

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

**Wednesday, July 31, 2019**

The special meeting of the Florin Resource Conservation District Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Tom Nelson, Chairperson, at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, CA.

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

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| Directors Present:           | Bob Gray, Tom Nelson, Elliot Mulberg, Lisa Medina, Sophia Scherman   |
| Directors Absent:            | None   |
| Staff Present:               | Mark Madison, General Manager; Patrick Lee, Treasurer; Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary; Donella Murillo, Finance Supervisor; Sarah Jones, Program Manager; |
| Staff Absent:                | Bruce Kamilos, Assistant General Manager   |
| Associate Directors Present: | Shahid Chaudhry  |
| Associate Directors Absent:  | None   |
| General Counsel Present:     | Ren Nosky, JRG Attorneys at Law  |
| Consultants Present:         | Jose Azevedo, Hermocillo-Azevedo Strategic Communications, LLC   |

**Public Comment**

Nothing to report.

**1. Study Session: 2019 Sacramento County Civil Grand Jury Report**

General Manager Mark Madison provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the findings, as well as associated recommendations, from the Grand Jury Report (Report) to the Board.

Chairperson Tom Nelson described the process of the meeting, explaining the Florin Resource Conservation District (FRCD) Board of Directors (Board) would be voting on the stance the FRCD will take when responding to the Report.

Mr. Nelson mentioned all Board policies will be reviewed throughout the year, stating some of the recommendations in the Report will be incorporated into the Board policies.

In regards to Finding F1, Vice-Chairperson Bob Gray stated the FRCD reviewed the potential FRCD/Elk Grove Water District (EGWD) merger for over a year.

Director Elliot Mulberg provided history of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) process for the annexation of the water district into the FRCD, mentioning the RCD was already providing water when the process happened. He mentioned the decision made in 2018 was just an extension of what the FRCD had already been doing the past 15 years.

There was little discussion regarding Finding F2 through Finding F5.

In regards to Finding No. 6, Mr. Gray stated he cannot justify the cost of flow meters to monitor leaks based on one event. Mr. Nelson mentioned there may be other options less costly.

There was little discussion regarding Finding F7 and Finding F8.

In regards to Finding F9, Mr. Nelson stated, he believes people should have health benefits. He explained the idea behind the Director Benefits Policy was to be able to provide health insurance to Board members and believes the Board should move forward with the policy. A discussion occurred regarding Director Benefits.

In regards to Finding F10, Mr. Mulberg agreed with Mr. Madison on keeping closed sessions at the end of the meeting. He mentioned, the public can call the next day for information on reportable actions from closed session. A discussion followed.

In regards to Finding F11, there was a discussion about elections.

In regards to Finding F12, Mr. Gray indicated three (3) of the five (5) board members were Associate Board Members (Associate) before becoming directors. He mentioned being an Associate provides good training for becoming a Director and more Associates would be welcomed.

There was much discussion on board member awareness.

Mr. Nelson stated, he did not have a problem with the recommendation associated with the Finding.

Director Lisa Medina encouraged field trips or tours of the Railroad Water Treatment and Storage Facility for rate-payers.

Mr. Gray stated, he attended board meetings from 2006 to present. He mentioned that the public needs to be engaged. The other Board members agreed.

Associate Board Member Shahid Chaudhry stated, he was initially concerned with the Grand Jury report, but he ended up feeling overall very positive about it and appreciates the checks and balances. He mentioned that some action needs to be taken, such as more outreach to the public.

Chairperson of the Grand Jury, Paul Lindsay made a correction to Endnote No. 11, which was a date change regarding a meeting referenced in the report. He provided the requirements for responding to the findings and recommendations to the Board.

Lynn Wheat thanked the Board for the review of the report and for allowing the public to participate. She went on to mention the reason for attending the meetings was the increase in costs for her. Ms. Wheat mentioned there is a lack of understanding as to how the FRCD versus EGWD operate and stated there needs to be more clarification between the two. She would also like staff to consider looking at RCD's to determine what their Board members receive for benefits.

Ms. Wheat mentioned there needs to be communication regarding Associates. Lastly, she stated that board members should live within the EGWD boundaries.

Former FRCD Chairperson Chuck Dawson attended the meeting and agreed to the confusion about the FRCD and EGWD.

After public comment, Mr. Nelson explained the next step in the meeting would be the Board identifying the responses to the findings and recommendations.

Ren Nosky reiterated the responses made tonight are not for action and will be brought back to the August Regular Board Meeting.

The Board went over each finding and recommendation and voiced their responses.

Adjourn to Regular Board Meeting on August 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Stefani Phillips*

Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary  
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