

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

Tuesday, May 16, 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; Richard Ko, Engineering Technician I
Staff Absent: None
Associate Directors Present: None
Associate Directors Absent: None
General Counsel Present: Ren Nosky, JRG Attorneys at Law
Public Present: Robert Stresak

Public Comment

No comment.

1. Proclamations and Announcements

Nothing to report.

2. Consent Calendar

- a. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of April 18, 2023
- b. Accounts Payable Check History – April 2023
- c. Board and Employee Expense/Reimbursements – April 2023
- d. Active Accounts – April 2023
- e. Bond Covenant Status for FY 2022-23 – April 2023
- f. CASH - Detail Schedule of Investments– April 2023
- g. Consultants Expenses – April 2023
- h. Major Capital Improvement Projects – April 2023

Items b and e were pulled for questions. Staff provided answers to the questions.

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

3. Year to Date Revenue and Expenses Compared to Budget – April 2023

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

4. Educational Workshop – Leveraging Technology

General Manager Bruce Kamilos introduced the item to the Board before introducing Engineering Technician I Richard Ko to give a PowerPoint presentation on the technology the FRCD/Elk Grove Water District (District) has been using to improve the efficiency of operations.

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

Mr. Lee introduced the item to the Board and provided the background on the 2024-2028 Water Rate and Connection Fee Study process.

MSC (Lindsay/Medina) to 1. Approve the 2024-2028 Water Rate Study subject to the receipt and consideration of any protests and comments received before and during the public hearing conducted in compliance with Proposition 218; 2. Approve the 2024 Capacity Fee Study Report subject to the receipt and consideration of comments received during a public hearing; and 3. Direct staff to initiate the Proposition 218 compliance process for the 2024-2028 Water Rate Study, including the mailing of a notice of the public hearing for the consideration of the proposed water rates to the record owners of property to be subject to the water service fees and any tenants who are directly liable for the payment of water service fees. 3/1: Ayes: Lindsay, Nelson, Medina Abstain: Mulberg

6. **Elk Grove District Fiscal Year 2025-28 Capital Improvement Program**

Associate Engineer Ben Voelz introduced the item and provided background on the Elk Grove water District Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-28 Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

In summary, Approximately 41% of the FY 2024-28 CIP budget is allocated to water main replacements over the next five (5) years. Water main replacements in this year's CIP will focus on multiple areas within Service Area 1 where sections of the distribution system are meeting the end of useful life. Approximately 42% of the FY 2024-28 CIP budget is allocated to two (2) supply and distribution improvement projects over the next five (5) years: 1) Advanced Metering Infrastructure and 2) A new groundwater supply well. The remaining 17% of the FY 2024-28 CIP budget is allocated to equipment and software purchases, treatment improvements, and building/site improvements.

MSC (Medina/Lindsay) to adopt Resolution No. 05.16.23.01, approving the Elk Grove Water District Fiscal Year 2024-28 Capital Improvement Program and the appropriation of \$3,175,000 from designated reserve funds to the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Capital Improvement Program budget. 4/0: Ayes: Lindsay, Nelson, Medina, and Mulberg

7. **Draft Florin Resource Conservation District/Elk Grove Water District Fiscal Year 2023-24 Proposed Operating Budget**

Mr. Lee presented the item to the Board. He explained the changes that were made since the April board meeting, which included a lower cost of living adjustment (COLA) of 4.67% and higher medical benefit premiums. He also informed the Board of an update made to the draft FY 2023-24 Operating Budget in the packet.

This item was for review and discussion purposes only and staff will bring back the final draft at the June meeting for consideration.

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

Mr. Franklin presented the current legislative matters to the Board.

Director Elliot Mulberg mentioned at the California Special Districts Association legislative meeting he learned about Initiative 1935, which limits the ability of voters and state and local governments to raise revenues for government services. He mentioned it changes the voting requirements to a two-thirds vote to pass. Staff will investigate Initiative 1935.

9. General Manager's Report

General Manager Bruce Kamilos presented the item to the Board.

In summary, Mr. Franklin spoke regarding the water supply and demand assessment that has been required by the California Department of Water Resources.

Mr. Kamilos informed the Board of the "Healthy Soils Program" that the Placer Resource Conservation District (RCD) is pursuing, which would provide direct help to farmers to implement practices on farms that build healthy soils and sequester greenhouse gasses. He mentioned the Placer RCD asked if they could come within our boundaries to talk with the farmers but would not require any cost or staff time on the Districts part. If the Board was ok with this, staff would create a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Placer RCD. The Board agreed and asked that progress reports be added to the MOU.

Lastly, Mr. Kamilos, Chair Tom Nelson and Vice-chair Paul Lindsay gave updates on their time at the Association of California Water Agencies Spring Conference.

10. Elk Grove Water District Operations Report – April 2023

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

11. Directors Comments

Nothing to report.

Adjourn to Regular Board Meeting on June 20, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefani Phillips

Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary

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