

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FLORIN RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

The regular meeting of the Florin Resource Conservation District Board of Directors was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Tom Nelson, Chairperson, at 9257 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, CA.

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

Directors Present: Bob Gray, Tom Nelson, Lisa Medina, Sophia Scherman, Elliot Mulberg
Directors Absent: None
Staff Present: Mark Madison, General Manager; Bruce Kamilos, Assistant General Manager; Patrick Lee, Treasurer; Sarah Jones, Program Manager; Amber Kavert, Administrative Assistant II (Confidential)
Staff Absent: Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary; Donella Murillo, Finance Supervisor
Associate Directors Present: Shahid Chaudhry
Associate Directors Absent: None
General Counsel Present: Ren Nosky, Nosky Legal Group

Public Comment

1. Proclamations and Announcements

General Manager, Mark Madison shared a congratulatory letter from Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San) to the Elk Grove Water District (EGWD) for 100% compliance. He mentioned, the waste water resource control section records show that the District exhibited 100% compliance with the requirements of the Regional San's industrial waste water discharge permit in the 2018 calendar year.

2. Consent Calendar

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2019
- b. Minutes of Special Board Meeting of January 30, 2019
- c. Warrants Paid – January, 2019
- d. Active Accounts – January, 2019
- e. Bond Covenant Status for FY 2018- 19 – January, 2019
- f. Revenues and Expenses – Actual vs Budget FY 2018- 19 – January, 2019
- g. Cash Accounts – January, 2019
- h. Consultants Expenses – January, 2019
- i. Major Capital Improvement Projects – January, 2019

MSC (Scherman/Medina) to approve FRCD Consent Calendar items a-i with revisions. 5/0:
Ayes: Gray, Medina, Mulberg, Nelson and Scherman.

3. Committee Meetings

There were no committee meetings held in the month of January.

4. Elk Grove Water District Operations Report – January 2019

Mr. Madison presented the EGWD Operations Report – January 2019 to the Florin Resource Conservation District (FRCD) Board of Directors (Board).

Mr. Madison highlighted this was the first month he was able to report there were zero (0) backflow prevention program delinquents.

Director Lisa Medina asked why some fire hydrants were red and some white. Mr. Madison responded EGWD paints the hydrants as Cosumnes Community Services District (CSD) requires. Assistant General Manager Bruce Kamilos stated the District standard is white for public fire hydrants.

Mr. Madison stated the Sacramento County Water Agency (SCWA) continues to have high pressures in Service Area 2. Mrs. Medina asked why SCWA runs such high pressures. Mr. Kamilos commented that we are uncertain as to why.

5. Truck Purchase for Replacement of Truck #407

Mr. Kamilos presented the agenda item to the Board.

In summary, Mr. Kamilos described the new truck and what new features the truck comes equipped with. Notably, he mentioned it will have its own separate gas tank from the air compressor so there will no longer be a need to run the motor of the truck to operate the compressor. Mr. Kamilos then went on to explain issues with the current truck.

Chairperson Tom Nelson mentioned it would be nice if Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) or California Special District Association (CSDA) could put together a Craigslist for its agencies to sell assets.

Mrs. Medina asked if the crane on the truck will be removed before it is sold. Mr. Madison replied the District will not be removing the crane from the truck.

Director Elliot Mulberg mentioned CSDA runs a blog and this could be a good place for the District to announce the truck for sale.

Mr. Mulberg asked what the average lifetime of a District truck might be. Mr. Kamilos responded that the District has an asset management plan where the condition of assets, including all vehicle and fleet are being reassessed each year. Each vehicle is being talked about and looked at from its age, mileage, repair, incidents and problems with the vehicles. He mentioned the District likes to stay on top of the preventative maintenance program by replacing the trucks.

Mr. Mulberg then questioned if the District has a replacement schedule for all vehicles. Mr. Kamilos informed him, the District has a schedule and already knows the next five (5) trucks that need to be replaced.

Director Sophia Scherman noticed Elk Grove Ford was not the lowest bidder, and therefore will not be requesting a purchase contract with them, but would like to possibly discuss using local Elk Grove business in the future.

Associate Director Shahid Chaudhry questioned if the District can go to Elk Grove Ford and show them other bids to try and get a better deal and stay local. Mr. Madison replied the District cannot negotiate on a formal bid as a public agency.

Lynn Wheat commented the City of Elk Grove got in trouble for doing "funny business" after a formal bidding process and got sued. Ms. Wheat recommended the District not follow suit.

MSC (Medina/Mulberg) to authorize the General Manager to execute a purchase order in the amount of \$90,489.41, including tax and license, with Harrold Ford to purchase a utility truck to replace Truck #407. 5/0: Ayes: Gray, Medina, Mulberg, Nelson and Scherman.

6. Outside Agency Meetings Report

Program Manager Sarah Jones, Mr. Madison and Mr. Kamilos spoke in regard to various outside agency meetings they attended.

Ms. Jones presented on the Annual Safety Symposium she attended on February 7, 2019. In summary, the meeting talked about California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) updates. The meeting focused on trenching and excavation, Valley Fever, and air quality due to the wildfires. Ms. Jones will be putting together a protocol on Valley Fever for the Districts Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP).

Mr. Madison spoke regarding the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) meeting that he and Mr. Kamilos attended on February 13, 2019. In summary, there were three (3) takeaways from the SCGA meeting: 1) The SCGA accepted the 2017-18 Comparison Annual Financial Report (CAFR). 2) There was a presentation from Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Control Board) on contaminated plumes coming towards Elk Grove from Aerojet and Mather. In the presentation, the presenter also acknowledged that because Aerojet and Mather are pumping water that goes into two (2) creeks, they have water all year available that could be used for recharge purposes. And 3) Mr. Madison mentioned the notice of violation (NOV) issued to the District was not provided in the Board Packet. Mark called out SCGA for violating the Brown Act back in November.

Mrs. Medina asked when the District should be concerned about contaminated plumes. Mr. Madison responded the Control Board is already concerned.

Vice-Chairperson Bob Gray questioned that the Control Board stated in their presentation the water is available at all times. Mr. Nelson, Mr. Madison and Mr. Kamilos responded yes. Mr. Kamilos further stated that the Control Board is stating they have the ability to pump more and treat more than they are allowed to discharge to the American River. He mentioned if there was another location like a recharge pond that they could pump to, Aerojet would have the ability to pump and treat more water.

Mr. Kamilos talked about the meeting he attended for Regional Water Reliability Planning on February 13, 2019. He stated he is on a working group for communication to do outreach. Mr. Kamilos mentioned the District should see a list of delinquent contracts in a month or two (2).

7. Legislative Report

Ms. Jones presented the Legislative report to the Board. She presented a summary of some of the bills moving through the legislation right now.

There were several bills introduced in the 2019-2020 legislative session that could potentially impact FRCD/EGWD. The deadline for submitting new bills was February 22, 2019.

In summary, Governor Newsom proposed language similar to the previous "water tax" bill, SB 623, for inclusion in the state's proposed budget, which is contrary to ACWA's proposal to address the funding issue by using surplus General Fund monies and creating a state trust. The Little Hoover Commission also released a summary of their reports completed over the past two years. One of the reports recommends that Department of Water Resources (DWR) be removed from operating the State Water Project and that it be converted to a broader-scale Department of Water Management.

Other bills of interest included AB 134, AB 196, AB 203, AB 217, AB 231, ACA 3, SB 1, SB 13, SB 45, SB 46, SB 53, SB 134 and SB 200.

Ms. Jones mentioned the main topic discussed in the Regional Water Authority (RWA) and ACWA meetings are the Safe and Affordability issues. She mentioned that ACWA proposed a \$1 billion dollar trust and the interest on that trust would co-fund the safety side of the Safe and Affordability issues.

Mr. Madison mentioned the Legislative Analyst for the RWA called to ask if he could help them meet with Assembly Member Susan Eggman to talk about co-authoring legislation related to the water tax issue as an alternative to implementing a water tax. He asked the Board if they were ok with him helping coordinate that meeting. The Board responded yes.

8. Directors Comments

Mr. Elliot commented on the CSD building and having Mark speak to them about having the District's Board Meetings held there.

The Board requested staff to inquire about using the CSD building for District Board Meetings.

Mr. Nelson spoke regarding the importance of being aware of cyberattacks through EGWD email.

9. Closed Session

Mr. Nelson requested to postpone the closed session item to the next month "March".

MSC (Scherman/Nelson) to postpone closed session item to next month. 5/0: Ayes: Gray, Medina, Mulberg, Nelson, and Scherman.

Adjourn to Regular Board Meeting on March 20, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefani Phillips

Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary
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