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

### Tuesday, August 16, 2022

The regular meeting of the Florin Resource Conservation District Board of Directors was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair Sophia Scherman via Zoom.

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

Directors Present: Sophia Scherman, Lisa Medina, Elliot Mulberg

Directors Absent: Tom Nelson, Paul Lindsay

Staff Present: Bruce Kamilos, General Manager; Patrick Lee, Finance

Manager/Treasurer; Stefani Phillips, Human Resources Administrator/Board Secretary; Donella Murillo, Finance Supervisor: Ben Voelz, Associate Engineer; Travis Franklin, Program Manager; Amber Kavert, Human Resources Technician; Steve Shaw; Water Treatment Supervisor

Staff Absent: None Associate Directors Present: None Associate Directors Absent: None

General Counsel Present: Ren Nosky, JRG Attorneys at Law

Consultant Present: Steve Schweigerdt, Sacramento County Conservancy

#### **Public Comment**

No comment.

### 1. Future Florin Resource Conservation District Board Meeting by Teleconference

Board Secretary Stefani Phillips presented the item to the Florin Resource Conservation District (District) Board of Directors (Board).

In summary, the Board has conducted board meetings by teleconference since April 21, 2020. On September 30, 2021, Executive Order No. N-29-20, which allows for board meetings to be conducted by teleconference expired. On September 15, 2021, the Governor passed Assembly Bill (AB) 361 extending the allowance of public board meetings to be conducted by teleconference effective October 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023. At the September regular board meeting, the Board concurred that meetings continue to be conducted by teleconference in accordance with AB-361. To meet by teleconference under AB-361, local agency boards must include an initial agenda item to consider finding that the circumstances allowing a teleconference meeting under AB-361 exist. After the initial meeting, if 30 days or less have elapsed since the last meeting, an agenda item should be included to renew the determination that meeting in person presents health risks. However, if more than 30 days have passed, an initial agenda item must be included to reauthorize meeting by teleconference under AB-361.

MSC (Mulberg/Medina), to find by a majority vote under Gov. Code § 54953, subd. (e)(1)(B) that as a result of the COVID-19 emergency: (i) meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and (ii) the meeting is authorized to be held by teleconference pursuant to Gov. Code § 54953, subd. (e)(1)(C). 3/0: Ayes: Medina, Mulberg and Scherman.

### 2. Proclamations and Announcements

Nothing to report.

### 3. Consent Calendar

- a. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of July 19, 2022
- b. Accounts Payable Check History July 2022
- c. Board and Employee Expense/Reimbursements July 2022
- d. Active Accounts July 2022
- e. Bond Covenant Status for FY 2022-23 July 2022
- f. CASH Detail Schedule of Investments July 2022
- g. Consultants Expenses July 2022
- h. Major Capital Improvement Projects July 2022

Item e pulled for questions and comments.

MSC (Mulberg/Scherman) to approve Florin Resource Conservation District Consent Calendar items a-h. 3/0: Ayes: Medina, Mulberg, and Scherman.

### **4.** Year to Date Revenues and Expenses Compared to Budget – August 2022 Finance Manager Patrick Lee presented the item to the Board.

# 5. Sacramento Valley Conservancy Support Letter for Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Capacity Grant Application

Mr. Kamilos presented the item to the Board.

In summary, the Sacramento Valley Conservancy (SVC) requested a grant application support letter from the District. The SVC was applying for a Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Capacity Grant to pursue conserving agricultural and range land along the southeastern edge of the Sacramento urban area. The FRCD has limited all future activities to water-related activities that benefit the Elk Grove Water District (EGWD) ratepayers. Conserving land and additional open areas for groundwater recharge could promote sustainable groundwater management and benefit EGWD ratepayers, providing water-intensive crops are not planted on the land. Staff asked the Board to provide direction on how to proceed.

After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to support the SVC.

MSC (Mulberg/Medina) to provide a support letter to Sacramento Valley Conservancy for a Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Capacity Grant Application. 3/0: Ayes: Medina, Mulberg and Scherman

# 6. Elk Grove Water District Fiscal Year 2023-27 Capital Improvement Program Revision Associate Engineer Ben Voelz presented the item to the Board.

In summary, on June 21, 2022, by Resolution No. 06.21.22.01, the Board adopted the EGWD Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-27 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and appropriated \$1,684,000, from reserves, for capital improvement projects for FY 2022-23. Certain capital projects approved and funded by the EGWD FY 2021-22 CIP are required to be carried over into FY 2022-23 for completion. Due to this, the EGWD FY 2023-27 CIP needs to be revised to include the necessary funding to complete these projects.

MSC (Mulberg/Medina) to adopt Resolution No. 08.16.22.01, amending the Elk Grove Water District Fiscal Year 2023-27 Capital Improvement Program and approving an additional appropriation of \$1,430,316 from future capital improvement reserve funds to the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital Improvement Program Budget and amending the Elk Grove Water District Fiscal

Year 2022-23 Operating Budget appropriating an additional \$1,430,316 from operating reserves to fund expenditures in excess of revenues for fiscal year 2022-23.

### 7. Legislative Matters and Potential Direction to Staff

Program Manager Travis Franklin presented the item to the Board.

### 8. General Managers Report

Mr. Kamilos presented the item to the Board.

In summary, Mr. Kamilos provided an update on the Administration Office Tenant Improvement Project, as well as the targeted date of October 7, 2022, for the Grand Opening of the new administration office. He announced he was appointed to the Regional Water Authority Policy 200.2 Ad Hoc Committee. Lastly, Mr. Kamilos provided a water conservation update.

### 9. Elk Grove Water District Operations Report – July 2022

Mr. Kamilos presented the EGWD Operations Report – July 2022 to the Board.

Chair Sophia Scherman asked that staff recognize the ratepayers for their successful effort in conserving water. Staff will add this to the next Water Drop.

### 10. Directors Comments

Nothing to report.

Adjourn to Regular Board Meeting on September 20, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary

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