

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

Wednesday, August 21, 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, Elliot Mulberg
Directors Absent: Lisa Medina, Sophia Scherman
Staff Present: Mark Madison, General Manager; Bruce Kamilos, Assistant General Manager; Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary; Donella Murillo, Finance Supervisor; Sarah Jones, Program Manager; Alan Aragon, Water Distribution Supervisor; Sean Hinton, Water Distribution Supervisor; Jose Mendoza, Water Distribution Operator II, and Salvador Mendoza, Water Distribution Operator I
Staff Absent: Patrick Lee, Treasurer
Associate Directors Present: Shahid Chaudhry
Associate Directors Absent: None
General Counsel Present: Ren Nosky, JRG Attorneys at Law

Public Comment

Chairperson Tom Nelson announced item no. 8 will be pulled from the agenda and brought back at the September Regular Board Meeting.

A customer commented her concern regarding her high water use and requested information. General Manager Mark Madison explained the water usage history is month to month, not as narrow as daily or hour to hour.

1. Proclamations and Announcements

Mr. Madison recognized Water Distribution Operator I, Salvador Mendoza for his 10 years of service.

Mr. Madison had some of the field crew present at the meeting show off their new uniforms.

2. Consent Calendar

- a. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting on July 17, 2019
- b. Minutes of Special Board Meeting on July 31, 2019
- c. Warrants Paid – July, 2019
- d. Active Accounts – July, 2019
- e. Bond Covenant Status for FY 2019- 20 – July, 2019
- f. Revenues and Expenses – Actual vs Budget FY 2019- 20 – July, 2019
- g. Cash Accounts – July, 2019
- h. Consultants Expenses – July, 2019
- i. Major Capital Improvement Projects – July, 2019

Items a and c were pulled.

MSC (Mulberg/Gray) to approve Florin Resource Conservation District Consent Calendar items b, d-i. 3/0: Ayes: Gray, Nelson, and Mulberg.

Revisions were made to item a.

MSC (Mulberg/Nelson) to approve Florin Resource Conservation District Consent Calendar item a with revisions. 3/0: Ayes: Gray, Mulberg, and Nelson

A discussion was held regarding item c. Mr. Madison provided details regarding the Mid-state Container – Emergency Storage.

MSC (Gray/Mulberg) to approve Florin Resource Conservation District Consent Calendar item c. 3/0: Ayes: Gray, Mulberg, and Nelson

3. Committee Meetings

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

4. Elk Grove Water District Operations Report – July 2019

Mr. Madison presented an overview of the Elk Grove Water District (EGWD) Operations Report – July 2019 to the Florin Resource Conservation District (FRCD) Board of Directors (Board).

5. Nomination of Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission Special District Commissioner and Alternate Special District Commissioner

Board Secretary Stefani Phillips presented the request for Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) Special District Commissioner and Alternate Special District Commissioner nominations.

In summary, Sacramento LAFCo has seven (7) commissioners and six (6) alternate commissioners serving staggered four (4) year terms. Sacramento LAFCo is soliciting nominations for one (1) Special District Commissioner's (Commissioner) seat for the term of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023. The seat for Alternate Commissioner (Alternate) has been vacated and the term will expire on December 31, 2021. The nominations for the Commissioner and Alternate will be accumulated and a ballot will be sent to each agency for voting.

Director Elliot Mulberg was nominated for Special District Commissioner by the Board.

MSC (Nelson/Gray) to nominate Elliot Mulberg to serve as a Special District Commissioner for the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission. 3/0: Ayes: Gray, Nelson, and Mulberg.

6. Regular Board Meeting Location and Schedule

Ms. Phillips presented the item to the Board.

In summary, the Board has expressed interest in holding the FRCD Regular Board Meetings at the Cosumnes Community Services District (CCSD) board room instead of the FRCD administration building.

There was a brief discussion on the pros and cons of moving the meeting location and day.

The Board requested to bring back this item at the September Regular Board Meeting.

7. Report on Groundwater Recharge Activities

Assistant General Manager Bruce Kamilos provided a report of Groundwater Recharge Activities to the Board.

In summary, there are a number of activities related to groundwater recharge that are currently underway. These activities are as follows: 1) Sacramento Regional Water Bank, which is a groundwater storage program that will allow the Sacramento region to sustainably increase use of groundwater as a local water source during dry periods. This will allow reduced surface water diversions to help meet local environmental needs. 2) Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) Joint Proposition, where SAFCA would likely serve as the lead agency on any groundwater recharge project and FRCD would participate in a joint capacity. It may be possible for FRCD to financially participate in part or whole through the use of in-kind services. In-kind services use hours of time spent in place of actual dollars spent. Currently, Woodard & Curran is preparing a letter proposal to perform groundwater modeling for the FRCD, which would quantify the effect of various recharge scenarios on the groundwater levels under the EGWD boundary. Based on the modeling results, a determination could be made on the benefits of groundwater recharge for EGWD ratepayers. And, 3) Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA), where there has been consensus among SCGA board members that SCGA needs to do more projects to enhance groundwater storage within the basin. These projects could be in the form of in-lieu recharge, or direct recharge. In-lieu recharge is where surface water is used in place of pumped groundwater, thereby allowing groundwater levels to rise. Direct recharge is when surface water is applied to spreading basins and percolates into the ground, or is injected into injection wells. SCGA's GSP will address the projects SCGA plans to do.

Staff was asked about the scope of work that Woodard & Curran is using in the proposal for the FRCD. Mr. Madison responded, the scope is to evaluate how much water will likely get to the District from the proposed pilot location and how long it would take to reach the District. He mentioned the District's participation in the groundwater recharge project will be determined by the study done by Woodard & Curran.

The Board directed staff to put together a timeline, with associated costs and appropriate details for consideration.

Mr. Madison stated before taking the first step, the District needs to determine if there is a benefit to the EGWD ratepayers.

8. Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority Fiscal Year 2019-20 Contribution

This item was pulled and will be brought back to the September Regular Board Meeting.

9. Response to 2019 Grand Jury Report – The Florin Resource Conservation District – A Case of Mistaken Identity?

Mr. Madison provided background on the Grand Jury Report (Report).

In summary, in accordance with California Penal Code (Penal Code), Section 933(c), the District must provide a response to the Presiding Judge of the Sacramento County Superior Court within 90 days of receiving the Report. As such, the District's response is due by September 30, 2019. More specifically, a response is required for each of the Findings and Recommendations, and these responses must comply with Penal Code, Section 933.05.

The Board directed staff to prepare a standing agenda item to report back monthly updates on the status of the actions associated with selected recommendations and their due dates.

Two (2) people from the audience voiced their concerns related to the findings and recommendations.

MSC (Mulberg/Nelson) to approve the proposed Response to the 2019 Grand Jury Report - The Florin Resource Conservation District – A Case of Mistaken Identity?; and 2) Authorize the Board Chairperson to submit the proposed response to the Presiding Judge of the Sacramento County Superior Court. 3/0: Ayes: Gray, Mulberg, and Nelson

10. Renew Small Utility Enterprise License Agreement for Esri ArcGIS Software

Mr. Kamilos presented the item to the Board.

In summary, the Small Utility Enterprise License Agreement (Agreement) that EGWD has with Esri is nearing the end of its current three-year term and needs to be renewed. This Agreement provides important software tools that allow EGWD employees access to critical water system maps and information.

Mr. Kamilos explained he discovered a state law that exempts sales tax on software downloaded from a website, which prompted him to ask Esri to refund the sales tax difference of around \$12,000 from the past agreement.

Mr. Madison complimented the Technical Service Department for developing the GIS system and tools used at the District on a daily basis.

MSC (Mulberg/Gray) to authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement in the amount of \$75,000 to renew the Small Utility Enterprise License Agreement with Esri for another three-year term. 3/0: Ayes: Gray, Mulberg, and Nelson

11. Outside Agency Meetings Report

Staff and Board members spoke regarding the meetings they attended since the last Regular Board Meeting.

12. Legislative Update

Program Manager Sarah Jones provided the Legislative Update to the Board.

In summary, the California Legislature was on Summer Recess starting July 12, 2019, reconvening on August 12, 2019. During the recess, Governor Newsom signed two (2) bills into law, AB 756 (Garcia) and SB 200 (Monning). AB 756 gives authority to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to require monitoring and notifications for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFAO) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS). SB 200 establishes a Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund to help water systems provide an adequate and affordable supply of safe drinking water in both the near and long terms.

13. Directors Comments

Mr. Nelson provided an update on previous Director Jeanne Sabin.

Adjourn to Regular Board Meeting on September 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefani Phillips

Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary
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