

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

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

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

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

Directors Present: Sophia Scherman, Tom Nelson, Paul Lindsay, Lisa Medina, Elliot Mulberg
Directors Absent: None
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, Administrative Assistant II (Confidential)
Staff Absent: None
Associate Directors Present: None
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General Counsel Present: Ren Nosky, JRG Attorneys at Law

Public Comment

Nothing to report.

1. Draft Budget Worksheet and Departmental Goals and Objectives for the Florin Resource Conservation District/Elk Grove Water District Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operating Budget

Finance Manager Patrick Lee presented the item to the Florin Resource Conservation District (District) Board of Directors (Board).

In summary, the District operates on a fiscal year that runs from July 1 to June 30. Staff completed the preparation of the District's Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 operating budget worksheet and the departmental goals and objectives to bring both to the Board for review and discussion. The preparation of the budget incorporated Board of Director reviews with public participation encouraged.

The District's proposed budget for FY 2022-23 projects total operating revenues of approximately \$15.950 million and total expenses of approximately \$16.358 million including Capital Improvement and Capital Repair & Replacement Reserve contributions of approximately \$1.683 million. The projected expenses in excess of revenues are approximately \$408,774, which would be funded from operating reserves carried over from prior years. Despite many non-discretionary cost increases, staff undertook efforts to find cost reductions as well as minimize increases and these are reflected in the FY 2022-23 budget. The budget has a decrease in total expenditures of \$4.563 million (20.88%) from the adopted budget for FY 2021-22, which was due mainly to the purchase and tenant improvements of the District's new administration office building in FY 2021-22.

There was a brief discussion on the potential rate increase that is to be effective January 1, 2023.

Director Lisa Medina joined the meeting.

Mr. Lee explained the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA), providing information on the April 2022 Consumer Price Index. He explained staff is asking for direction from the Board on how they would like to handle the COLA for FY 2022-23.

There was a lengthy discussion, in which the Board asked staff to bring back a few different budget scenarios with the different COLA percentages.

Director Elliot Mulberg explained that when he was nominated for California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Legislative Committee, it included the CSDA conference in Palm Springs. He asked that funds for that conference be included in the budget. Staff will look into the funds for the conference.

Director Paul Lindsay asked that staff bring back projections of the budget without the rate increase and with the 5-8% COLA range. Staff will bring this scenario back at the May board meeting.

General Manager Bruce Kamilos mentioned two (2) items that are currently included in the draft budget that will be brought back separately to the Board for consideration. The two items are: 1) a change to overtime pay for District employees and 2) a new District position.

Adjourn to Regular Board Meeting on May 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefani Phillips

Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary
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