

REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
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MINUTES
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 16, 2009

Directors Present: Jeanette Hallman, Merle Reuser, Donald E. Butow, Hal Voege, Granville Pool
Staff Present: General Manager Bill Koehler
Members of the Public: Supervisor Carre Brown, Roy Beck, Will Carson

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 P.M. by President, Board of Directors, Donald E. Butow

1. ROLL CALL.

Granville Pool, Director
Hal Voege, Vice President
Merle Reuser, Director
Jeanette Hallman, Director
Donald E. Butow, President

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

Will Carson mentioned that Millview had received a preliminary notice that the State Water Resources Control Board was planning to issue a Cease and Desist Order on their primary water right.

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

General Manager Koehler requested that the Board approve discussion of moving to Tier Four of the water shortage emergency ordinance during discussion of Agenda Item 8. A. Drought Status.

MOTION: Hear urgent item.

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

Director Voege commented on the increase of irrigation water usage. General Manager Koehler responded that usage has increased ten times over customary usage from January through April due to the public's concern that irrigation water will be terminated. An internal memo from Sonoma County Water Agency was presented. (see attached)

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.

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

The Minutes of February 19, 2009 were presented. Director Voege requested clarification on Page 3 at the stated development cost figure. General Manager Koehler explained this is per acre-foot and that he will correct the Minutes.

Director Pool commented on corrections in the form of typographical errors on Page 2.

MOTION: Approve the Minutes of February 19th with corrections noted.

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

The Minutes of March 19, 2009 were presented.

MOTION: Approve the Minutes of March 19th as presented.

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

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

General Manager Koehler reported that the City of Ukiah anticipates production of 8000 gallons per minute, and is proceeding with the design and build of a well.

7. DIRECTOR AND STAFF REPORTS OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED IN GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT. ACTION TOPICS.

Nothing at this time.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT APRIL 2009. ACTION ITEMS.

A. Drought Status.

General Manager Koehler said that his report of various meetings should be combined, as the substance of the meetings were all drought related. The Emergency Petition Meeting in Sacramento was well attended. Many people were concerned about fish that were stranded. The County of Mendocino is pushing for a declaration of emergency. The State responded by granting the petition, and starting April 6th. the diversions in Mendocino County will be reduced by 50%. The critical issue is that Mendocino County must use water more efficiently. An Emergency Petition for the third year would probably not be granted.

President Butow asked what the boundary was for the 50%/25% reduction. General Manager Koehler said that the boundary was the county line, rather than the confluence with Dry Creek. The important thing is that we keep water in the lake, not what happens down stream.

General Manager Koehler stated that Redwood Valley is doing as well as can be expected. We are having to be very careful with frost protection water.

MOTION: To approve Resolution No. 2009-3 to advance to Tier Four of the Emergency Water Shortage Ordinance.

Pool/Voege Discussion CARRIED

Ayes: Hallman, Reuser, Butow, Voege, Pool

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

General Manager Koehler attested to Resolution No. 2009-3 in absence of Secretary Groth.

B. District Operations.

Preliminary discussion of rate increase. No action taken.

C. Break-in.

General Manager Koehler reported that there was a break-in which was reported to the sheriff's department and the insurance company.

Director Hallman stated that she needed to leave early and therefore was requesting a clarification of Potential Emergency Well Field (General Manager's Report, Item G).

General Manager Koehler explained that he would run each well, take samples, have the samples tested and then proceed accordingly.

8:15 p.m. Director Hallman left the Meeting.

Director Voege proposed mailing a synopsis of the emergency ordinance as a handout. There was discussion of different options for the amount and type of explanation in a mailing regarding water conservation, specifics of the ordinance and the requirements for public response. Director Pool proposed a single-page trifold; General Manager Koehler suggested the addition of specific suggestions for conservation.

Supervisor Brown said she would donate paper.

General Manager Koehler said he and Director Voege will devise and get out a mailing that will hit the high points of the District's ordinance and what the follow-up will be for the public. The Directors discussed the pros and cons of a rebate program. The Board of Directors generally agreed that the proposed mailing would include information about plans for a future rebate program.

A water rate increase and a proposed, improved drought ordinance will be items to put on the agenda for the next meeting.

BREAK 8:42 p.m.

RESUME 9:00 p.m.

D. Fire Service Standby Charges.

General Manager Koehler indicated that the current charge for Fire Protection Standby is \$75 per month, which is the same rate as a 6" ag meter. Since sprinkler systems do not use water other than in an emergency, they should not be treated the same as an ag meter. General Manager Koehler recommended charging \$20 per month, which is consistent with other districts' Fire Service Fees, and the Directors agreed, effective immediately.

E. Payment of Irrigation Service in the absence of availability.

General Manager Koehler stated that "We are going to get people asking for exemptions." Discussion followed. The matter is postponed.

F. Survey.

Director Voege requested to see feedback from the survey. After discussing the pros and cons of mentioning the moratorium in the survey, it was agreed that the survey would not include discussion of the moratorium at this point.

General Manager Koehler suggested that Director Voege run the survey based on his past experience. It was agreed that Director Voege will put the questionnaire together, but he wants the survey to be tested on members of the public via random selection. General Manager Koehler agreed to implement the random test.

9. FINANCIAL REPORT.

Director ~~POOLE~~ **CORRECTED 5/21/09 B.O.D. Meeting:** Pool pointed out that the totals on the first page of the report are on the wrong line. It will be corrected.

MOTION: Approve the Financial Report.

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

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

- a. Discussion and possible action on LAFCO topics.

Nothing to report.

11. INLAND WATER & POWER COMMISSION.

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

12. MENDOCINO COUNTY RUSSIAN RIVER FLOOD CONTROL & WATER CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

- 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.

13. REPORT OF ATTENDANCE AT AGENCY MEETINGS, I.E. CITY OF UKIAH, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, OTHER SPECIAL DISTRICTS, COUNTY OF MENDOCINO PLANNING TEAM/HOUSING ELEMENT, NOT LISTED SEPARATELY HEREIN.

Nothing to Report.

14. SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY.

- a. Consider any correspondence or reports concerning the Sonoma County Water Agency.
- b. Discussion and possible action on SCWA topics; water audits, conservation, etc.

Nothing to Report.

15. STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD.

- a. Updates and possible action.

Nothing to Report.

16. STATUS REPORT OF PLACE OF USE ISSUES.

- a. Updates and possible action.

Nothing to Report.

17. STATUS REPORT OF 2800 ACRE-FEET STORAGE RIGHT.

- a. Updates and possible action.

The Meeting ended at 9:48 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2009 at the Water District Office, 2370 Webb Ranch Road, Redwood Valley, California.

APPROVED As Corrected: Board of Directors

DATE: May 21, 2009

SIGNED: Linda Groth
Secretary, Board of Directors

Minutes prepared by Caryn Stardancer due to absence of Board Secretary Groth.