

REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
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Minutes  
Board of Directors  
Special Meeting  
Monday, April 11, 2011

Directors Present: Donald E. Butow, Hal Voege, Granville Pool, Merle Reuser  
Directors Absent: None  
Staff Present: General Manager Bill Koehler, Paula Berezay  
Others Present: None

CALL TO ORDER: 8:32 A.M.

1. ROLL CALL.

Hal Voege  
Granville Pool  
Merle Reuser  
Donald Butow

Jeanette Hallman arrived 8:37 A.M.

2. HEARING OF COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE ATTENDING PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

None

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MENDOCINO COUNTY RUSSIAN RIVER FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND THE REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT.

Director Butow opened the meeting to discuss the Agreement between RRFCD & RVCWD to go forward with SCWA to acquire permanent water for RV. Director Butow mentioned Item #4 and that this Memorandum of Agreement would expire on July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.

Director Voege said it was his understanding we were going to resist buying the water from SCWA and then giving it to RRFCD. The purchase of 3500 af and the reassignment is a case of giving it to Russian River. He wanted an explanation.

GM Koehler said it is true.

Director Pool said it is true in a sense that it would transfer from SCWA water right to RRFCD water right, and we would pay for it. However, the beneficial use of that water is restricted to RV and the value is restricted to RV. If we don't use it all we could sell it.

Director Voege stated he didn't see that part in the Agreement.

GM Koehler said that would be negotiated later and that the attempt was to keep this Agreement simple and find out what SCWA says first.

Director Butow said in our initial contact with SCWA was would they be interested in selling to us direct. If we did that even though going through a change in Decision 1610, we would probably have to go through a CEQA at good expense but by going this route with a side agreement with RRFCD we would control the 3500af and could avoid having to go through that.

Director Voege asked, "Where does it say that water has been assign to RV?"

Director Reuser asked if we were going to be in a position to have them clarify that before July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Director Butow stated basically we are taking steps starting with this first Agreement. It was decided to see what SCWA says first. He stated does RRFCD know what they are getting into. No one at the FCD has any experience in running a retail District. If it is a go with SCWA we will hammer out the details later.

Director Pool mentioned that the short timeline is a good thing, and it forces us to work together. A meeting will be set with SCWA and that meeting will be with staff only, GM Koehler and GM Sean White.

Director Hallman said, "Sean knows these people."

GM Koehler stated that a meeting with SCWA was scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Director Voege said he suggested this sunset clause, because he doesn't want any stalling.

Director Butow stated this is something SCWA has wanted even under Randy Poole's administration. He feels Pam Jeane is interested and she would like to see RV do something positive.

**MOTION: To approve and go forward with this Memorandum of Agreement between the M.C. R.R.F.C.D. & W.C.I.D. and R.V.C.W.D. and for the Staff to meet with SCWA.**

Pool/Reuser Discussion CARRIED

AYES: Butow, Pool, Reuser, Voege, Hallman

NONES: None

ABSENT: None

Abstain: None

Director Pool said he would report about the Ad Hoc Meeting and the Meeting with LAFCO at the Regular Board Meeting on April 21, 2011. Director Butow and Director Pool stopped by Frank McMichael's office to let him know what we were doing and he gave us some guidance and was very positive.

Director Butow mentioned possibly having a Special Meeting after the meeting with SCWA on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Director Butow stated if we can get the moratorium lifted it would help offset the costs.

Director Hallman asked about the maximum this system could serve when it was originally designed.

GM Koehler stated it was designed for close to 2,000 customers.

Director Hallman asked about the waiting list for water.

GM Koehler responded approximately 300 on the waiting list. Not sure how valid that is.

Director Butow stated that originally if the moratorium was lifted we would contact all the people on the list and the first would have priority and down the list and then open it up for new sign ups.

GM Koehler responded we would need to hire an engineering service to do an official rate study and capital expansion cost analysis. When the number of services was set there were probably higher per capita water usages at that time. We have the capacity. We are still pumping our own water.

GM Koehler said we may schedule a Special Meeting after the Meeting with SCWA on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Meeting Ended at 8:58 A.M.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2011 at the Water District Office, 2370 Webb Ranch Road, Redwood Valley, California.

Submitted by Paula Berezay, Acting Secretary

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

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ April 21, 2011 \_\_\_\_\_

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