

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRCD BOARD

Wednesday, September 24, 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, and Tom Nelson
Directors Absent: Elliot Mulberg
Staff Present: Mark J. Madison, General Manager; Hossein Golestan Interim Finance Manager; Stefani Phillips, Secretary; Bruce Kamilos, Associate Civil Engineer; Donella Ouellette, Finance Supervisor
Associate Directors Present: Davies Ononiwu, Bob Gray, and Mike Schmitz
Consultants Present: Ann Siprelle, General Counsel

Public Comment

No comments were made.

1. Proclamations and Announcements

No comments were made.

2. Consent Calendar

- a. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 27, 2014 and Special Board Meeting of August 27, 2014.
- b. FRCD Cash Flow Worksheet – August, 2014
- c. Warrants Paid – August, 2014
- d. Active Accounts – August, 2014
- e. Bond Covenant Status for FY 2014-15 – August, 2014
- f. Revenues and Expenses – Actual vs Budget FY 2014-15 – August, 2014
- g. Cash Accounts – August, 2014
- h. Consultants Expenses – August, 2014

MSC (Nelson/Dawson) to approve Consent Calendar items a-h, 4/0: Ayes: Dawson, Menasco, Nelson, and Lightfoot.

3. 2014 Farm Bill and Agricultural Conservation Easement Program

Dwane Coffey, District Conservationist addressed the Board of Directors regarding the opportunities that the FRCD and its constituents have with the 2014 Farm Bill and Agricultural Conservation Easement Program.

Mr. Coffey provided three main opportunities:

- 1) Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) – for the landowners, is a cost-sharing incentive (not for RCD)
- 2) Agriculture Conservation Easement Program – for landowners, \$20M at the national level (not for RCD)
- 3) Regional Conservancy Partnership Program – for RCD, the more partners, the better the opportunity for funding

Mark J. Madison, General Manager informed the Board of Directors that Mr. Coffey would be attending the Strategic Plan Workshop for the District along with Karen Buhr from the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts.

4. Conservation Activities – August, 2014

Mark J. Madison, General Manager presented the Conservation Activities – August, 2014 to the Board of Directors. He stated that TrailFest is coming up on October 11, 2014 at Project RIDE and the FRCD is supporting it with a contribution for their silent auction.

5. Operations Report – August, 2014

Mark J. Madison, General Manager presented the highlights of the Operations Report – August, 2014:

- 6 low pressure complaints
- 57 Door Hangers
- 71 USA's
- 101 Valve Exercising
- 182 hours worked – Utility Department painted administrative building
- Well 1 – down, pump lowered
- Well 4D – carried most of the load, ran 24/7
- Well 11D – ran very little
- Well 3 - ran a third of the time
- Well 8 – ran a fourth of the time
- Well 9 – ran the whole month
- No purchased water from Sacramento County
- Combined production, conservation by customers is evident
- SMUD - \$19,000 saved in electricity in the months of June – August, through conservation efforts and not having to run the wells as much
- Static pumping
 - Wells 3, 8, and 9 have virtually not changed
- Sampling – regular
 - Extra sampling due to wharf hydrants, leaks, and pressure drop for bacteriological sample (negative)
- Regulatory reports submitted on time
- 1 discharge for backwash tank
- 5 safety meetings
- Progress made with commercial meters
- Bull-head replacements – New map showing what we need to do
- 2 mainline leaks – sheer breaks from tree roots
- 1 service leak
- Water pressure – Service Area 2 remains a little low

Director Tom Nelson recommended a trending graph to indicate comparisons in the static pumping of the wells.

Director Don Menasco inquired if we have to let our customers in Service Area 2 know that they are receiving fluoride in the water.

Mr. Madison replied, yes, the Sacramento County informed them and so did the District.

6. Health Plan Option – Account Based Health Plan

Stefani Phillips, Human Resource Specialist presented the Health Plan Option – Account Based Health Plan (ABHP) to the Board of Directors. Ms. Phillips stated that the District provides a benefit package to its employees which presently includes three health plan options. She stated that the ABHP would be an additional plan. Ms. Phillips explained to the Board, that the ABHP is a high deductible plan which incorporates a Health Savings Account (HSA). She stated the ABHP has a lower premium than the other health plans that are offered and also may provide a cost savings for the employees as well as the District.

A brief question and answer period followed.

MSC (Lightfoot/Dawson) to approve a motion to Include an Account Based Health Plan, offered by the Association of California Joint Powers Insurance Authority, as an additional health plan offered to the employees of the Elk Grove Water District, 4/0: Ayes: Dawson, Menasco, Nelson, and Lightfoot.

7. Legislative Update

Mark J. Madison, General Manager presented the Legislative Update to the Board of Directors.

Mr. Madison highlighted the following groundwater bills:

- AB1739 (Clean Water Protection Act)
- SB1168 (Groundwater Sustainability Plans)
- SB1319 (Groundwater Reform)

Mr. Madison stated that the groundwater bills represent a landmark change for the State. He stated this means that groundwater in California will now become regulated. Mr. Madison informed the Board that one problem associated with the legislation is that it does not define who the "local agencies" will be that regulate the groundwater basins. He stated the District will be working with agencies like RWA, the County, and other local RCD's to determine who the local agency will be for this area, and this must be completed by January 1, 2017.

Mr. Madison recommended that the Board read the Key Components of California Groundwater Legislation written by Best Best & Krieger, LLP.

A brief discussion occurred regarding the groundwater bills and proposed changes to come.

Mr. Madison stated that the governor signed SB 1420 and AB 2067 (Urban Water Management Plans). UWMP will be due July 1, 2016.

Chairman Barrie Lightfoot inquired how the District will know how much water has been lost. Mr. Madison replied being fully metered will help.

8. Committee Meeting(s) Update

No meetings occurred since the last Regular Board Meeting.

9. Directors Comments and Information

Mark J. Madison, General Manager gave an overview of the Fall 2014 Meeting Schedule:

- Regular Board Meeting will be October 22, 2014

- Special Board Meeting on November 19, 2014 to present the CAFR
- Proposed Regular Board Meeting on December 17, 2014 to swear in the new Board of Directors

The Board's was in favor of the Fall 2014 Meeting Schedule as presented.

10. Closed Session

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Property: 2450 Florin Rd., Sacramento, CA

Agency negotiators: Mark Madison

Negotiating parties: FRCD and Sacramento County

Under negotiation: Terms of payment

No reportable action taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefani Phillips

Stefani Phillips, Secretary