

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

**Tuesday, December 17, 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, Chair, at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, CA.

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

Directors Present:	Tom Nelson, Bob Gray, Lisa Medina, Sophia Scherman
Directors Absent:	Elliot Mulberg
Staff Present:	Mark Madison, General Manager; Bruce Kamilos, Assistant General Manager; Patrick Lee, Treasurer; Donella Murillo, Finance Supervisor; Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary; Jeff Ramos, Interim Program Manager; Sean Hinton, Water Distribution Supervisor; Alan Aragon, Water Distribution Supervisor; Marcell Wilson, Water Distribution Operator II; Chris Phillips, Water Distribution Operator III
Staff Absent:	None
Associate Directors Present:	Paul Lindsay, Shahid Chaudhry
Associate Directors Absent:	None
General Counsel Present:	Ren Nosky, JRG Attorneys at Law
Consultant Present:	Ryan Ojakian, Regional Water Authority

**Public Comment**

Nothing to report.

**1. Proclamations and Announcements**

General Manager Mark Madison recognized Water Distribution Operator III Chris Phillips for his 10 years of service to the Elk Grove Water District (EGWD). Mr. Madison also recognized Water Distribution Operator II Marcell Wilson for his 15 years of service to EGWD.

Mr. Madison read a press release from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), which stated that EGWD has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its 2019-2020 budget, to the Florin Resource Conservation District (FRCD) Board of Directors (Board). He mentioned this is the first time EGWD has received the award and congratulated Finance Manager Patrick Lee and Finance Supervisor Donella Murillo for their roles in obtaining the award.

**2. Consent Calendar**

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

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

### 3. Legislative Update

Interim Program Manager Jeff Ramos introduced Ryan Ojakian from the Regional Water Authority (RWA) to present the legislative update to the Board.

Following Mr. Ojakian's legislative update, Mr. Ramos provided information on the Water Theft Bill, stating Assemblymember Jim Cooper's office seems to have accepted the FRCD's proposed legislation and will most likely support it. Mr. Ramos mentioned he spoke with East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) and Irvine Ranch Water District, both of which were interested in the District's proposed language for the Water Theft Bill. In summary, EBMUD does not have any language change requests, but Irvine Ranch Water District would like additional language added to the proposed legislation so that they may adopt it by Resolution, as they do not have Ordinance authority. There was a discussion on Ordinance and Resolution authorities.

The Board asked that staff provide them with cliff notes of the draft Water Theft Bill. Mr. Madison stated staff will come back with a full report on the draft bill in January.

### 4. Committee Meetings

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

### 5. Elk Grove Water District Operations Report – November 2019

Mr. Madison presented an overview of the EGWD Operations Report – November 2019. He provided the summary points to the Board.

Director Sophia Scherman asked how the discharge rate was calculated in the Compliance Report. Staff will get back to the Board on how it is calculated.

### 6. Status Update on Action Items Following the 2019 Grand Jury Report – The Florin Resource Conservation District – A Case of Mistaken Identity?

Mr. Madison provided an update on the Grand Jury Report action items. He informed the Board on the status of each recommendation.

In summary, Recommendation R2 - the Strategic Plan is expected to be discussed at the January Regular Board Meeting. Recommendation R4 – the Proposition 218 policy has been drafted by Regional Government Services (RGS) and will be reviewed by staff before it is brought to the full Board in the spring. Recommendations R5 and R6 have been completed. Recommendation R7 – the Flowmeter pilot project has been deployed and the District is receiving email alerts when the pressures on the hydrants are outside of the set parameters. Testing to simulate a main break has also been done on the hydrants.

There were many questions on the flowmeter devices, including concerns regarding the reliability of the devices. Director Lisa Medina mentioned she would like to see a demonstration on the flowmeters.

Recommendation R8 and R10 have been completed. Recommendation R11 is ongoing.

### 7. Outside Agency Meetings Report

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

Chair Tom Nelson spoke on the importance of cybersecurity, explaining what he learned at the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) 2019 Fall Conference.

Mr. Madison informed the Board that the Sacramento County Groundwater Authority (SCGA) revealed there will be about a 50% increase in contribution costs for participating agencies in 2020. This increase was mentioned at the budget subcommittee meeting the day after the Regular SCGA Board Meeting.

**8. Directors Comments**

Nothing to report.

**9. Closed Session**

Nothing to report.

Adjourn to Regular Board Meeting on January 21, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

*Stefani Phillips*

Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary  
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