

**Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (EPCWD)  
Special and General Meeting**

December 17, 2018

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

**ATTENDANCE**

Directors Present: Dana Merrill  
Hilary Graves (by phone)  
Herb Rowland  
Jerry Reaugh  
Lee Nesbitt

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 DECEMBER 4, 2018 MEETING**

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2018 MEETING made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Herb Rowland, passed unanimously.

**ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENT**

Willy Cunha announced that Chapter 6 of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan has been released to the staff of the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee staff for review. A discussion of the draft water budget using 93,000 AF per year, viewed as a drought number, and which is “negotiable” ensued. The budget for the Plan was also discussed as was the possibility of grant funding from the State which seems unlikely.

**ITEM 4: CLOSED SESSION ITEM: ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9.)**

It is the intention of the Board to meet in closed session concerning the following items:  
(1) Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: One.

**ITEM 5: REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

Dana Merrill reported on action of Board on a roll call vote of 5-0 to retain separate counsel and form ad hoc committee to choose counsel.

**ITEM 6: UPDATE FROM PAUL SORENSEN/GSI ON DRAFT CHAPTER 5 OF THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

Paul Sorensen reports that the administrative draft of Chapter 6 has been released to the staff of the PBCC. He recommends no comment from the Board at this time. Since significant findings are model-derived, questions on the model will arise, but are not included in Chapter 6; instead they will be in the index. Formal comments on Chapter 5 ended December 10. All of Paul Sorensen’s comments made to the administrative draft of Chapter 5 were included in the public draft. There are some concepts

included that are new information such as areas with interconnection to surface water. Data gaps in vertical gradients information have been identified and the Plan will have to address those in the future.

**ITEM 7: REPORT ON SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2018**

Jerry Reaugh attended the meeting and reports that discussions there included concepts entered into public record in today's meeting by Willy Cunha, and also included a discussion of the status of the budget for the GSP.

**ITEM 8: CONSIDER NOMINATION OF EPCWD REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE OPEN CSDA SEAT ON LAFCO**

There was a general discussion of the open seat and whether the incumbent was going to run again. The nomination for the seat needs to be of a Board member. No action to nominate was taken.

**ITEM 9: TREASURER'S REPORT**

Jerry Reaugh reported no significant changes to the delinquent assessees list.

**ITEM 10: NEW BUSINESS – REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE NEXT AGENDA**

No new business was reported.

**ITEM 11: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

The next general meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 3:00PM.

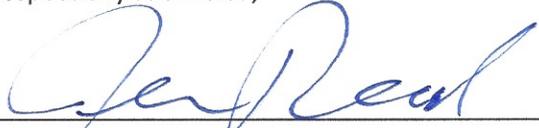
**ITEM 2: ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements were made at this time.

**ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 4:38PM made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Lee Nesbitt, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jerry Reaugh, Secretary/Treasurer

Accepted:

  
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Dana Merrill, President

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Date 2/24/19