

Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (EPCWD)

Special Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2019

Windfall Farms Conference Room, 4710 Flying Paster Lane, Paso Robles, CA 93446

ATTENDANCE

Directors Present: Dana Merrill
Hilary Graves
Herb Rowland (phone)
Jerry Reaugh
Lee Nesbitt
Others Present: Laurie Gage, District Administrator
Guests

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:07PM by Dana Merrill

ITEM 2: REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2018 AND JANUARY 11, 2019 MEETINGS

This item was tabled until the next meeting

ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENT

Lee Knudsen of Welintel comments on various local wells showing increases in water levels, which led to a general discussion of well levels and empiric/episodic data. Lack of vertical data needs to be addressed – there are something like 100 wells over the Basin which are used for monitoring.

ITEM 4: CONSIDER 2019 BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT OPTIONS

It was decided by consensus that this item will be discussed in the March 2019 Board meeting.

ITEM 5: CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION FOR STAFF TO INVESTIGATE RETAINING AUDITOR FOR STATE-REQUIRED AUDIT OF DISTRICT FINANCES.

Staff reports that two proposals have been received from appropriate auditors and these proposals will be distributed to the Board for a decision at the February 2019 Board meeting.

ITEM 6: CONSIDER MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL FOR DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS

A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO REINVOICE OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS WITH INTEREST, CONTINUING ON A MONTHLY BASIS made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Hilary Graves, roll call vote:

Jerry Reaugh – yes
Hilary Graves – yes
Dana Merrill – yes
Herb Rowland – yes
LN – absent

The discussion continued in general regarding the detachment-requesting assessees whose assessments are still outstanding and a requirement for those to pay their 2018 assessments.

ITEM 7: REPORT FROM LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSITION FROM CURRENT DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL ERNEST CONANT OF YOUNG WOOLDRIDGE TO ALAN DOUD OF YOUNG WOOLDRIDGE

Dana Merrill will check on status which at this point has not yet been formalized.

ITEM 8: GENERAL DISCUSSION OF AND UPDATE ON VARIOUS BASIN-WIDE PROJECT INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE "PURPLE PIPE" PROJECT AND NACIMIENTO WATER

Dana Merrill indicated that there needs to be a more formal outline of projects that could be considered in anticipation of the need for supplemental water in order to balance the Basin:

1. Recycled Water "Purple Pipe" from Paso Robles city
2. Balance of unallocated Nacimiento water
3. Raise the Salinas Dam
4. State water
5. Huer Huero recharge project

In the general discussion that followed, it was noted that the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee has cancelled its next meeting and won't meet again until April 2019. Heritage Ranch CSD is choosing to leave the Committee. There was also a general discussion around the draft Chapter 6 of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

ITEM 9: NEW BUSINESS

The need for a meeting with Shandon-San Juan Water District to discuss the status of the GSP was discussed.

ITEM 10: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 22, 2019 at 3:00PM. There is a possibility of a joint meeting with Shandon-San Juan Water District on Tuesday, February 19 TBD.

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT

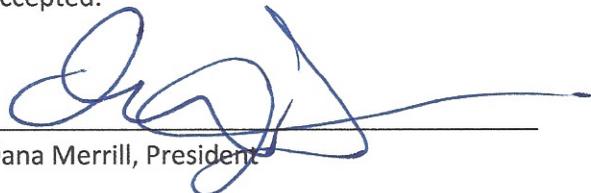
MOTION TO ADJOURN at 4:36PM made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Lee Nesbitt, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

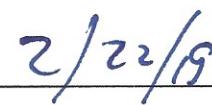


Jerry Reaugh, Secretary/Treasurer

Accepted:



Dana Merrill, President



Date