

REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
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MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
Board of Directors  
August 19, 2010

Directors Present: Donald E. Butow, Jeanette Hallman, Hal Voege, Granville Pool  
Directors Excused: Merle D. Reuser  
Staff Present: General Manager William L. Koehler  
Office Manager/Secretary to the Board of Directors Linda Groth  
Others in Attendance: Will Carson, Diane Clatty

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:01 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL.

Hal Voege, Jeanette Hallman, Donald Butow

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

None

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

None

Director Pool arrived at 7:03 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 the Consent Calendar as presented, and with the typo's corrected on b.-1, page 4.**

Voege/Pool Discussion CARRIED

AYES: Voege, Pool, Hallman, Butow

NOES: None

ABSENT: Reuser

ABSTAIN: None

It was noted during discussion that the District pumped 202.65 acre-feet of water in the water year ending July 2010.

Last year during rationing, the District pumped 157.0 acre-feet of water. The second lowest volume pumped was 187 acre-feet of water in 1979 when the District wasn't in full build-out.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

The Minutes of April 15, 2010 were presented.

**MOTION: Approve the Minutes of April 15, 2010 as presented.**

Hallman/Pool Discussion CARRIED

AYES: Hallman, Pool, Voege, Butow

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The Minutes of May 20, 2010 were presented.

**MOTION: Approve the Minutes of May 20, 2010 as presented.**

Voege/Pool Discussion CARRIED

AYES: Voege, Pool, Butow

NOES: None

ABSENT: Reuser

ABSTAIN: Hallman (Director Hallman was not in attendance at the May 20 Meeting)

The Minutes of June 17, 2010 were presented.

During discussion, Director Voege noted that Page 2, Item a, should state, The Catalyst division of North Coast Opportunities has lost its funding. (The local office of North Coast Opportunities is very much in business).

**MOTION: Approve the Minutes of June 17, 2010 as corrected.**

Voege/Hallman Discussion CARRIED

AYES: Voege, Hallman, Pool, Butow

NOES: None

ABSENT: Reuser

ABSTAIN: None

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

Nothing submitted

7. DIRECTORS AND STAFF REPORTS OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED IN GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT.

ACTION ITEMS.

Director Voege reported that flyers for the August 31, 2010 Pond presentation to be held at Parducci Vineyards are posted at the Redwood Valley Post Office, Redwood Valley Bakery and RV Café'. GM Koehler added that he distributed posters to the ranchers at their morning coffee group and also to several other ranchers that he has spoken with in the office. He has also been informed that Devon Jones emailed the flyers to all her Farm Bureau people and that Annie Burkis notified all her people.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT AND ACTION ITEMS, AUGUST, 2010.

A. District Operations.

The District is operating well with no problems to report at the treatment plant. We did have a leaking irrigation valve on Road I that did not shut off the flow of water so we started shutting off irrigation main valves. We never did get the water shut all the way off despite closing most of the valves on the east side of the valley. This is fairly typical of the valve situation and will ultimately require a fairly costly repair.

B. Surge Tank.

The property owner is continuing with steps required for the surge tank replacement. It is possible the entire project will be put off until next year due to the long lead time on obtaining the new combination air valve.

C. OSHA Inspection.

GM Koehler called for a voluntary O.S.H.A inspection last month. The inspection went very well. The written report has not been received yet, but GM Koehler did discuss the findings extensively at the time. We need better written documentation of our existing safety plans such as lock out/tag out. The plans and safety equipment are in place. The OSHA inspector is pretty happy of what is going on; they do have boilerplate verbiage of what they want to see, and he has provided that to us. A written report of the improvements is not required, as the recommendations are so minor.

D. Computers.

The new computers are installed and working. The old computers are stacked up and of no use to the District.

**MOTION: Declare the old computers as surplus. The General Manager has discretion for disposal.**

Voegel/Pool Discussion CARRIED

AYES: Voegel, Pool, Hallman, Butow

NOES: None

ABSENT: Reuser

ABSTAIN: None

E. Mapping.

GM Koehler has been working with the U.C. Davis expert to complete the electronic mapping. He has also been meeting with several owners of large properties located around the perimeter of the District boundaries. This has resulted in most of the questions getting cleared up and we are moving forward. This will provide valuable information to the District in addition to providing Sonoma County Water Agency with the information they are requiring, and which they will most likely be presenting to the State during their licensing process.

F. Calpella RCHDC.

GM Koehler offered a progress reported following the Calpella CWD Board Meeting on August 11<sup>th</sup> that he and Director Reuser attended regarding the proposed low income housing development. RV District can handle delivering 25 gallons per minute. The system originally was designed to pump Calpella's water to Redwood, so we may have to do some minor changes with the piping and valving, but that's about it. Redwood won't be investing in or maintaining any infrastructure south of its meter. RCHDC will have to buy 50 hookups at \$5,000 per unit and Calpella CWD will be imposing an expansion fee, on top of the RVCWD hook-up fee. RCHDC doesn't think it's a deal-killer, just that they will need to plan for it.

GM Koehler spoke with the GM at Millview CWD and although RCHDC has approached Millview in the past, Millview just doesn't have the production capacity, in addition to some other restrictions and stumbling blocks. They also felt that RCHDC had been reluctant to pony up their share of the costs, so they advise getting the money up front.

GM Koehler also spoke with Bruce Burton at the California Department of Public Health about this proposal. Mr. Burton is in full approval; he said "wheeling" goes on all the time. GM Koehler said he is willing to provide a Will Serve letter as soon as the Board approves it.

Director Hallman asked if the letter will actually say, 'if you jump all these hurdles, we will serve you'?

GM Koehler said he will know more next week after speaking with Dave Redding at Calpella CWD.

The Directors agreed that GM Koehler should proceed with discussions and bring more information back to the Board of Directors.

#### G. Recruiting.

GM Koehler reported that he has received 23 resume's and is in the process of evaluating them and deciding whether or not to place a local newspaper ad. The 3 candidates he tried to recruit individually all declined because of the retirement issue. He is hoping to have someone hired by the next Meeting.

### 9. FINANCIAL REPORT.

The financial report was reviewed. Revenue is up. Expenses are up; we paid a lot for purchasing water and we also bought a huge amount of chemicals. Unexpected expenses were incurred with the legal investigator, etc.

### 10. LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY – LAFCO.

GM Koehler asked Frank McMichael at LAFCO about the mapping they have of RVCWD. They do not have a better map than the one provided by Brelje & Race Engineers.

### 11. INLAND WATER & POWER COMMISSION.

- a. Report of attendance at IW&PC Meetings.
- b. Proposed revision to the feasibility study cost sharing agreement.
- c. Consider any correspondence concerning the IW&PC.
- d. Discussion and possible action on IW&PC topics.

Each of the IW&PC Commission member agencies will post the Agenda for an All Boards Meeting which will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 9, 2010 at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center in Ukiah, California. This will be for the purpose of discussing the Coyote Dam Feasibility Study and to meet the latest Project Manager from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

### 12. MENDOCINO COUNTY RUSSIAN RIVER FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSRVATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

President Butow said he and GM Koehler attended the Board of Trustees meeting. It was uneventful. Director Hallman commented that the Lake tour was good.

Director Voegel added that there are three phases of water travel: 1<sup>st</sup> Van Arsdale and Potter Valley, 2<sup>nd</sup> the Eel River Watershed and, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lake Mendocino (how it gets used).

Officer Dillabough of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers gave a good tour and explained a lot of detail. GM Koehler noted that the Redwood Valley CWD caisson and pump station were actually built for a 30' increase of the lake level. However, if there was a 30' rise, we would have only a couple feet of freeboard.

### 13. 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, AND OTHERS NOT LISTED SEPARATELY HEREIN.

GM Koehler attended the City of Ukiah meeting yesterday afternoon, August 18, 2010. He reported, The meeting was interesting in its counterproductive awesomeness. The crux of the matter, in 1880 the Ukiah Water Company was formed and they used an unknown amount of water. That's pre-14 water. Then they got some '49 water. In 1961 they were granted 16,000 af/20 cfs. They presently use less than that, but they are applying for an extension. They seem convinced that any excess water should be controlled through the Ukiah Water Company. If they give up their 800 af they buy from the MCRR Flood Control District and accept that their two new wells are underflow, they could chew up the 20 cfs. Their Ranney is losing production because the Russian River cuts around it. Ultimately they will end up losing a 1961 date 10 cfs appropriate water right that will never be issued to anybody. They are going to throw it away. Phil Baldwin is absolutely insistent they do nothing until the Ukiah Valley Area Plan is complete and approved by the Board of Supervisors, then the EIR completed to expand their Sphere of Influence. Only then should Ukiah investigate what to do with any potential excess water. Doug Crane has two basic issues. First, he's against conservation; they've got lots of water. Secondly, how many people would it take to consume this 20 cfs?

Mary Ann Landis repeated a number of times, you don't just expand your service area, you can declare this water as surplus and sell it. This would make the State Water Board happy.

GM Koehler continued, So, they mentioned a number of times, their option is Transfer, but Phil Baldwin objected. At this point GM Koehler stood up and said, You want to sell water, Redwood Valley would be happy to buy your water.

Mary Ann Landis wants the water to not be for residential.

Director Voegel commented, They want to use water to control, not only growth, but the whole area.

GM Koehler added, Sean White wants to pool the water among the whole area.

GM Koehler stated, If the preferred alternative doesn't include UVAP, we will not be buying Flood Control District water.

He said, It was a long meeting. They just ran out of time, so they didn't have time to discuss the Feasibility Study.

The four Councilpersons in attendance were Doug Crane, Benj Thomas, Mary Anne Landis and Phil Baldwin.

GM Koehler also reported that he had a discussion with Tim Bradley from Millview CWD this morning, and Tim's reaction was, déjà vu all over again.

The Meeting ended at 8:38 P.M.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at the Water District Office, 2370 Webb Ranch Road, Redwood Valley, California.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Directors

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ September 16, 2010

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, Board of Directors