

**Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (EPCWD)**

**Special Meeting Minutes**

January 16, 2019

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

**ATTENDANCE**

Directors Present: Dana Merrill  
Hilary Graves  
Herb Rowland (phone)  
Jerry Reaugh  
Lee Nesbitt  
Others Present: Laurie Gage, District Administrator  
Guests

**ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:07PM by Dana Merrill

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

This item was tabled until the next meeting

**ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lee Knudsen of Welintel comments on various local wells showing increases in water levels, which led to a general discussion of well levels and empiric/episodic data. Lack of vertical data needs to be addressed – there are something like 100 wells over the Basin which are used for monitoring.

**ITEM 4: CONSIDER 2019 BUDGET AND ASSESSMENT OPTIONS**

It was decided by consensus that this item will be discussed in the March 2019 Board meeting.

**ITEM 5: CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION FOR STAFF TO INVESTIGATE RETAINING AUDITOR FOR STATE-REQUIRED AUDIT OF DISTRICT FINANCES.**

Staff reports that two proposals have been received from appropriate auditors and these proposals will be distributed to the Board for a decision at the February 2019 Board meeting.

**ITEM 6: CONSIDER MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL FOR DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS**

A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO REINVOICE OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS WITH INTEREST, CONTINUING ON A MONTHLY BASIS made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Hilary Graves, roll call vote:

Jerry Reaugh – yes  
Hilary Graves – yes  
Dana Merrill – yes  
Herb Rowland – yes  
LN – absent

The discussion continued in general regarding the detachment-requesting assessees whose assessments are still outstanding and a requirement for those to pay their 2018 assessments.

**ITEM 7: REPORT FROM LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSITION FORM CURRENT DISTRICT GENERAL COUNSEL ERNEST CONANT OF YOUNG WOOLDRIDGE TO ALAN DOUD OF YOUNG WOOLDRIDGE**

Dana Merrill will check on status which at this point has not yet been formalized.

**ITEM 8: GENERAL DISCUSSION OF AND UPDATE ON VARIOUS BASIN-WIDE PROJECT INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE "PURPLE PIPE" PROJECT AND NACIMIENTO WATER**

Dana Merrill indicated that there needs to be a more formal outline of projects that could be considered in anticipation of the need for supplemental water in order to balance the Basin:

1. Recycled Water "Purple Pipe" from Paso Robles city
2. Balance of unallocated Nacimiento water
3. Raise the Salinas Dam
4. State water
5. Huer Huero recharge project

In the general discussion that followed, it was noted that the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee has cancelled its next meeting and won't meet again until April 2019. Heritage Ranch CSD is choosing to leave the Committee. There was also a general discussion around the draft Chapter 6 of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

**ITEM 9: NEW BUSINESS**

The need for a meeting with Shandon-San Juan Water District to discuss the status of the GSP was discussed.

**ITEM 10: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 22, 2019 at 3:00PM. There is a possibility of a joint meeting with Shandon-San Juan Water District on Tuesday, February 19 TBD.


**ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT**

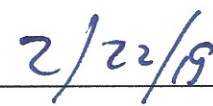
MOTION TO ADJOURN at 4:36PM made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Lee Nesbitt, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jerry Reaugh, Secretary/Treasurer

Accepted:

  
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Dana Merrill, President

  
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Date