

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

**Tuesday, February 16, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Florin Resource Conservation District Board of Directors was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Sophia Scherman, Chair via Zoom.

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

Directors Present: Sophia Scherman, Tom Nelson, Bob Gray, Lisa Medina, Elliot Mulberg  
Directors Absent: None  
Staff Present: Mark Madison, General Manager; Bruce Kamilos, Assistant General Manager; Patrick Lee, Finance Manager/Treasurer; Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary; Donella Murillo, Finance Supervisor; 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  
Consultants Present: Dave Richardson, Woodard & Curran; Tyler Babcock and Joseph Serar, MFDB Architects; Bob Earl, Earl Consulting Co., LLC

**Public Comment**

Nothing to report.

**1. Proclamations and Announcements**

General Manager Mark Madison announced to the Florin Resource Conservation District (District) Board of Directors (Board) that the District was recognized by the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San) for being 100% compliant in 2020.

**2. Consent Calendar**

- a. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of January 19, 2021
- b. Accounts Payable Check History – January 2021
- c. Board and Employee Expense/Reimbursements – January 2021
- d. Active Accounts – January 2021
- e. Bond Covenant Status for FY 2020-21 – January 2021
- f. Revenues and Expenses – Actual vs Budget FY 2020-21 – January 2021
- g. Cash Accounts – January 2021
- h. Consultants Expenses – January 2021
- i. Major Capital Improvement Projects – January 2021

Board Secretary Stefani Phillips announced that revisions were made to Consent Calendar item a and Consent Calendar item f and the Consent Calendar items presented at the night's meeting are the corrected documents.

MSC (Mulberg/Nelson) to approve Florin Resource Conservation District Consent Calendar items a-i with amendments. 5/0: Ayes: Gray, Medina, Mulberg, Nelson and Scherman.

**3. Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District Harvest Water Letter of Support**

Mr. Madison introduced the item to the Board before handing it over to Dave Richardson, Woodard & Curran to present a PowerPoint. Mr. Richardson explained the Harvest Water Program, Regional San's effort to produce additional recycled water for agricultural irrigation purposes in southern Sacramento County, is a resource to the region and explained the Boards support is important.

In summary, Regional San is an independent special district that provides wastewater collection and treatment services to the greater Sacramento area, while also distributing recycled water to selected areas within the region. Regional San desires to expand its service of recycled water to an area that, in part, overlaps into the District. The proposed program is referred to as the Harvest Water Program. To facilitate this expansion, Regional San must obtain approval from the Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) to amend their Sphere of Influence (SOI) and annex the expanded area into Regional San. Enhanced distribution and use of recycled water provide numerous benefits and staff recommended that the District support Regional San's request.

By unanimous consent, the Board authorized the General Manager to submit a letter of support to LAFCo expressing the position of the District on Regional San's proposed Sphere of Influence Amendment and annexation of the Harvest Water area to provide recycled water service.

#### **4. Administration Building Improvements Conceptual Design Discussion**

Assistant General Manager Bruce Kamilos presented the item before handing it over to Tyler Babcock and Joseph Serar from MFDB Architects.

MFDB Architects presented an alternative floorplan option, which included an additional bathroom, that was requested at the previous meeting.

By unanimous consent, the Board agreed to the alternative floorplan presented by MFDB Architects.

#### **5. Consideration for Access to County of Sacramento Emergency Rental Assistance Funds**

Finance Manager Patrick Lee presented the item to the Board.

In summary, the County of Sacramento has allocated approximately \$30.8 million in grant funding for the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program. Funding for this program is made available by the federal government to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The California Special District Association (CSDA) advised all special districts that provide utility services to submit a letter of consideration to their local governments requesting access to ERA funds for their customers. Access to this new line of federal funding will be indirect. Utility-providing districts will need to encourage customers who are renting, or their landlords, to apply for assistance through their local city or county. As of January 31, 2021, the District has 1,913 past due accounts with a total of \$428,609 in arrears.

Staff has reached out to the County's Department of Human Assistance (DHA), which has confirmed that the ERA program is still being developed for roll out. Since the District falls within the jurisdiction of the County, staff recommended the Board authorize the General Manager to submit a letter to the County's Executive Officer requesting consideration for access to ERA funds for the District's customers to which the Board agreed.

Staff will distribute the information regarding how the customers can access the ERA funds when the funds become available for District customers.

MSC (Medina/Nelson) to adopt Resolution No. 02.16.21.01, authorizing the General Manager to issue a letter to the County of Sacramento requesting consideration for access to Emergency Rental Assistance program funds for District customers. 5/0: Ayes: Gray, Medina, Mulberg Nelson and Scherman

#### **6. Elk Grove Water District Operations Report – January 2021**

Mr. Madison presented the Elk Grove Water District (EGWD) Operations Report – January 2021 to the Board.

## 7. Outside Agency Meetings Report

Staff and Board members spoke regarding the meetings they attended since the last regular Board meeting.

## 8. Legislative Update and Potential Direction to Staff

Program Manager Travis Franklin updated the Board on Legislative matters.

In summary, there are two (2) legislative efforts underway by the District, the proposed Water Theft legislation and the Board Member Compensation legislation. Relative to the Board Member Compensation legislation, due to limited bill space this year because of the pandemic, Senator Pan will not be able to carry the bill. Regarding the water theft legislation, Senator Eggman planned to introduce the bill the week of February 15th. Summaries of other bills that have the potential to impact the District were provided to the Board.

During the update, staff recommended the Board 1. Add the District logo to the Association of California Water Agencies coalition letter being sent to California Senator Anna Caballero in support of SB 323; and 2. Send a letter supporting the Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act to members of Congress and U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla.

Vice-Chair Tom Nelson asked how the District's policy on bereavement pay is affected by AB 95 – Employees: bereavement leave. Staff will contact human resources legal counsel to find out.

By unanimous consent, the Board agreed to add the District logo to the Association of California Water Agencies coalition letter being sent to California Senator Anna Caballero in support of SB 323 and send a letter supporting the Special Districts Provide Essential Services Act to members of Congress and U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla.

## 9. Florin Resource Conservation District Board of Directors Regular Meeting Time

Ms. Phillips presented the item to the Board.

In summary, the Board currently meets at 6:30PM for the monthly regular Board meeting. Chair Sophia Scherman proposed to change the meeting time to 6:00PM. The Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Florin Resource Conservation District, adopted by Resolution No. 01.21.20.01, state the Board may establish from time to time the day, time, and location of the regular meetings.

MSC (Mulberg/Medina) to adopt Resolution No. 02.16.21.02, setting a new time for regular board meetings. 5/0: Ayes: Gray, Medina, Mulberg Nelson and Scherman

## 10. Directors Comments

Nothing to report.

Adjourn to Regular Board Meeting on March 16, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

*Stefani Phillips*

Stefani Phillips, Board Secretary

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