

Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (EPCWD)

Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2019

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

ATTENDANCE

Directors Present: Jerry Reaugh
Hilary Graves
Dana Merrill
Lee Nesbitt
Herb Rowland (joins meeting 3:12PM)

Others Present: Laurie Gage, District Administrator
Alan Doud (joins by phone 3:30PM)
Guests

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM.

ITEM 2: REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 MEETING

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 MEETING made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Hilary Graves, passed 4-0.

ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments submitted.

ITEM 4: UPDATE FROM PAUL SORENSEN OF STATUS OF GSP

Paul Sorensen was unavailable to give an update. There was a general discussion of the current GSP status opened by Willy Cunha of SSJWD and the PBCC. Hilary Graves asked about the status of the GSA MOA. Either the existing MOA will continue as it is until a long-term governance MOA is developed, or there may be an alternative MOA adopted. One suggested MOA includes a seat for irrigated agriculture with equivalent voting powers among the five seats.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POLICY ON ANNUAL SELF-REPORTING FROM ASSESSEES ON IRRIGATED VS NON-IRRIGATE ACREAGE.

Jerry Reaugh submitted a proposed policy of annually surveying members prior to invoicing to self-report their irrigated vs. non-irrigated acreage as well as update contact information.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED ANNUAL SURVEY AND REQUEST IN JANUARY OF EACH YEAR ASSESSEES TO REPORT IRRIGATED AND NON-IRRIGATED ACREAGE made by Hilary Graves, seconded by Jerry Reaugh, passed 5-0.

ITEM 6: UPDATE ON BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES PROJECT PROPOSED BY LOHR. CONSIDER MEANS OT WORK WITH SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT TO MOVE PROJECT FORWARD

Jerry Reaugh that there is not Best Management Practices (BMP) project per se in the GSP, but will continue to be pursued through the PBCC. Dana Merrill suggested it would be best to keep BMP as flexible as possible.

ITEM 7: UPDATE ON WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OCTOBER 2, 2019

Hilary Graves reported that she attended and gave an update on the EPCWD and activities. There was a presentation at the meeting from creeklands.org of data on streamflows. Shandon-San Juan Water District is moving forward on recharge project, following up the on the study the County prepared but did not pursue.

ITEM 8: TREASURER'S REPORT

Staff distributed a list of current delinquent assessees to the Board. The next round of invoicing will include finance charges and is due to go out before the end of the month.

Alan Doud joined the meeting by phone at 3:30PM

ITEM 9: DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MODIFICATIONS OF POLICY ON DETACHMENT REQUESTS. UPDATE ON CURRENT DETACHMENT REQUESTS AND LAFCO HEARING IN NOVEMBER

Existing detachment requests will be heard at the LAFCO hearing on November 21. There was a general discussion of modifying the attachment-detachment policy currently in place so that detachments are solely a LAFCO process, referring all detachment requests directly to LAFCO per suggested language submitted by Jerry Reaugh. There was discussion of a separate policy for attachments, with Alan Doud suggesting revising the existing attachment-detachment policy to include only attachment language.

ITEM 10: UPDATE ON BLENDED WATER PROJECT

Jerry Reaugh reported that the project is still being pursued, though there have been some bureaucratic hang ups along the way.

ITEM 11: UPDATE ON ECONOMIC STUDY

The surveys have been sent out and need to be completed and returned. There is one survey for vineyards and one for wineries. Willy Cunha noted that there is a requirement for economic studies in the GSP but there is not much there in the draft report. The County Agriculture Department prepares a survey every other year and it is due this year.

ITEM 12: NEW BUSINESS

Hilary Graves asked how the County is proposing to pay for the first years of implementation of the GSP to which Willy Cunha responded that it would be paid for with general fund monies. The upcoming helicopter LIDAR study of geological layers will take place in upcoming weeks. It may be possible to add study lines and SSJWD has committed to \$25,000 in funds to support a request to do so. Jerry Reaugh made a motion, seconded by Hilary Graves to consider similar support, and the Board consensus was to do so.

Herb Rowland left the meeting at 5:03PM

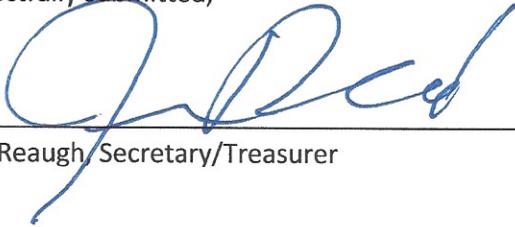
ITEM 13: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2019 at Windfall Farms at 3:00PM.

ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT

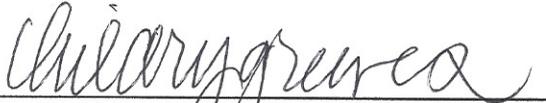
MOTION TO ADJOURN by Lee Nesbitt, seconded by Jerry Reaugh at 5:29PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jerry Reaugh, Secretary/Treasurer

Accepted:



Dana Merrill, President

Helen Gross, Vice-President

11-21-2019

Date