



Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (EPCWD)
Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EPCGSA)

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Windfall Farms Conference Room, 4710 Flying Paster Lane, Paso Robles

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:03PM by Dana Merrill.

Directors Roll Call:

Dana Merrill – present
Lee Nesbitt - present
Jerry Reaugh – present
Hilary Graves – absent
Ryan Scott - present

Others present: Guests (in person)

ITEM 2: REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2025 AND FEBRUARY 25, 2025 MEETINGS

MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 12, 2025 AND FEBRUARY 25, 2025 MINUTES made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Ryan Scott, voice vote, motion passed 4-0.

ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was presented.

ITEMS 4: CONSIDER VOTE ON LAFCO BALLOT FOR TWO OPEN SPECIAL DISTRICT SEATS

Candidate Navid Fardanesh joined the meeting to introduce himself.

MOTION TO TABLE THE ITEM TO THE APRIL 9, 2025 MEETING made by Ryan Scott, seconded by Jerry Reaugh, voice vote, motion passed 4-0.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION ON JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY STATUS

Jerry Reaugh reported that four of the five agencies have approved both the 4-Party and 5-Party versions of the JPA. San Miguel Community Services District is set to consider the agreements at their meeting on March 14, 2025. The governance by the JPA will look very different than that of the PBCC which served to communicate with the GSAs which independently voted on issues; the JPA will have the power to decide issues directly.

ITEM 6: DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Jerry Reaugh offered to serve as EPCWD representative to the JPA Board. Jerry Lohr asked whether the representative for EPCWD should be a landowner/stakeholder. The question arose as to what are the requirements to serve on the JPA board; the representative (and alternate) must be a member of the agency board. Multiple public comments were received and discussed regarding representation. MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM TO APRIL 9, 2025 MEETING made by Lee Nesbitt, seconded by Ryan Scott, roll call vote:

Dana Merrill – yes
Jerry Reaugh – no
Lee Nesbitt – yes
Ryan Scott – yes

Motion passed 3-1.

ITEM 7: DISCUSS AND REVIEW A FACT SHEET FOR RELEASE

Jerry Reaugh distributed and requested feedback on a “Myths and Misconceptions” fact sheet addressing Basin incorrect facts circulating regarding the Basin, the JPA and potential fees among other topics. This could be distributed to the media.

ITEM 8: UPDATE ITEMS

a. WRAC meeting March 5, 2025

Lee Nesbitt reported on the ongoing changes to how the County view its allocation from the State Water Project.

b. State Water Subcontractors Advisory Committee meeting March 7, 2025

The County updated the group at the meeting on how the DWR is modifying policies to be more flexible on the transfers of water in the Project.

c. Paso Basin Cooperative Committee

2) (taken out of order) PBCC’s State Water recharge project is on hold for the moment

1) Multi-Benefit Irrigated Land Repurposing (MILR) Program

Contractor Land IQ was to redirect its focus to Basin Management and there has been no report to date on its progress or next steps

ITEM 9: TREASURERS REPORT

a. Monthly Financial Status Report – no comments received

ITEM 10: NEW BUSINESS

The LAFCO ballot and JPA representative items from this meeting will be heard at the next scheduled meeting April 9, 2025.

ITEM 11: NEXT MEETING APRIL 9, 2025

ITEM 12: ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Lee Nesbitt voice vote, motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:47PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Reaugh, Secretary/Treasurer

Accepted:

Dana Merrill, President

Date

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