

Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (EPCWD)

Meeting Minutes

June 19, 2019

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

ATTENDANCE

Directors Present: Jerry Reaugh
Lee Nesbitt
Hilary Graves
Dana Merrill
Herb Rowland

Others Present: Laurie Gage, District Administrator
Guests

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:04PM by Dana Merrill.

ITEM 2: REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2019 MEETING

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 23, 2019 MEETING made by Hilary Graves, seconded by Lee Nesbitt, passed 5-0.

ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments submitted.

ITEM 4: TREASURER'S REPORT

- a. There have been no additional funds collected from delinquent assessees.
- b. Current financials were not discussed.
- c. The current-year invoicing is almost ready to send out. Jerry Reaugh noted that the Shandon-San Juan Water District has not modified its current-year assessments from last year's assessment levels.

ITEM 5: UPDATE ON SHANDON-SAN JUAN DETACHMENT REQUESTS AND NEW OWNER

NOTIFICATIONS VIA TITLE REPORT

SSJWD is currently in a holding pattern regarding detachments. No action has been taken at LAFCO in this regard.

ITEM 6: UPDATE FROM PAUL SORENSEN OF GSI ON STATUS OF GSP

At the PBCC meeting on June 18, 2019, there was a discussion of what years to use for water levels, with 2017 proposed to be used for San Miguel and Shandon-San Juan, and 2011 for the balance of the basin as a model scenario to try to determine how pumping cutbacks would affect water levels. The change from 2007 (pre-drought) to 2011 would mean an estimated 72-80% cutback level to get to 2011 levels by 2030. If the model uses 2017 levels, the estimate changes to 20% cutbacks. Chapter 9 is undergoing

major review and changes; the DWR will be looking for specifics in Chapter 9 regarding various approaches to balancing the basin.

This item continues after Item 7 below.

ITEM 7: UPDATE ON PURPLE PIPE PROJECT

The question of finding water to blend with the city's recycled water remains. Item continues after continuation of Item 6 below.

ITEM 6: UPDATE FROM PAUL SORENSEN OF GSI ON STATUS OF GSP (cont'd.)

Paul Sorensen reiterated that the model is a good tool and the best tool we have at present to answer questions about the basin. Additional wells have been submitted to be used for the model and Montgomery & Associates will be reviewing them to see which will be incorporated. New wells will not be part of the model due to lack of historical data; rather they would be part of the ongoing monitoring system. Metered wells in the system would be used to calibrate the model.

Currently, our GSA (the County) is proposing cutbacks to agricultural pumping only as the solution.

The public release of the entire draft GSP is scheduled for August 14 and the 45-day comment period begins with that release. The final compilation of comments by staff is due to take place by October 7.

ITEM 7: UPDATE ON PURPLE PIPE PROJECT (cont'd.)

The purple pipe project will now be called "The Blended Water Project." The parties involved are looking at blending at a ratio of 1.5 parts Nacimiento water to 1 part recycled water in order to yield water of a better quality than existing groundwater. The provided blended water, starting at about 1000 AF and going up to 2500AF, would serve to be in lieu of pumping. Paso Robles City remains supportive of the project as does Atascadero.

ITEM 8: UPDATE ON ECONOMIC STUDY

Data has been provided to the Cal Poly team and they are in process of collecting additional data.

ITEM 9: DISCUSSION OF ELECTION PROCESS TO FILL TWO DIRECTOR SEATS WITH TERMS EXPIRING IN DECEMBER 2019

The process is on its way, with mail-in ballots called for should the election need to proceed due to the number of candidates who may file.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION ANNOUNCING THE NOVEMBER 2019 DISTRICT ELECTION AND PROCEDURES RELATED THERETO made by Hilary Graves, seconded by Jerry Reaugh, passed 5-0 on a roll call vote:

Dana Merrill – AYE

Jerry Reaugh – AYE

Hilary Graves – AYE

Lee Nesbitt – AYE

Herb Rowland - AYE

ITEM 10: UPDATE ON OFFSET ORDINANCE RENEWAL DISCUSSED AT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING JUNE 18, 2019

Some proposed changes to the extension pose no problem, while some will require CEQA and Planning Commission approval. John Peschong expressed concern about having no gap period between the

ordinance expiration and adoption of an extension. Possible changes to the ordinance include no more offsite offsets, only onsite; crop duty factors that need to be reassessed; revise the lookback period; use 25AF as de minimis rather than the current 5AF.

ITEM 11: UPDATE ON OUTREACH COMMUNICATIONS TO VARIOUS GROUPS AND CONSIDERATIONS OF ADDITIONAL GROUPS TO CONTACT

There is a new director at Farm Bureau and they need to be contacted.
A discussion of industrial hemp production and permitting followed.

ITEM 12: NEW BUSINESS – REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON NEXT AGENDA

No new items for requested.

ITEM 14: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for August 21st, 2019 at Windfall Farms Conference Room, 4710 Flying Paster Lane, Paso Robles, starting at 3:00PM.

ITEM 15: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Hilary Graves, seconded by Lees Nesbitt, passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:14PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jerry Reaugh, Secretary/Treasurer

Accepted:



Dana Merrill, President

Date 8/22/19