

**REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

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**MINUTES**

Board of Directors  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, May 15, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 P.M.

Directors Present: Donald E. Butow, John W. Groth, Hal Voege, Granville Pool  
Jeanette Hallman arrived at 7:09 p.m.

Staff Present: Office Manager/Board Secretary Linda Groth

Staff Excused: General Manager Bill Koehler

Members of the Public: Roy Beck, Daniel Grubaugh, Will Carson

1. ROLL CALL.

Granville Pool, Director  
Hal Voege, Director  
John W. Groth, Vice-President, Board of Directors  
Donald E. Butow, President, Board of Directors

2. HEARING OF COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE ATTENDING PUBLIC.

No comments.

3. CONSIDER HEARING OF URGENT ITEMS RECEIVED SINCE THE AGENDA WAS POSTED.

Nothing submitted.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR.

The Consent Calendar was presented for Board consideration.

- a. Financial Statement.
- b.-1. Bills Paid since those approved at last Meeting.
- b.-2. Bills Paid as approved at previous Meeting.
- c. Bills Payable.
- d. Special Expenditure Fund status report.
- e. District Activity.
- f. Mail Log.

Director Hallman arrived at 7:09 p.m. during discussion of this topic.

**MOTION: Approve the Consent Calendar with the following exceptions:**

**Consent Calendar C, Bills Payable: Withhold payment of items #1 and #2, until the work is completed.**

**Consent Calendar F, Mail Log: In the future, modify list to show only the items pertinent to the Board of Directors.**

Groth/Voege Discussion CARRIED  
Ayes: Groth, Voege, Hallman, Pool, Butow  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

The Minutes of April 17, 2008 were presented for Board consideration.

Director Pool pointed out that Meeting Item No. 2, comments about the Pillsbury/Potter Valley Tour, should be corrected to indicate that Kathy Kelly was the participant from the Office of Senator Wiggins. (Senator Wiggins did not attend).

Meeting Item No. 7.a., West Fork Application, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence: The sentence is incomplete. Insert the following: "for storage of water within Lake Mendocino" between the words "cooperation" and "and". The complete sentence is: At that time the Corps of Engineers had given a verbal offer of cooperation for storage of water within Lake Mendocino and the Sonoma County Water Agency had given a verbal "no-argument".

Meeting Item No. 13, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> line: Director Voege provided the correct spelling for the name of water conservation specialist, Brock Dolman.

**MOTION: Approve the Minutes of April 17, 2008 with corrections.**

Groth/Pool Discussion CARRIED  
Ayes: Groth, Pool, Hallman, Voege, Butow  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

6. DIRECTOR AND STAFF REPORTS. ACTION ITEMS. (Agenda Item No. 7.a.)

a) Customer request for service confirmation due to County reassignment of address.

Mr. Grubaugh presented historical documentation establishing the fact that the existing agricultural water meter serves his property at 1021 Road M.

**MOTION: Approve address correction to reflect that the agricultural water meter does serve the property at 1021 Road M, Redwood Valley.**

Groth/Voege Discussion CARRIED  
Ayes: Groth, Voege, Hallman, Pool, Butow  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

Staff was directed to correct the records to show the billing address and the service address to be 1021 Road M, Redwood Valley, California. A letter confirming the correction will be mailed to Mr. Grubaugh.

Mr. Grubaugh thanked the Board of Directors and left the Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT, MAY 2008. (Agenda Item No. 8)

a. Plant Operations.

b. Well.

c. Frost Protection.

d. Calpella Water Request.

This item is tabled until the General Manager and perhaps Legal Counsel is included in discussion and clarification.

e. Update of Connection-Fee.

f. Hardship Hookup Estimate.

g. Lake Level.

Director Voege said we are a lot worse off than last year since this is classified as a Normal Water Year. There will be more snow melt, but none of that water will reach this area.

h. Conservation.

The Conservation Mailer is at the print shop and will be mailed soon to all District customers.

i. Recovery Operations Specialty Services.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT. (Agenda Item No. 9)

Director Groth commented that the finances look good and we are operating within the budget.

9. LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY – LAFCO. (Agenda Item No. 10).

Nothing new to report.

10. INLAND WATER & POWER COMMISSION. (Agenda Item No. 11)

Director Butow reported the Corps of Engineers is looking toward the next step, a seismic study.

Director Voege said that the Potter Valley Irrigation District is looking for water availability for permanent frost protection in Potter Valley.

It was noted that the Sonoma County Water Agency had to release more water from Lake Mendocino this month because of the heavy frost protection usage downstream.

11. MENDOCINO COUNTY RUSSIAN RIVER FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT. (Agenda Item No. 12)

a. Report of attendance at MCRRFC&WCID meetings.

b. Consider any correspondence concerning the MCRRFC&WCID.

c. Discussion and possible action on Flood Control District topics.

Director Groth reported the introduction of Sean White and the announcement that Mr. White has been hired as the new Executive Director at the Flood Control District, effective July 1, 2008. Mr. White is a long-time employee of the Sonoma County Water Agency, most recently serving as Manager of the Natural Resources Section. He and his family live in Ukiah.

Director Groth also stated there was no discussion on either the Filing for 6,000-acre-feet or, on going to license. He said there was a report on the State Water Resources Control Board regarding Decision 1610.

12. REPORT OF ATTENDANCE AT AGENCY MEETINGS, I.E. CITY OF UKIAH, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, OTHER SPECIAL DISTRICT'S, COUNTY OF MENDOCINO PLANNING TEAM/HOUSING ELEMENT, NOT LISTED SEPARATELY HEREIN. (Agenda Item No. 15)

Director Butow reported that he received a phone call from Roland Sanford of the Mendocino County Water Agency during which they discussed finding water storage sites for Redwood Valley.

Director Voege reported that Roland has not yet gotten back to him to follow-up on his request for Roland to invite Brock Dolman, a water conservation specialist, to speak at an upcoming water agency meeting for which Director Voege also encouraged Mr. Sanford to invite the Board of Supervisors and the BOS candidates.

Break: 8:32 p.m.  
Reconvene: 8:45p.m.

13. SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY. (Agenda Item No. 16)

Nothing new to report.

14. STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD. (Agenda Item No. 17)

Nothing new to report.

15. STATUS REPORT OF WEST FORK PROJECT. (Agenda Item No. 18)

Director Groth suggested that the District should send a letter to Rudolph Light and also to the Fords, informing them that the District has dropped the West Fork Application, inasmuch as they had protested the diversion points in the application. It was agreed that such a letter will be composed by Staff and signed by Board President Butow.

16. STATUS REPORT OF PLACE OF USE ISSUES. (Agenda Item No. 19)

Nothing new to report.

17. STATUS REPORT OF 2800 ACRE-FEET STORAGE RIGHT. (Agenda Item No. 20)

Nothing new to report.

18. DIRECTORS AND STAFF REPORTS AND DISCUSSION OF NON-ACTION TOPICS.  
(Agenda Item No. 21)

Director Voege mentioned that Board of Supervisors Candidate, Carre Brown, had expected to be in attendance at this Board Meeting, however she is preparing for a radio interview which will take place tomorrow morning and is unable to attend.

19. STATUS REPORT BY LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANT. (Agenda Item No. 6)

Director Butow said he recently spoke with Consultant Nick Tibbetts by phone and things are looking very encouraging. After discussion, Board consensus was that Mr. Tibbetts will be paid according to contract when the District receives official notice.

20. CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT SEMINARS, TRAINING EVENTS, CONFERENCES AS RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING. (Agenda Item No. 22)

Nothing presented.

The Meeting ended at 9:02 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, 2008 at the Water District Office, 2370 Webb Ranch Road, Redwood Valley, California.

APPROVED: Board of Directors

DATE: June 19, 2008

SIGNED: Linda Groth  
Secretary, Board of Directors