4 (service)
  - o Saddles 2
  - Service hits 2 PG&E (the District mismarked them)
- Mains 1 (tree root)
- Water pressure Service Area 1 good
  - o Sacramento County has relaxed their water pressure
  - Master meters have been installed for Service Area 2 (billing has not changed yet)

# 5. Associate Board Policy Revision

General Manager Mark Madison presented the Associate Board Policy revision.

The current application process text reads:

"The application consists of a letter of interest stating qualifications and background in one of the areas of interest to the District and a resume or a letter of interest and three letters of recommendation by individuals familiar with the applicants work or qualifications."

The proposed amendment text reads:

"The application shall include a letter of interest, highlighting the applicant's qualifications and background, a resume, and three letters of recommendation by individuals familiar with the applicant's work or qualifications."

A lengthy discussion occurred.

Comments included:

Director Elliot Mulberg commented that the "areas of interest" had been removed from the existing text and would like it put back.

Vice-Chairman Chuck Dawson commented that he wants a previous level of participation/involvement in the EGWD/FRCD from those who apply.

Mr. Madison suggested the following language: "The application shall include a letter of interest, highlighting the applicant's experience, qualifications and background in one of the areas of interest to the District, a resume, and three letters of recommendation by individuals familiar with the applicants work or qualifications."

Associate Director Bob Gray commented that he had a problem with the application process requirements of needing three letters of interest. He stated he is retired and most of the people who could serve as references have passed away.

Associate Director Davies Ononiwu inquired about how an individual goes about applying because they want to serve, but does not have experience or have not participated with the District.

Mr. Madison responded, the Board would select the most qualified applicant.

MSC (Mulberg/Nelson) to adopt Resolution No. 08.27.14.01 of the Board of Directors of the Florin Resource Conservation District adopting an amended and restated Associate Directors Policy, with amendments, 5/0: Ayes: Dawson, Menasco, Mulberg, Nelson, and Lightfoot.

# 6. Adoption of the American River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

Management Analyst Ellen Carlson presented the Adoption of the American River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

MSC (Dawson/Mulberg) to adopt Resolution No. 08.27.14.02 adopting the American River Basin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, 5/0: Ayes: Dawson, Menasco, Mulberg, Nelson, and Lightfoot.

## 7. Legislative Update

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

#### Highlights:

 AB 1471 (California Water Bonds 2013-2014) was signed by the Governor and will go on the ballot.

The water bills below are all dead now:

- AB 1331 (Clean and Safe Drinking Water Act of 2014)
- o AB 2043 (Safe, Clean and Reliable Water Supply Act of 2014)
- o AB 2554 (Clean, Safe and Reliable Drinking Water Act of 2014)
- o AB 2686 (Clean, Safe and Reliable Water Supply Act of 2014)
- SB 848 (Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Flood Protection Act of 2014)
- SB 927 (Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014)
- SB 1250 (Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2014).
- SB 1370 (Reliable Water Supply Bond Act of 2014)
- SB 1168 (Groundwater sustainability plans) and AB 1739 (Groundwater basin management: sustainability) are being closely monitored and have been revised four times.
- AB 194 (Brown Act Amendment) has passed the Senate and awaiting Assembly concurrence.
- SB 992 (Common interest developments: water-efficient landscaping) has been amended to prohibit the prohibiting of recycled water.
- SB 1036 (Urban water management plans) has been presented to the Governor.

- SB 1281 (Oil and gas production: water use reporting) has been amended to reporting requirements must include source and volume of water used and its treatment.
- SB 1420 (Urban Water Management Plans) has been presented to the Governor.

General Manager Mark Madison informed the FRCD Board of Directors that the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) has been delayed. He stated that he heard that the environmental documents will be reissued after the first of the New Year (2015).

### 8. Committee Meeting(s) Update

Chairman Barrie Lightfoot and Director Tom Nelson discussed the 2x2x2 Ad-hoc Committee Meeting that was held on August 8, 2014. The meeting was initially gathered to discuss holding an irrigation workshop. They felt that the other RCD's have a willingness to work together for mutual interests.

The Employee Policy Manual Ad-hoc Committee meeting was held on August 26, 2014 to review revisions and updates.

Chairman Barrie Lightfoot thanked Vice-Chairman Chuck Dawson and Director Tom Nelson for their work and involvement with the Employee Policy Manual.

#### 9. Directors Comments and Information

Management Analyst Ellen Carlson invited the FRCD Board of Directors to a Water Conservation and Drought Workshop on September 2, 2014, at the Cosumnes Community Services District, at 6:00 pm, hosted by Ami Bera and representatives from state, regional, and local will be in attendance.

Mr. Madison asked for direction from the FRCD Board of Directions regarding their vision for a strategic workshop for the FRCD.

A brief discussion occurred.

The Board directed Mr. Madison to have a Strategic Planning Workshop to revisit the goals and objectives for the FRCD in October and to invite Karen Buhr, CARCD, and Dwane Coffey, NRCS to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stefani Phillips, Secretary