

Redwood Valley County Water District
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Board of Directors - Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 15, 2015

Directors: Granville Pool, Pamela Ricetti, Ken Todd, Jeff Basili
Staff: General Manager Bill Koehler

Call To Order: 6:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call

Present:

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

2. Hearing of Comments or Questions from the Attending Public

None. Only GM Koehler and Marv Talso are in attendance.

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

None.

4. Acceptance of Agenda

Motion: Accept the agenda

Motion by Dir Ricetti, second by Dir Basili

In favor: Unanimous

5. Approval of Consent Calendar

Dir Pool asks about the new tires for the dump trailer since we just bought it. GM Koehler says that actually it has been around for a while and has had a lot of use. The duplicate keys are for keys that just wore out. There will be a little water left over from the 200 acre-feet that will be unused. So there are no water restrictions on irrigation.

Motion: Approve the May consent calendar

Motion by Dir Ricetti, second by Dir Basili

In favor: Unanimous

6. Approval of Minutes as Presented

Dir Pool asks about the leak on Road N and how the metal detector was working. To clarify, the cheap metal detector was unable to find anything that's deep, but the expensive "yellow stick" detector was able to find the deeply buried valve.

Motion: Accept the September Regular Meeting minutes as corrected.

Motion by Dir Basili, second by Dir Todd

In favor: Unanimous

7. Directors and Staff Reports and Discussion of Non-Action Topics

Everything will be included in the Managers Report.

8. General Manager's Report and Action Items

a. District Operations

1118 of 1350 acre-feet has been used so far as of October 1st. The usual average is over 100 af per month for Ag. So there will be about 100 to 150 af left over, but it also means that Ag didn't have to be cut back at all during the season. The domestic water is doing well through the intertie as long as the usage remains low. Domestic is 50% lower than it was in 2013. If the usage increases, it will have to be supplemented with water from the treatment plant. This year, the pot growers are getting their water from other sources and without the restrictions, people with leaks aren't being penalized like last year.

b. Rosalind Peterson CPRA Request

California Public Record Act is an attempt to make public agencies more transparent. Unfortunately, Rosalind is rather vague about what she's looking for and a little cagey about her motives. She also keeps asking about water sold out-of-district while RVCWD does NOT sell water out-of-district. Tim Bradley is getting these questions from someone as well as well as answering challenges to the Masonite Well 6 water quality even though she's received a letter from the State saying they're satisfied with the water quality.

Dir Ricetti says that this should all work out fine because if she finds something, it can be fixed and we're better off for it.

c. Ag Water Value Study

If Ag water is cut off like it was in 2014, this study can be used to show the cost to the County from revenue loss. RVCWD may be asked to contribute a little money to the costs of this study, but nothing official has been requested yet.

d. Groundwater Management ~~Area~~ Agency

Carrie Brown and Dan Hamburg were appointed to form an Ad Hoc committee. The first meeting will be October 29th from 1-7pm. There will be a webinar from 1 to 4pm and after the break, discussion will follow.

e. Operations Contract

Last meeting, the contract was approved by motion. There were a few typos, too. Tonight, marked-up copies are presented to the Board Members. The changes are relatively minor. GM Koehler has gone through and confirmed all the code section numbers and what they refer to. This resolution also allows the President to sign the Master Agreement.

Motion: Approve resolution 2015-1 to authorize the Master Service Agreement.

Motion by Dir Ricetti, second by Dir Basili

In favor: Unanimous

f. JPA

Things are moving along the other agencies are beginning to see the need of developing groundwater sources to allow for growth. RVCWD agency lines are limited by elevation since we can't get water over 950 feet elevation without another pumping station. Dir Pool says that we need to start attending Millview board meetings to stay connected. Russian River Flood Control voted to do the same thing, but their representative to Redwood has never shown up.

Dir Ricetti asks if the JPA could help with our water right. GM Koehler says that it's feasible but there would be hoops to jump through.

g. Millview GM Contract

GM Koehler is moving along with the consolidated management of Millview and Redwood. Most of the work done in this capacity will involve both districts and especially so now that Redwood gets all their water from Millview. There is some more discussion about what will govern time and attention. Basically, there will be no set schedule but his time will be spent where it is needed.

Motion: Approve resolution 2015-2 to authorize the General Manager Service Agreement.

Motion by Dir Ricetti, second by Dir Basili

In favor: Unanimous

h. Plan For Services

In theory, there is a response expected for the financial plan for services by October 30th. It is not necessarily expected. If it doesn't come through, then Redwood may not be paying for a part of the RFP since they are not included in the selection process. It will be a surprise if there are any responses to this RFP. If they don't, whether or not to continue this will be in question.

i. PG&E

Seven years ago or so we planned the solar array thing at the treatment plant. It was originally planned to handle 90% of needed energy for the plant. Since the plant isn't running like it was back then due to customer usage changes. There is a new PG&E tariff that can help pay to move panel power such as this to another location that is under the same control. Basically, it may be possible to have the power from the panels credited to the Lake Mendocino pump station. GM Koehler is asking for permission to apply for this program. It can be reversed at any time, such as if the treatment plant starts running again.

Motion: Approve the tariff program for GM Koehler to sign

Motion by Dir Basili, second by Dir Todd

In favor: Unanimous

j. Lake Mendocino Reliability Study

The meeting about this will be on October 20th. The quick and dirty is that if the dam is raised by 36 feet, only a mega drought will make the Lake obsolete. There has been some talk about selling the extra water to Sonoma or Marin Counties, but the water level in the river is controlled by National Marine Fisheries and they won't allow that. If that happens, there will need to be work done on the pump station.

9. Financial Report

For the School Way bridge project, there will be a little savings on this, but it will cost about what the bid amount is. The great thing about working with Wipf is that there were no change orders or other price increases. There is also a chance that the savings would be eaten away when they install an extra detention basin that would require move pipe to be removed.

Dir Pool has another question from last month with the item of Conservation and it is related to the large water meters. Dir Todd asks about an additional charge associated with the excavator. It's large charge because they hadn't received a bill in months and this is a catch-up.

Motion: Approve the Financial Report

Motion by Dir Ricetti, second by Dir Todd

In favor: Unanimous

10. LAFCO

Angela Silver has been giving overviews at the JPA meetings. The latest news is that Richard Shoemaker has resigned from local LAFCO. Mendocino LAFCO is becoming widely known for their lack of action.

11. Mendocino County IW&PC

They have been trying to file a resolution to stop PG&E from shutting down the Potter Valley Projects during the crucial time of the year. If the repairs are delayed, it could be

detrimental to the filling of Lakes Pillsbury and Mendocino. Sonoma County is filing a separate motion that other entities besides the Tribes have a voice in the proceedings.

Another thing Janet was talking about is that ecosystem restoration is very important to most entities, but not the Army Corps of Engineers. It comes from a large disconnect between the various arms of the ACoE.

12. Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control

GM Koehler went to the meeting and made a statement about how Redwood should have been involved in the presentation. The response was that it was on the agenda and GM Koehler said that for \$8,000 there should have been more effort. Richard finally apologized for any mishandling. The consultant also said that there was only one presentation and that there wouldn't be another, but that there would be a webinar for the ACoE that others could get in on. GM Koehler has also asked for more copies of their study since there was only about three in the first place.

The base of the study is that the water level would never drop below 75,000 acre-feet. That would do a lot to cement the reliability of the water supply for Redwood Valley. It would also give a place for Redwood to store their water right water.

There's a lot of drama over at RRFC and they're having problems trying to find another General Manager.

Nothing has been decided about the licensing. Their attorney keeps finding new things they need to do.

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Nothing to report.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Basili, second by Dir Ricetti

In favor: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by Jeanette Wise

Approved:

Date Approved:

Signed:

Board of Directors

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