

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

**Meeting Minutes**

December 12, 2019

Illy Lodge House, Illy Sunnyslope Farms, 3385 Truesdale Rd, Shandon, CA

**ATTENDANCE**

Directors Present: Hilary Graves  
Lee Nesbitt  
Jerry Reaugh  
Dana Merrill  
Herb Rowland (joins meeting at 9:15AM)

Others Present: Laurie Gage, District Administrator  
Alan Doud (joins by phone)  
Guests

**ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:10AM.

**ITEM 2: REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES NOVEMBER 21, 2019 MEETING**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 21, 2019 MEETING made by Hilary Graves, seconded by Jerry Reaugh, passed 5-0.

**ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment submitted

**ITEM 4: CONSIDER CHANGES TO ATTACHED AND DETACHMENT POLICY(IES) AND APPROVE, INCLUDING ANNUAL DATE REQUIREMENT FOR SUBMISSION OF ATTACHMENT AND DETACHMENT REQUESTS**

Discussion reiterated that the proposed detachment policy requires that all detachment requests are referred straight to LAFCo. Future consideration regarding counsel contact with LAFCo regarding notification policies was also discussed.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED ATTACHMENT AND DETACHMENT POLICIES AS WRITTEN made by Hilary Graves, seconded by Jerry Reaugh, passed 5-0.

**ITEM 5: UPDATE ON IRWM/REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING DECEMBER 4, 2019**

Lee Nesbitt reported that the meeting agenda was light with the main topic being city of San Luis Obispo's presentation on infrastructure updates.

**ITEM 6: TREASURERS REPORT**

Staff updated on current invoicing and past due status.

#### **ITEM 7: UPDATE ON ECONOMIC STUDY**

Dana Merrill reported that there may be a preliminary report by end of the year. The recent County Agricultural Commissioner's report confirmed agriculture's contribution to the local economy. How do we message this? Steve Sinton suggested assembling board members to work together contacting purveyors to collect information on the issue, and start the process of collateral and downstream industries and service providers becoming involved in the discussion of impacts.

#### **ITEM 8: JOINT MEETING WITH SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT BOARD TO ADDRESS BASIN SUSTAINABILITY AND TO IMPLEMENT GSP. MULTIAGENCY MEETING PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954(B)(3)**

Paul Sorensen of GSI was asked to update the Boards on the GSP status. The annual water basin status report is due to the State very soon and the current water budget and water levels are being updated through October 2019 to be included in the report. There was a general discussion of the well monitoring system (22 wells across the basin). There are more wells out there that could enhance the system, but the GSAs will need to initiate a change to the existing system requirements in order to get more wells and well data included. There is a seminar scheduled by the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board on January 8 in Paso Robles to discuss how GSPs will be reviewed. Concern was expressed regarding legal support should legal action against a GSA be undertaken. The Association of California Water Agencies ("ACWA") is putting together a legal group with that in mind.

- a. Projects – The Huer Huero recharge project is stopped at the County level. Storm water gauges are needed to enhance our understanding of where recharge would be helpful.

Herb Rowland leaves the meeting at 11:00AM

Jerry Reaugh leaves the meeting at 11:02AM

- a. (cont'd) Up to 20% of flood flow can be taken for recapture. The County has State water that has been spilled in the past that could be used for recharge. The SSJWD moved and approved having GSI conduct a study on SSJ basin recharge possibilities. The EPCWD may consider joining and expanding that study. The study would be high-level, non site-specific.
- b. Funding mechanisms – not discussed at this time.
- c. Metering – Metering would allow charges to be moved to usage. There was general discussion about having the same metering requirements and system between the two districts.
- d. Future potential projects – see a.

#### **ITEM 9: NEW BUSINESS**

Consideration of participating with SSJWD on the recharge study by GSI will be agendaized for the next meeting.

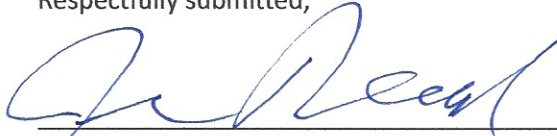
#### **ITEM 10: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be a joint meeting with Shandon-San Juan Water Districts and is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2019 at 9:00AM at the Illy House at Illy Sunnyslope Farms, 3385 Truesdale Rd., Shandon.

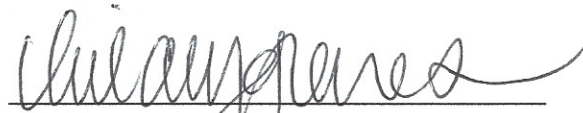
**ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50AM

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jerry Reaugh, Secretary/Treasurer

Accepted:

  
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Dana Merrill, President  
Alan Gruber, VP

2/10/2020  
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Date