

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

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

The regular meeting of the Florin Resource Conservation District Board of Directors was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Tom Nelson at 9829 Waterman Road, Elk Grove, CA.

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

Directors Present: Tom Nelson, Paul Lindsay, Lisa Medina, Sophia Scherman
Directors Absent: Elliot Mulberg
Staff Present: Bruce Kamilos, General Manager; Patrick Lee, Finance Manager/
Treasurer; Stefani Phillips, Human Resources Administrator/Board
Secretary; Travis Franklin, Program Manager; Donella Murillo, Finance
Supervisor; Ben Voelz, Associate Engineer; Amber Kavert, Human
Resources Technician; Steve Shaw, Water Treatment Supervisor;
Brandon Wagner, Water Treatment Operator III
Staff Absent: None
Associate Directors Present: Kim Martin
Associate Directors Absent: Robert Stresak
General Counsel Present: Andrew Ramos, Bartkiewicz, Kronick & Shanahan

Public Comment

No comment.

1. Proclamations and Announcements

General Manager Bruce Kamilos recognized Water Treatment Operator III Brandon Wagner and Water Distribution Operator III Justin Mello for their 10 years of service to the Elk Grove Water District.

2. Consent Calendar

- a. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of August 15, 2023
- b. Accounts Payable Check History – August 2023
- c. Board and Employee Expense/Reimbursements – August 2023
- d. Active Accounts – August 2023
- e. Bond Covenant Status for FY 2023-24 – August 2023
- f. Bond Covenant Status – FY 2022-23
- g. CASH - Detail Schedule of Investments– August 2023
- h. Consultants Expenses – August 2023
- i. Major Capital Improvement Projects – August 2023
- j. Major Capital Improvement Projects – FY 2022-23
- k. Year to Date Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget – FY 2022-23

MSC (Lindsay/Scherman) to approve Florin Resource Conservation District Consent Calendar items a-k with amendments. 4/0: Ayes: Lindsay, Nelson, Medina, and Scherman.

3. Year to Date Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget – August 2023

Finance Manager Patrick Lee provided an update on the Year-to-Date Revenue and Expenses Compared to Budget for the month of August to the Florin Resource Conservation District (District) Board of Directors (Board).

4. **Water Professionals Appreciation Week**

Mr. Kamilos presented the item to the Board.

In summary, California's seventh annual Water Professionals Appreciation Week will kick off October 7, 2023, highlighting the important role of water industry professionals and local public water agencies in ensuring safe and reliable water, wastewater, and recycled water operations in California. To extend its appreciation to Elk Grove Water District employees and all water professionals, staff recommended that the Board adopt Resolution No. 09.19.23.01, declaring October 7-15, 2023, Water Professionals Appreciation Week.

MSC (Medina/Scherman) to adopt Resolution No. 09.19.23.01, declaring October 7-15, 2023, Water Professionals Appreciation Week. 4/0: Ayes: Lindsay, Nelson, Medina and Scherman.

5. **Proposed State Water Board Regulation for Urban Water Use Efficiency Standards**

Mr. Kamilos introduced the item to the Board before turning it over to Program Manager Travis Franklin for a PowerPoint presentation.

In summary, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) released proposed regulation for urban water use efficiency standards on August 18, 2023. The proposed regulation would set water use objectives for each urban retail water supplier equal to the sum of residential indoor water use, residential outdoor water use, water loss, and commercial, industrial, and institutional landscapes with dedicated irrigation meters (CII-DIM). The Legislature has already established standards for residential indoor water use and the State Water Board has already established water loss standards. The proposed regulation sets standards for residential outdoor water use and CII-DIM water use that will likely not be achievable even using drought tolerant landscapes and the most current water efficient irrigation systems. The State Water Board is holding a public workshop on October 4, 2023, to discuss the proposed water efficiency regulation. This is an opportunity for water suppliers to be heard on changes they would like included in the regulation. Mr. Franklin and Mr. Kamilos will be attending the workshop.

Mr. Franklin explained the biggest thing that will help the District meet the proposed standards is Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI). He mentioned that based on research, the District can save 9% of water use just by having a fully functional AMI system.

Associate Director Kim Martin stated that AMI is brilliant and is going to be a huge asset, and asked the District to do what it does best, which is solve problems.

Vice-Chair Paul Lindsay asked that staff provide feedback to the Board on the public workshop after it is attended.

MSC (Lindsay/Medina) to authorize the General Manager to sign on behalf of the Florin Resource Conservation District to comment letters prepared by the Regional Water Authority and/or Association of California Water Agencies in support of changes to the proposed State Water Resources Control Board regulation for urban water use efficiency standards. 4/0: Ayes: Lindsay, Nelson, Medina and Scherman.

6. **Legislative Matters and Potential Direction to Staff**

Mr. Franklin presented the current legislative matters to the Board. He highlighted Assembly Bill (AB) 249 – Water: school sites: lead testing: conservation, AB 755 – Water: public entity: cost-of-service analysis, AB 1572 – Potable water: nonfunctional turf, and Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA) 13 – Voting thresholds.

Relative to AB 249, Chair Tom Nelson asked if the funding for lead testing, that was discussed in the bill, is still available. Mr. Franklin commented, there will be more information available in the next few days, and he will keep the Board updated.

7. General Manager's Report

Mr. Kamilos presented the item to the Board. He provided information on the Bay Area Transparency group that has been going around public agencies trying to provoke reactions to post on their YouTube channel. He explained that it has been discussed with legal counsel and staff on how to handle a visit by the group.

Mr. Kamilos also informed the Board of a Regional Water Authority website they can visit to learn more about the Sacramento Regional Water Bank – <https://sacwaterbank.com/>.

8. Elk Grove Water District Operations Report – August 2023

Mr. Kamilos presented the EGWD Operations Report – August 2023 to the Board.

9. Directors Comments

Nothing to report.

Adjourn to Regular Board Meeting on September 19, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary

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