

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

Wednesday, March 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; Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary; Donella Murillo, Finance Supervisor
Staff Absent: None
Associate Directors Present: Shahid Chaudhry
Associate Directors Absent: None
General Counsel Present: Ren Nosky, Nosky Legal Group

Public Comment

1. Proclamations and Announcements

Program Manager Sarah Jones announced Elk Grove Water District (EGWD) will be holding events named Water Education Wednesdays. This event will allow EGWD to be available to greet the community and answer customer inquiries. The first event will kick off March 27, 2019 staffed by customer service and field crew members. Informational materials such as water rebates, handbooks about plumbing and leaks, and Regional Water Authority (RWA) conservation booklets will be provided.

Chairperson Tom Nelson suggested providing a bill insert to announce times and locations for Water Education Wednesdays.

Ms. Jones inquired suggestions as to where EGWD can hold their next event. General Manager Mark Madison recommended running a demo to help determine locations. Florin Resource Conservation District (FRCD) Board of Directors (Board) agreed to conduct a pilot program to see how the operations of Water Education Wednesdays will work.

2. Consent Calendar

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2019
- b. Warrants Paid – February, 2019
- c. Active Accounts – February, 2019
- d. Bond Covenant Status for FY 2018- 19 – February, 2019
- e. Revenues and Expenses – Actual vs Budget FY 2018- 19 – February, 2019
- f. Cash Accounts – February, 2019
- g. Consultants Expenses – February, 2019
- h. Major Capital Improvement Projects – February, 2019

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

3. Committee Meetings

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

4. Elk Grove Water District Operations Report – February 2019

Mr. Madison presented the EGWD Operations Report – February 2019 to the FRCD Board.

A discussion occurred regarding replacement of mainlines and how often these are replaced.

Mr. Tom Nelson questioned how much infrastructure has tracer-wire to mark the mains needing replacement. Assistant General Manager Bruce Kamilos stated he would check to see how much is with/without tracer wire. Mr. Kamilos estimated 75%.

Vice-Chairperson Bob Gray asked if wet barrel hydrants are being exercised. Mr. Madison replied they are being exercised.

During the last Board meeting, it was questioned if wharf hydrants were being exercised. Mr. Madison responded during this month's meeting that they were not, but field crews are changing that practice moving forward.

Associate Director Shahid Chaudhry suggested a 12-month running trend line graph for door hangers and shut offs. The Board concurred.

Mr. Chaudhry inquired what carpal tunnel syndrome is. Ms. Jones answered it is a condition where tendons get inflamed from repetitive motion.

5. California Special Districts Association Board Of Directors Call For Nominations – Sierra Network Seat B

Human Resource Administrator Stefani Phillips presented the agenda item to the Board.

In summary, the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) is calling for nominations for Sierra Network Seat B. This is a three (3) year term, beginning January 1, 2020.

If elected, the member will be expected to:

- Attend all board meetings, held every other month in the CSDA office in Sacramento.
- Participate on at least one committee, which meets three (3) to five (5) times a year at the office in Sacramento.
- Attend CSDA's two annual events: Special Districts Legislative Days and the CSDA Annual Conference.
- Complete all four (4) modules of the CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy within two (2) years.

All associated costs will be burdened by the District. The nominations are due on April 17, 2019.

Ms. Phillips asked the Board to consider potential nominations. No nominations were made.

6. Proposed Ordinances For Review: Prohibition Of Water Theft And Tampering With District Facilities, Provisions For Claims And Lawsuits, And Provisions Of Water Service

Mr. Madison presented the agenda item to the Board for their review.

In summary, Mr. Madison explained the "Water Theft" Ordinance with some background. He spoke about the Districts inability to fine sufficiently for water theft. Ren Nosky, Nosky Legal Group stated the District is a general law entity, and not authorized to enforce the penal code. Mr. Nosky then covered what the District can enforce. Mr. Madison proposed to the Board

his idea to amend Government Code Section (GCS) 36900, by drafting legislation. This allows Districts to establish fines and penalties for water theft they deem to be appropriate, fair, and reasonable. This would not only benefit the District but provide a benefit to other water Districts throughout the State.

Director Elliot Mulberg commented, the District should talk to CSDA or Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) to carry legislation. He stated Jim Cooper could authorize the Bill.

Discussion ensued regarding the impact of water theft on water loss for the District.

Mark explained about the Claims and Lawsuits Ordinance, an ordinance which is standard for all public entities.

The Board requested staff to bring the ordinances back to the April Board meeting for discussion on Board comments.

7. Outside Agency Meetings Report

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

Mr. Kamilos spoke regarding the RWA Water Bank Communications Working Group Meeting he attended on March 1, 2019. This is an organization that has been assembled to help devise a messaging strategy for the proposed water bank. Mr. Kamilos informed the Board that the proposed water bank now goes by a new name, which is Sacramento Regional Water Bank. He mentioned they are in the process of making comments on a draft for a four (4) page brochure.

Ms. Jones presented on the quarterly Regional Water Efficiency Program Advisory Committee (RWEFAC) meeting she attended on March 12, 2019. In summary, the meeting talked about aligning drought prohibitions and restrictions with the water shortage contingency plans that are due in 2021 in the 2020 Urban Water Management plan.

Mr. Madison discussed the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) meeting that he attended on March 13, 2019. In summary, a working group was established by the Board to negotiate and navigate a deal with Omochumne Hartnell Water District (OHWD) and the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD). These two Districts want to govern themselves and no longer be a part of the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA).

Mr. Kamilos attended the Regional Water Reliability Planning Meeting on March 13, 2019. He mentioned the draft scope of work is released for those who want to support the overall program. The Districts share would be approximately \$15,000 toward Phase I. The full amount for Phase I is \$500,000 and a big portion of that is for a new model that helps drive the water bank for proper accounting.

Ms. Jones reported on the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3 Hearing on Senate Bill (SB) 669 she attended on March 20, 2019. She stated, ACWA sent out an outreach alert requesting that agencies come and support SB 669 which opposes the state water tax.

8. Legislative Report

Ms. Jones presented the Legislative report to the Board. She presented a summary of bills that directly impact the District.

There was a brief discussion on Assembly Bill (AB) 1486, surplus land. Current law requires special Districts and other public agencies to offer a right of first refusal to affordable housing developers, schools, and park agencies before leasing, selling or otherwise conveying any of the agencies land.

Ms. Jones mentioned that it is recommended that the FRCD Board approve Resolution 03.20.19.01 supporting SB 669, the Safe Drinking Water Fund proposed by ACWA. SB 669, would establish the Safe Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury and would provide that moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB). The bill would require the state board to administer the fund to assist community water systems in disadvantaged communities that are chronically noncompliant relative to the federal and state drinking water standards and do not have the financial capacity to pay for operation and maintenance costs to comply with those standards, as specified.

Other bills of interest included AB 292, AB 336, AB 382, AB 405, AB417, AB441, AB 533, SB 128, SB 210, and SB 241.

MSC (Medina/Mulberg) to approve Resolution 03.20.19.01 supporting Senate Bill 669 (Caballero): Safe Drinking Water Trust. 5/0: Ayes: Gray, Medina, Mulberg, Nelson and Scherman.

Director Elliot Mulberg inquired on AB1486. The Board asked that AB1486 be discussed further in April.

9. Directors Comments

Mr. Nelson recommended having a ten (10) minute presentation on operations and customer service. The Board agreed to solicit items of interest to discuss once a quarter. Mr. Madison will send out an email to create a schedule of items to discuss.

10. Closed Session

No reportable action was taken.

Adjourn to Regular Board Meeting on April 17, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefani Phillips

Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary
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