

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

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

The special meeting of the Florin Resource Conservation District Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Tom Nelson, Chair, by zoom conference.

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

Directors Present: Bob Gray, Tom Nelson, Elliot Mulberg, Lisa Medina, Sophia Scherman
Directors Absent: None
Staff Present: Mark Madison, General Manager; Bruce Kamilos, Assistant General Manager; Patrick Lee, Treasurer; Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary; Donella Murillo, Finance Supervisor; Jeff Ramos, Interim Program Manager; Travis Franklin, Program Manager; Amber Kavert, Administrative Assistant II (Confidential)
Staff Absent: None
Associate Directors Present: Paul Lindsay
Associate Directors Absent: None
General Counsel Present: Ren Nosky, JRG Attorneys at Law

Public Comment

Nothing to report.

1. Financial Impact of COVID-19

General Manager Mark Madison introduced the item to the Florin Resource Conservation District (District) Board of Directors (Board). He explained staff has prepared a PowerPoint presentation to show the financial impact of COVID-19 on the District for the month of April.

Finance Manager Patrick Lee presented the PowerPoint to the Board. In summary, COVID-19 cost the District \$130, 128 in the month of April.

Director Sophia Scherman stated she received a bill insert that did not have the logo on it and asked that staff put the District's logo on every document that is sent out.

Chair Tom Nelson commented about the large number of customers not paying their bills. He suggested sending out a letter to customers regarding payment arrangements. The Board agreed now is not the right time to send the letter. Staff will prepare a letter and bring it back at a later date for the Board to review.

Mr. Lee presented and explained the Coronavirus Response Legislation letter that staff was requesting the Board to approve.

Vice-Chair Bob Gray expressed his concern about the letter being a lie. Mr. Madison responded, he could see how Vice-Chair Gray could see that, but mentioned COVID-19 could go on for awhile. The Board held a discussion and a recommendation was made to add Senator Kamala Harris to the addressees of the letter. Staff will add Senator Harris and send out the letter.

MSC (Medina/Mulberg) to approve the issuance of a letter to the District's members of congress requesting that subsequent phases of economic stimulus legislation address the economic impacts for water systems due to the Coronavirus pandemic. 4/1: Ayes: Medina, Mulberg, Nelson, and Scherman. Noes: Gray

2. **Draft Budget Worksheet for the Elk Grove Water District Fiscal Year 2020-21 Operating Budget**

Mr. Lee presented the item to the Board. He provided background of the draft budget worksheet.

Mr. Lee explained the Revenues portion of the draft budget worksheet.

Director Elliot Mulberg asked about compliance with Senate Bill (SB) X7-7. Mr. Lee mentioned he is not aware and will get back to Director Mulberg. Mr. Madison explained that SB X7-7 is water reduction of 20% by 2020 bill that was enacted by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and that the District is basically at that mark already.

Vice-Chair Gray suggested that the District not have a rate increase for the next fiscal year, in order to improve the District's relationship with the ratepayers.

Mr. Lee presented the Expenditures and Net Revenues portions of the draft budget worksheet.

Vice-Chair Gray explained that he does not like seeing Capital Expenditures on the Operating Budget. Mr. Lee explained other Water Districts show their capital spending and if the District did not show their "pay-as-we-go" capital it would make the District look extremely profitable. He mentioned the District shows the Capital Expenditures for transparency.

Mr. Nelson asked what the next step is for the budget. Mr. Lee explained staff will make changes to the budget worksheet from the comments and recommendations by the Board at this meeting and work on compiling the draft budget document to bring to the May Regular Board Meeting. Any changes requested by the Board at the May meeting will be made by staff and brought to the Board for final approval at the June Regular Board Meeting.

Adjourn to Regular Board Meeting on May 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefani Phillips

Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary
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