

REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
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MINUTES

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 16, 2009

Directors Present: Jeanette Hallman, Merle Reuser, Donald E. Butow, Granville Pool
Directors Excused: Hal Voege
Staff Present: General Manager Bill Koehler
Office Manager/Secretary to the Board of Directors Linda Groth
Members of the Public: Will Carson, Roy Beck

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 P.M. by President, Board of Directors, Donald E. Butow

1. ROLL CALL.

Merle Reuser, Director
Jeanette Hallman, Director
Donald E. Butow, President

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

Mr. Beck expressed concern about the newspaper reports that Sonoma County Water Agency cannot pump fast enough to meet the demand, and has only 14 days of water left. General Manager Koehler corrected the statement, saying that SCWA has 14 days of storage right now, but they will be pumping during that time. He clarified that because of reduced flows and because of out-migrating fish, they are hesitant to use the inflatable dam to back up water in the gravel pit in Guerneville, so their infiltration gallery is not filling up quickly. Also, they are in budget crisis mode and have turned off some pumps, thus north Marin County is receiving water via gravity instead of the water being pumped. He also noted that SCWA is enforcing their mandatory rationing plan for themselves and their contractors.

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

Nothing at this time.

Director Pool arrived at 7:15 p.m.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR.

- 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. District Activity.

MOTION: Approve Consent Calendar as presented.

Pool/Hallman Discussion CARRIED

Ayes: Pool, Hallman, Reuser, Butow

Noes: None

Absent: Voege

Abstain: None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

Nothing presented.

6. DIRECTORS AND STAFF REPORTS AND DISCUSSION OF NON-ACTION TOPICS.

General Manager Koehler reported that he will be attending the meeting of the Upper Russian River Stewardship Alliance and the SWRCB in Ukiah on July 22nd to discuss how to handle the instantaneous demand of river water during frost events. It is important to address this critical item locally, so that the State does not step in and create more stringent conditions than already exist.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT JULY, 2009. ACTION ITEMS. (AGENDA ITEM NO. 8)

- a. District Operations.

The customer that broke a water main will be reimbursing costs to the District.

- b. Water Discharge.

An update was provided by GM Koehler. Director Reuser asked if anything is in place to make sure that event never happens again and GM Koehler said the valve in question didn't exist until three months ago and one of the scenario's he is looking at, is the possibility of eliminating the surge tank. It is very much a redundant situation and totally unnecessary, however, it could cost up to \$50,000 to eliminate the need for the surge tank.

- c. State Board Application.

The State Board has acknowledged receipt of our two Applications and they expect to have them publicly noticed within the next 60-90 days.

d. Budget.

The Directors will meet at a Special Meeting on Wednesday, July 29, 2009 to hold a Budget Session.

e. Conservation.

We are meeting our conservation goal.

f. Cell Tower.

We have been contacted by T-Mobile, offering a contract to RVCWD for rental space for a communications antenna at the District's southwest tank site. County Planning has no objection to this as long as all their conditions are met. GM Koehler will have the document reviewed by legal counsel before presenting it to the Board of Directors.

g. Survey Responses.

The District has received approximately 500 survey responses, which is a great response. There are some very well thought-out comments and suggestions, and the District appreciates the input from its customers.

h. Customer Complaint.

The ag water customer with a complaint about getting his water usage shut off because of the parameters developed and enacted at the May Special Meeting, is unable to attend the meeting because of a conflict of scheduling. He did bring another letter to Management for presentation to the Board of Directors, and, after discussion it was decided that General Manager Koehler will develop a response and have it reviewed by legal counsel before sending.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT. (AGENDA ITEM NO. 9)

Will be discussed further at the July 29, 2009 Special Meeting, Budget Session.

9. LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY – LAFCO. (AGENDA ITEM NO. 10)

Nothing new to report at this time.

10. INLAND WATER & POWER COMMISSION. (AGENDA ITEM NO. 11)

Nothing new to report at this time.

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.

The Meeting was cancelled.

12. REPORT OF ATTENDANCE AT AGENCY MEETINGS, I.E. CITY OF UKIAH, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, OTHER SPECIAL DISTRICT'S, ETC., NOT LISTED SEPARATELY HEREIN. (AGENDA ITEM NO. 13).

The County Board of Supervisors did Pass the Emergency 50% Conservation Order; and violation of said Order is a misdemeanor. They will not be prosecuting misdemeanors.

GM Koehler reported that he is scheduled on the Agenda of the Ukiah Unified School District Board Meeting in August, 2009 to discuss investigation of the well on the UUSD property at Pinecrest Drive in Redwood Valley.

There being no more action items to discuss, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. A Special Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2009 for a Budget Session and to discuss the T-Mobile contract if it is ready at that time.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 20, 2009 at the Water District Office, 2370 Webb Ranch Road, Redwood Valley, California.

APPROVED: Board of Directors

DATE APPROVED: August 20, 2009

SIGNED: Linda Groth
Secretary, Board of Directors