

Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (EPCWD)

Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2020

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

ATTENDANCE

Directors Present: Lee Nesbitt
Jerry Reaugh
Dana Merrill
Hilary Graves

Directors Absent: Herb Rowland

Others Present: Alan Doud, Young and Wooldridge (by phone)
Guests

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:04AM.

ITEM 2: REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2020 MEETING

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 21, 2020 MEETING made by Hilary Graves, seconded by Lee Nesbitt, passed 4-0.

ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment submitted

ITEM 4: TREASURER'S REPORT

Jerry Reaugh reports that the District's current financial status is sound and that the 2020 budget will be in development in upcoming weeks. There was a general discussion regarding whether matching funds are available for various potential basin projects and whether the services of a consultant for professional grant writing should be considered at a later date.

Jerry Reaugh submitted a proposal for how to classify delinquent assesseees in terms of pursuing past due accounts.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS PROCESS OF DELINQUENCY AND SALE IN REGARDS TO DELINQUENT DETACHEES AND ASSESSEES AND CONSIDER INSTRUCTION TO COUNSEL

Alan Doud described the multi-step process of pursuing Delinquency and Sale, which allows for opportunities at many places for assesseees to redeem. Concern over whether this process would appear too heavy handed was expressed by several directors. Alan Doud described alternatives to this process which include having the County collect past due amounts through the County's tax collection process which would replace the Delinquency and Sale process by the District. LAFCO has stated that detachees' obligation to pay the District exists. In future years should projects result in new water in the Basin which will be quantified, past due assesseees could be considered for denial of access as a means to encourage collection. The Board directed Alan Doud to continue research to clarify detachees' obligations to pay past due amounts.

ITEM 6: UPDATE ON ECONOMIC REPORT

Dana Merrill has met with the group preparing the Economic Study which is still in progress, but nearing completion. An executive summary is also in progress. Hilary Graves discussed a similar study in the San Joaquin Valley ("Central Valley Blueprint") in which five GSAs participated. Preliminary results show 2,500,000 AF/Y deficit, with a need to fallow potentially 1,000,000 acres of land, with a \$7 billion loss in crop value along with 65,000 jobs. The Department of Water Resources has released a Resiliency Plan which eases regulations on recharge and reservoirs. The Board considered allocating funds to hire a consultant to work with the District and the economic study group on the rollout and dissemination of the information from the study.

ITEM 7: UPDATE ON SUPPLEMENTAL WATER

There is continued discussion regarding the difficulty of obtaining Nacimiento water to blend with groundwater as a means of in lieu pumping, as the original agreement between Monterey County and SLO County allows for only 500 acres of irrigated land in SLO County to utilize Nacimiento water. SLO County is obligated to pay for 28% of all repairs to the San Antonio Dam which is a \$120 million project. With talks in process about the Interlake Pipeline project, it may be an opportunity to work further with Monterey County on the utilization of Nacimiento water.

ITEM 8: UPDATE ON SGMA DISCUSSION AT UNIFIED WINE AND GRAPE SYMPOSIUM IN SACRAMENTO ON FEBRUARY 4, AND DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE DISTRICT APPROACHES ON MOVING FORWARD ON SGMA IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

Hilary Graves and Dana Merrill attended the symposium and meetings which covered a wide range of topic including the high-priority basins' GSP submissions.

ITEM 9: NEW BUSINESS

Consider a joint meeting with Shandon-San Juan Water District with a presentation on metering. Consider methods to formulate District comments on the GSP by the April 15 deadline.

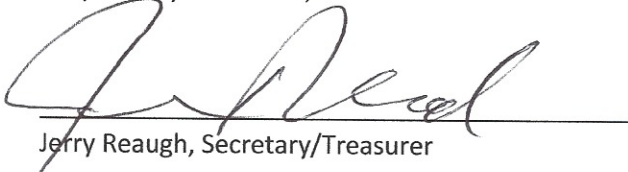
ITEM 10: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18 at 9:00AM

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT

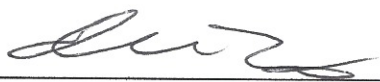
MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Hilary Graves, seconded by Lee Nesbitt, passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:16AM

Respectfully submitted,



Jerry Reaugh, Secretary/Treasurer

Accepted:



Dana Merrill, President

3/30/20

Date