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Redwood Valley County Water District

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**Board of Directors - Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 15, 2018**

Directors: Granville Pool, Pamela Ricetti, Ken Todd, Jeff Basili, Marv Talso
Staff: General Manager Tamara Alaniz

Call To Order: 5:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call

Present:

Granville Pool, Director
Ken Todd, Director
Pamela Ricetti, Director
Jeff Basili, Director

Absent:

Marv Talso, Director

2. Hearing of Comments or Questions from the Attending Public for Items Not on the Agenda

None.

3. Consider Hearing of Urgent Items Received Since the Agenda Was Posted

None from the Board; none from staff.

4. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion: Accept the agenda as amended

Motion by Dir Ricetti, second by Dir Todd

In favor: unanimous

5. Presentation of Plaque of Appreciation for General Manager Bill Koehler's Years of Service to the District

A very nice plaque was made to honor Bill's 11 years of service. The Board has decided to give it to his wife, Caryn, instead of hanging it up in the office. A photo of the full Board will be taken with the plaque for the District records.

6. Approval of Consent Calendar

47 Paula has been doing a lot of work putting these reports together in Word format while
48 QuickBooks can make its own reports. So we'll use those reports next month and see
49 what we would like to modify in the future.

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51 **Motion: Accept the Consent Calendar**

52 Motion by Dir Ricetti, second by Dir Basili

53 In favor: unanimous

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55 **7. Financial Report**

56 There will be some changes to the formatting of this as well. The Board concurs that
57 changes to the financial reports to the Board are acceptable. Dir Pool asks about a charge
58 for vehicle fire expense. GM Alaniz says it is likely due to tracking expenses related to
59 the fire.

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61 **Motion: Accept the Financial Report**

62 Motion by Dir Basili, second by Dir Ricetti

63 In favor: unanimous

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65 **8. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 18, 2018 Regular Meeting**

66 GM Alaniz says that it's interesting to read about the promises the County made in that
67 meeting because they've done what they said and more. Dir Pool agrees that they've been
68 fantastic.

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70 **Motion: Approve the minutes for the January 18th Regular Meeting.**

71 Motion by Dir Todd, second by Dir Basili

72 In favor: unanimous

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74 **9. Action Items**

75 **A. Consider Authorization of FEMA Agents.**

76 This is a resolution that will allow continued work with FEMA and CalOES. GM
77 Alaniz will continue to represent this Board in such matters. The identified agents
78 are by position and not name; this ensures that changes in employees will not
79 hinder progress by the District on disaster recovery efforts.

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81 **Motion: Approve the Cal OES resolution identifying Dir Ricetti as the Vice
82 President**

83 Motion by Dir Ricetti, second by Dir Basili,

84 In favor: unanimous

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86 **B. Consider Options for Water Service Account Payments by Fire-Affected
87 Customers.**

88 We are hearing more and more from customers that are upset that they have to
89 pay for water that passed through their meter during the fire and continue paying
90 for meters to burned-down houses. GM Alaniz is suggesting a deferment that
91 people who are out of their house and not paying to allow that amount to accrue
92 as a lien on the property. Dir Pool thinks that insurance should be paying for these

93 costs for their customers. His other thought was that we might get some sort of
94 grant coverage for that. GM Alaniz says that some customers are claiming these
95 costs on their insurance. There are also potential disaster payment resources
96 through California Housing and Community Development if the home owner is
97 located in a low to moderate income area and meet income requirements, so they
98 might get some coverage for their losses. Mr. Carson, in the audience, says that
99 connections in Redwood Valley are priceless because of the moratorium. Because
100 these connections are at such a premium, it makes no sense to let people hang
101 onto a connection and not pay for it. GM Alaniz thinks that the Board should
102 revisit things in 2 years to see if they want to change the policy.
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104 **Motion: Draft Policy 18-01 regarding accrual of water service charges to be**
105 **made into a policy**

106 Motion by Dir Ricetti, second by Dir Basili

107 In favor: unanimous
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109 David Redding says that he has been in contact with someone up on Fisher Lake
110 who is planning to rebuild, but his neighbor isn't. He was thinking of buying his
111 neighbor's property and putting the two of them together. His question is if there
112 is any policy that won't allow two meters on one property. The Board says that
113 they don't know of any such policy.
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115 **C. Future Direction on the Primex Radio Quote**

116 This item is related to the SCADA updates that have been underway in the
117 District since before the fire. There are items that have been added on, some
118 related to the Tomki booster station, and there are connectivity issues related to
119 the pumps at Lake Mendocino. One option to solve this would be to put in
120 licensed radios between the sites instead of doing things through cables. Some of
121 the parts of our systems are brand new and still good, but just not perfectly
122 communicating at this point. The Board concurs that staff should develop a
123 workable solution to solve the connectivity issues using as many parts of the
124 current system as practical.
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126 **D. Future Direction on Reserved Allocations Policy**

127 This item involves people who are on a reserved allocations waiting list who have
128 been paying for (a) connection(s) that they don't currently have. There are more
129 people who are on an unreserved waiting list who haven't been paying to be on
130 the unreserved waiting list. Finally, now we have over 187 connections that
131 burned with customers who lost their homes. Between all of that, we have about
132 560 connections in some sort of a holding pattern. Dir Pool takes exception to the
133 total number of waiting list connections as a percentage of the total number of
134 connections on this because there are multiple connections being served through
135 one meter and paying for more than one allocation. This is the case on existing
136 single family residences and not only in places like the reservation and the mobile
137 home parks. He wants to be sure that the burned homes are not included as a total
138 percentage of other waiting connections.

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GM Alaniz has concerns about how this reserve allocation income is reserved. She has been able to identify multiple projects and efforts over the years since reserved allocations were being collected and can show that money spent in prior years on attempts to secure a better water right and/or water supply projects for the District. She asks for direction on drafting a policy on how these funds are spent in the future. Dir Pool gives some information about how this was something that Koehler inherited and nobody really likes how it is set up. The Board concurs that there should be clear direction on how these funds are handled. GM Alaniz is directed to draft a policy for the Board to consider in order to continue accepting reserved allocation payments into a restricted budget line for only water rights or water supply projects.

Motion: Draft Policy 18-02 to continue accepting reserved allocation payments into a restricted account for only water rights or water supply projects

Motion by Dir Ricetti, second by Dir Basili
In favor: unanimous

8. General Manager’s Report and Action Items

A. Upper Russian River Water Agency

We met in February and heard a cost-sharing proposal. The cost share was based on the three-year average of the districts’ general fund balance. GM Alaniz would like the Board to give Dir Todd direction on what to recommend to the JPA on the District’s proposed cost share.

The Board discusses with GM Alaniz the different ways to develop a cost share proposal like this. Some think that it would be better to compare income rather than the cash balance since it’s possible to have a lot in the bank, but low incoming amounts. GM Alaniz says that there have been numerous methods discussed over the months but we wanted to avoid paying a consultant to develop a more complicated method at this early point in the process, especially since we will have to hire a similar consultant for the consolidation application. At this point, this is the simplest method that URRWA discussion has come up with. The Board members discuss how difficult it is to develop a cost sharing method that is fair, pointing out that if cost sharing was done by connections, Calpella would pay twice the percentage of Flood Control but have far less in the bank. The Board agrees that the 20.5% for Redwood is a good place to start but that the cost sharing should be revisited in two years if consolidation has not happened and to be sure that it is still appropriate. Dir Todd was directed to go back to the JPA with agreement from the Board with the two year timeline.

B. Report on SGMA Groundwater Sustainability Agency Activities

There was a meeting today for the draft memorandum of understanding for the Technical Advisory Committee to the GSA Board. There were a lot of concerns

185 that this was going outside the original scope of the GSA direction to the TAC,
186 but the GSA Board and staff continue to work on a final proposal.
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188 **C. Update on Coyote Valley Casino Water Service Connection**

189 There has been productive work on this. GM Alaniz met with them about the site
190 and talked about implementing the things that were directed by the Board at its
191 last meeting and the tribe is moving forward.
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193 **11. Report on Attendance at Agency Meetings**

194 Dir Pool says that we had the FEMA Recovery Scoping Meeting here. There are a lot of
195 people involved in finding funds for Redwood Valley's recovery. The County has also
196 taken on a large role. Dir Pool reads a bit where the County is talking with LACO about
197 putting a tank up on Pine Mountain that is filled from the Willits side that can serve fire
198 flows on the Redwood Valley side. It seems that there are myriad issues with this idea.
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200 Dir Ricetti says that there wasn't anything to report from the IWPC meeting.
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202 Dir Pool compliments State Senator McGuire on his search for funding options and
203 trying to avoid the cost-sharing requirements that come with many such funding sources.
204 McGuire's plan A is to get the funding and move everything forward. Plan B is to look
205 into getting temporary funding from the State General Fund until it can be repaid.
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207 There is going to be a public meeting for Redwood Valley fire recovery on February 22nd
208 and County CEO Carmel Angelo has been talking about a tour beforehand.
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210 There was a Redwood Valley MAC meeting last night and he asked about a website
211 developer. GM Alaniz updates the Board that Caryn Koehler will continue to keep up the
212 website.
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214 David Redding brings up some information on the solar panel array out at the Redwood
215 Water Treatment Plant. The panels are owned by ^{MacQuarrie} ~~McCurry~~ and installed by Vigilant
216 Engineering through a power purchase agreement, which is a 15 year contract, at the end
217 of which we can opt to buy it or they can take it back. We have four more years in this
218 contract. The way things are going now, we're paying them more than we are saving on
219 electricity because we haven't been using the plant very much. Redding spoke to
220 someone at Vigilant and they suggested we talk with our legal counsel about
221 renegotiating our contract with them.
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223 Dir Pool mentions that Koehler had been talking with PG&E about us giving them power
224 from our panels to offset the cost of the pumps at Lake Mendocino.
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226 **12. Consider Attendance at Seminars, Training Events, and Conferences**

227 Nothing.
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229 **13. Board Member Comments**

230 Nothing else.

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232 **14. Adjournment**

233 **Motion: Adjourn**

234 Motion by Dir Ricetti, second by Dir Todd

235 In favor: unanimous

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237 Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

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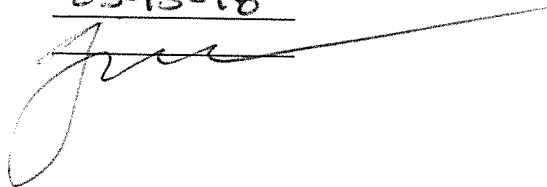
239 Minutes submitted by Jeanette Wise

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241 Approved: Board of Directors

242 Date Approved: 03-15-18

243 Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Ricetti', written over a horizontal line.