

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

Tuesday, February 21, 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, Elliot Mulberg
Directors Absent: Sophia Scherman
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
Staff Absent: None
Associate Directors Present: None
Associate Directors Absent: None
General Counsel Present: Ren Nosky, JRG Attorneys at Law
Consultant Present: Shellie Anderson, Bryce Consulting, Inc.
Public Present: Lynn Wheat

Public Comment

No comment.

1. Proclamations and Announcements

General Manager Bruce Kamilos thanked Human Resources Technician Amber Kavert for her five (5) years of service to the Elk Grove Water District (EGWD).

2. Consent Calendar

- a. Minutes of Community Advisory Committee Meeting of January 17, 2023
- b. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of January 17, 2023
- c. Accounts Payable Check History – January 2023
- d. Board and Employee Expense/Reimbursements – January 2023
- e. Active Accounts – January 2023
- f. Bond Covenant Status for FY 2021-22 – January 2023
- g. CASH - Detail Schedule of Investments– January 2023
- h. Consultants Expenses – January 2023
- i. Major Capital Improvement Projects – January 2023

Items c and f were pulled for questions.

Questions were asked and answered regarding items c and f.

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

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

Finance Manager Patrick Lee presented the item to the Board.

4. **Florin Resources Conservation District/Elk Grove Water District 2023 Compensation Study**

Human Resources Administrator Stefani Phillips provided background on the item to the Board before turning it over to consultant Shellie Anderson from Bryce Consulting, Inc. Ms. Anderson presented a PowerPoint of the 2023 Compensation Study.

There was a long discussion on the compensation study and the methodology used. After all Board members were heard, the Board came to the consensus to stick with the 60th percentile recommended by the consultant, with the exception that the positions that were over the 60th percentile would not be penalized, but rather adjusted correctly once those positions become vacant.

5. **2024-2028 Water Rate and Connection Fee Study Financial Plan**

Finance Manager Patrick Lee introduced the item to the Board. He provided a recap of the first three (3) scenarios presented to the Board at the January meeting. He also presented scenario #4, recommended by the Community Advisory Committee (CAC), and scenario #5, which was introduced by staff.

Original scenarios:

- 1) No Revenue Adjustment – 0% increase
- 2) 4%, 4%, 3%, 2.5%, 2.5% per year
- 3) 4%, 4%, 4%, 2.5%, 2.5% per year

Two (2) new scenarios:

- 1) 4.5%, 4.5%, 4.5%, 4.5%, 4.5% per year
- 2) 4%, 4%, 4%, 4%, 4% per year

Mr. Kamilos explained the package was presented to the CAC members and each member asked what scenario they favored. He mentioned the majority of the CAC members supported scenario #4, with the trust of the District to manage the money appropriately. Vice-chair Paul Lindsay explained his understanding from the meeting was that most of the CAC members first choice was scenario #5 but they were willing to accept scenario #4 with the District's track record.

The Board's consensus was to move forward with scenario #4.

Chair Tom Nelson stated it needs to be communicated to the public during the Prop 218 process of the District's track record of not increasing rates when not necessary. Vice-chair Lindsay mentioned that is what the CAC members mentioned needs to happen also.

6. **Florin Resource Conservation District/Elk Grove Water District Board Chambers Use Policy**

Ms. Phillips presented the item to the Board.

In summary, the Board, at a previous Board meeting, discussed how Board Chambers would be used and asked staff to prepare a policy. Staff reviewed multiple policies from other water districts, community services districts, and libraries, as well as discussed potential liability issues with Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Association (ACWA/JPIA). On February 8, 2023, a board working group (BWG) consisting of Chair Tom Nelson and Vice-Chair Paul Lindsay met with staff to review the draft Board Chambers Use Policy and an associated agreement document. The BWG and staff concluded that there is a high potential for liability. Therefore, it was recommended the Board limit the use of the Board Chambers to District-related business and prohibit its use to outside groups.

Director Mulberg suggested the policy should be modified to include service groups to use the Board Chambers

MSC (Nelson/Medina) to adopt Resolution No. 02.2123.01, approving the Board Chambers Use Policy. 3/1: Ayes: Lindsay, Medina, and Nelson Noes: Mulberg

7. Conflict of Interest Code

Ms. Phillips presented the item to the Board and explained what changes were made from the previous update.

MSC (Medina/Mulberg) to adopt Resolution No. 02.21.23.02, amending the Conflict of Interest Code Pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974. 4/0: Ayes: Lindsay, Medina, Mulberg, and Nelson.

8. Florin Resource Conservation District Outside Agency Representation – 2023

Ms. Phillips presented the item to the Board.

In summary, every January the Board makes appointments of representation for outside agency participation. The item was presented last month, and various appointments were made; however, Vice-Chair Paul Lindsay expressed interest in becoming an alternate representative for ACWA/JPIA. The Board requested staff to bring back this item in February if ACWA/JPIA would allow additional alternate representation.

MSC (Mulberg/Madina) to appoint Vice-Chair Paul Lindsay as an alternate representative for Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority. 4:0 Ayes: Lindsay, Medina, Mulberg, and Nelson.

9. Coalition Letter Supporting Senate Bill 23

Mr. Kamilos presented the item to the Board.

In summary, ACWA is urging its members to support Senate Bill 23 (SB 23) by signing on to a coalition letter. SB 23 would streamline the regulatory permitting process for critical water infrastructure projects needed to combat climate change. The impacts of climate change are increasingly subjecting California to more extreme weather patterns. Climate change is causing wet weather systems to be more intense and drought periods to be more prolonged. Senator Anna Caballero (D-Merced) has authored SB 23 which would help ensure critical water infrastructure projects are built at the pace and scale needed to prepare for climate change.

MSC (Mulberg/Medina) to authorize the General Manager to sign on to a coalition letter supporting Senate Bill 23. 4/0: Ayes: Lindsay, Medina, Mulberg, and Nelson.

10. General Managers Report

Mr. Kamilos presented the item to the Board.

11. Elk Grove Water District Operations Report – January 2023

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

12. Directors Comments

The Board members were reminded to complete the General Manager evaluations and send to General Counsel Ren Nosky.

The question of the District looking into going to electric vehicles came up. Electric vehicles will be a future discussion.

The Board discussed if food before the board meetings shall continue to be provided to the Board members or not, to which they determined it should.

Adjourn to Regular Board Meeting on March 21, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefani Phillips

Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary

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