

**Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (EPCWD)**

**General Meeting**

October 10, 2018

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

**ATTENDANCE**

Directors Present: Dana Merrill  
Hilary Graves  
Herb Rowland  
Lee Nesbitt  
Others Present: Laurie Gage, District Administrator  
Guests

**ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:37PM by Dana Merrill.

**ITEM 2: APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2018 MEETING**

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES made by Lee Nesbitt, seconded by Herb Rowland, passed unanimously.

**ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENT**

Maria Kelly asked the Board to consider collecting comments on the draft GSP chapters to submit to the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.

**ITEM 4: UPDATE FROM STAFF ON WRAC MEMBERSHIP STATUS**

The Water Resources Advisory Committee voted 20-2 to allow EPCWD a seat on the committee. It is tentatively scheduled to go before the Board of Supervisors on October 16, 2018 for confirmation and approval of our proposed WRAC representative and alternate representative (Directors Graves and Nesbitt respectively).

**ITEM 5: UPDATE ON IRWM**

Hilary Graves updated the Board on the Huer Huero Recharge Project, submitted for consideration by EPCWS to the IRWM. The Upper Salines-Las Tables Resource Conservation District has indicated a willingness to partner with EPCWD on the project. Farm Bureau has indicated support for the project.

**ITEM 6: REPORT FROM ATTENDEES ON PASO BASIN PUBLIC WORKSHOPS 10/4 AND 10/8**

Workshops were held in Paso Robles and Creston. Randy Diffenbaugh believes that the County's model must be "truthed."

**ITEM 7: UPDATE ON LAFCO PROCESS**

The review by LAFCO as to whether the EPCWD has met all conditions of formation will take place on November 15. LAFCO can choose to extend the timeframe for conditions being fulfilled if it chooses. Directors Merrill and Reaugh have been putting together documents to present to LAFCO supporting the

fact that all conditions of approval have been met. Directors are in process of meeting with LAFCO commissioners.

**ITEM 8: CONSIDER REPLACEMENT FOR AL WEBSTER AS DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CALIFORNIA SPECIAL DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (CSDA)**

MOTION TO APPOINT HERB ROWLAND AS THE EPCWD DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CSDA made by Hilary Graves, seconded by Lee Nesbitt, passed unanimously.

**ITEM 9: UPDATE ON PURPLE PIPE PROJECT INCLUDING FEASIBILITY STUDY AND CONSIDER EPCWD POSSIBLE FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

A group of ag producers are working on the purple pipe project to potentially utilize recycled water from the Paso Robles waste water treatment plant to mix with pumped groundwater. A feasibility study would be an important first step. Discussion ensued to authorize up to \$25,000 to support the feasibility study.

MOTION TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT WITH UP TO \$25,000 TOWARDS THE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND TWO EPCWD MEMBERS TO FORM A SUBCOMMITTEE made by Hilary Graves, seconded by Herb Rowland, passed unanimously.

**ITEM 10: UPDATE ON STEINBECK QUIET TITLE ACTION**

The decision reached in the jury trial evidences prescription by Paso Robles but doesn't quantify it. Quiet Title has not been resolved. Neither side appears to have clearly prevailed. The circulating tolling agreement was discussed.

**ITEM 11 AND ITEM 12: REPORT FROM STAFF ON GSP STATUS, PROGRESS ON CHAPTERS AND NEXT STEPS; CONSIDER COMMENTS FROM EPCWD BOARD TO THE PASO BASIN COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE ON GSP CHAPTERS RELEASED TO DATE**

Comments on Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 11 are now due. Paul Sorensen has suggested that the District submit "no comment" at this time. Paul has recommended changes to Chapter 4 which has not yet been released for comment and suggests waiting to see if the PBCC incorporates those changes, then comment.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR TO ELECTRONICALLY COMMENT "AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF CHAPTERS 1 TO 3 AND 11, THE EPCWD HAS NO COMMENTS TO SUBMIT AT THIS TIME. INDIVIDUAL DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS MAY COMMENT SEPARATELY." made by Hilary Graves, seconded by Lee Nesbitt, passed unanimously.

**ITEM 13: TREASURER'S REPORT**

Tabled for future meeting

**ITEM 14: NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was introduced.

**ITEM 15: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting scheduled for November 20, 2018.

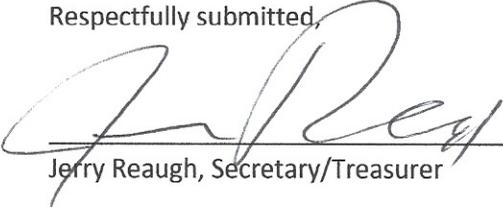
**ITEM 16: ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements were made at this time.

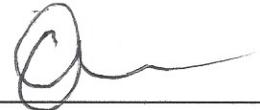
**ITEM 17: ADJOURNMENT**

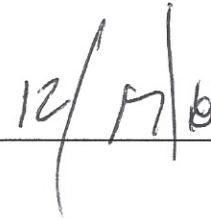
MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 4:44pm made by Hilary Graves, seconded by Herb Rowland, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jeffry Reaugh, Secretary/Treasurer

Accepted:

  
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Dana Merrill, President

  
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Date