

**Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (EPCWD)**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**

February 22, 2019

Windfall Farms Conference Room, 4710 Flying Paster Lane, Paso Robles, CA 93446

**ATTENDANCE**

Directors Present:     Dana Merrill  
                               Herb Rowland  
                               Jerry Reaugh  
                               Lee Nesbitt  
Others Present:        Laurie Gage, District Administrator  
                               Guests

**ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:06PM by Dana Merrill

**ITEM 2: REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2018 AND JANUARY 11, 2019 AND JANUARY 26, 2019 MEETINGS**

MOTION TO APPROVE minutes from three meetings made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Herb Rowland, passed 4-0.

**ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments submitted.

**ITEM 4: CONSIDER PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY AUDITING SERVICES AND CHOOSE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT REQUIRED DISTRICT AUDIT**

Two proposals were submitted and considered.

MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY CROSBY & COMPANY made by Dana Merrill, seconded by Jerry Reaugh, passed 4-0.

Hilary Graves joined meeting at 3:18PM.

**ITEM 5: TREASURER'S REPORT AND CONSIDER CHANGING FISCAL YEAR TO JULY**

General discussion about changing the fiscal year end to June 30 from December 31. Staff will ask for input from Crosby & Company.

Jerry Reaugh reports that we have collected 97% of the total 2018 assessments. Staff was directed to modify the account to record interest charges on past due invoices from "Finance Charges" to "Late Fees."

A general discussion regarding 2019 assessment levels included initial consideration of a reduction in the 2019 rates from the 2018 rates.

Staff was asked to develop a budget outline for 2019 from 2018 income and expenses.

**ITEM 6: UPDATE ON PURPLE PIPE PROJECT**

Jerry Reaugh reported that there has been one meeting with the City regarding the project. The City has retained an engineering firm for an economic analysis of recycled water usage. Three outside entities have contributed towards legal assistance to draft an agreement at a future date.

There are three possible water sources for pipeline projects: Nacimiento, Paso Robles Purple Pipe and recycled water from San Miguel. The Nacimiento Commission is looking at what to charge for water from the lake.

**ITEM 7: UPDATE ON SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING WITH AND ONGOING ACTIVITIES BY SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT AND CONSIDER JOINT MEETINGS ON APRIL 9 AND/OR MAY 28, 2019 WITH SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT TO DISCUSS COMMENTS ON VARIOUS GSP CHAPTERS**

Jerry Reaugh and Dana Merrill reported that a joint meeting and study session on GSP chapters 6, 7 and 8 is now planned for March 19, 2019 at J. Lohr meeting room on Airport Road.

The Paso Basin Cooperative Committee's next meeting is scheduled for March 6.

**ITEM 8: UPDATE ON GSP STATUS AND RECENTLY RELEASED DOCUMENTS**

Hilary Graves reported that she has met with four of the five County supervisors regarding considering including cannabis production in the offset ordinance requirements.

**ITEM 9: REPORT FROM DIRECTORS MERRILL AND GRAVES ON SACRAMENTO MEETINGS**

Hilary Graves reported that recent discussions in meetings with Department of Water Resources staff in Sacramento indicate that the GSP will be considered "live" at the time it is submitted for approval by the State. There is a concern that if the ag offset ordinance sunsets with adoption/submission of the GSP by the GSAs, there may be a "free for all" if there is nothing similar in the GSP to protect the offset, or if the ordinance is not extended by the Board of Supervisors.

**ITEM 10: STAFF REPORT ON FORM 700 AND ETHICS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

Several of the directors have submitted Forms 700 for 2018, but all need to have them completed by April 1 for submission to the County. The Directors were reminded of their ethics training requirement and the need to complete the online training modules in order to obtain certification.

**ITEM 11: CONSIDER EXISTING GSI CONTRACT AND EITHER EXTENDING OR ENTERING INTO A NEW CONTRACT**

A new proposal has been requested from GSI.

**ITEM 12: DISCUSSION OF FEBRUARY 21, 2019 LAFCO PROCEEDINGS**

LAFCO confirmed the revised Condition 11 and completed a resolution adopting the changes which must be approved and adopted by the EPCWD board within 60 days.

**ITEM 13: CLOSED SESSION ITEM: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION (GOVT. CODE SECTION 54957.9(b): 1 ITEM)**

This item was tabled to a future date to be determined.

**ITEM 14: REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

No report was made as the scheduled Closed Session was tabled.

**ITEM 15: NEW BUSINESS – REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON NEXT AGENDA**

No items of new business were requested.

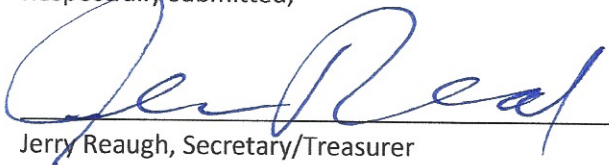
**ITEM 16: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

The next regular board meeting will be a joint meeting with Shandon-San Juan Water District on March 19 at 10:30AM and will include a public study session. The following month's meeting will take place on April 17 at 3:00PM

**ITEM 17: ADJOURNMENT**

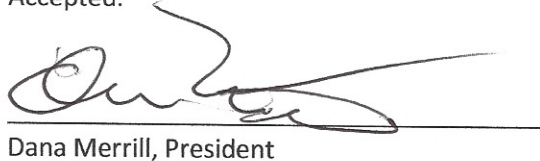
MOTION TO ADJOURN at 4:36PM made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Hilary Graves, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jerry Reaugh, Secretary/Treasurer

Accepted:



Dana Merrill, President

3/20/19  
Date