

Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (EPCWD)
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday January 11, 2023
Windfall Farms Conference Room, 4710 Flying Paster Lane, Paso Robles

ATTENDANCE

Directors Roll Call:

Dana Merrill (absent)
Lee Nesbitt (by videoconference)
Jerry Reaugh (by videoconference)
Hilary Graves (by videoconference)
Herb Rowland (by videoconference)

Others present:

Brett Stroud
Guests (by phone and videoconference)

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 PM by Dana Merrill.

ITEM 2: CONSIDER MOTION TO REINVOKE AB361 TO CONTINUE HOLDING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e) FOR THE REASONS STATED IN RESOLUTION 2022-003.

MOTION TO REINVOKE AB361 TO CONTINUE HOLDING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e) FOR THE REASONS STATED IN RESOLUTION 2022-003 made by Lee Nesbitt, seconded by Jerry Reaugh, roll call vote:

Dana Merrill – absent
Hilary Graves – yes
Jerry Reaugh – yes
Lee Nesbitt – yes
Herb Rowland - yes

Motion passed 4-0.

ITEM 3: REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2022 MEETING

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2022 MEETING made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Lee Nesbitt, roll call vote:

Dana Merrill – absent
Jerry Reaugh – yes
Hilary Graves – yes
Lee Nesbitt – yes
Herb Rowland – abstain

Motion passed 3-0, with one abstention.

ITEM 4: PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Reaugh reported that there have been 18" of rain since July 1 with 5.7" from the most recent storm in Templeton.

ITEM 5: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM: UPCOMING SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING JANUARY 30, 2023 REGARDING GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY, SGMA, GSP COMPLIANCE, AND PROJECT ADVANCEMENT. SLO COUNTY SUPERVISOR BRUCE GIBSON TO ATTEND ON JANUARY 30.

Jerry Reaugh reported that Supervisor Bruce Gibson has reached out to EPCWD and Shandon-San Juan Water District to start a dialog regarding the GSP, SMBA, GSAs, etc. SSIWD and EPCWD will conduct a joint special meeting on January 30, 2023 to discuss same. Hilary Graves asked whether it is time to revisit the question of EPCWD's GSA status. Lee Nesbitt offered that he is undecided regarding requesting GSA status. Herb Rowland discuss the GSA voting percentages on the PBCC. Jerry Reaugh said that the existing MOA includes EPCWD. The County would have to relinquish control over the EPCWD boundaries if it were to become a GSA. Kathleen March (member of the public) supported the idea of EPCWD becoming a GSA. Laurie Gage (as member of the public) asked about whether the District would be required to pay a pro-rata share of the GSP/SGMA costs to date. Jerry Reaugh responded that the District had no say in the decisions made to date, so shouldn't have to make up those costs. Becoming a GSA would all the District to have input into the management of the State grant to be used in the Basin.

ITEM 6: UPDATE ITEMS

a. Groundwater Levels Monitoring program

Two years of readings were presented at the last District meeting. Readings for 2023 of 26 wells are scheduled for February, April, August and November. Blaine Reely, Director of Groundwater Sustainability for the County, has asked for our data to increase information available about the Basin.

b. Continuous Monitoring program status

Jerry Reaugh reported that we are waiting to hear from the equipment supplier regarding costs. There are two wells slated for the program with one in the El Pomar area and one by the airport.

c. State Water Consulting Project

The recent storms may mean more excess water available to pursue for the Basin's benefit.

ITEM 7: TREASURER'S REPORT

Jerry Reaugh updated the Board that it looks like the District's expenses will come in under budget this year.

ITEM 8: NEW BUSINESS

The next Paso Basin Cooperative Committee meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2023.

ITEM 9: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – FEBRUARY 8, 2023

ITEM 10: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Lee Nesbitt, seconded by Jerry Reaugh, roll call vote:

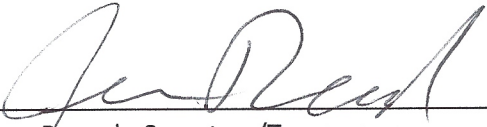
Dana Merrill – absent

Hilary Graves – yes

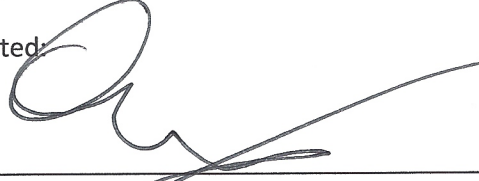
Herb Rowland – yes
Lee Nesbitt – yes
Jerry Reaugh – yes

Motion passed 4-0.
Meeting adjourned.

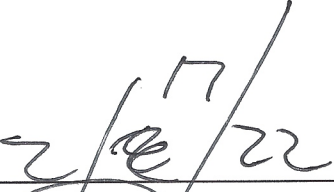
Respectfully submitted,



Jerry Reaugh, Secretary/Treasurer

Accepted: 

Dana Merrill, President



Date 