

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

**Meeting Minutes**

August 22, 2019

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

**ATTENDANCE**

Directors Present: Jerry Reaugh  
Lee Nesbitt (by phone)  
Hilary Graves (by phone)  
Dana Merrill (joins meeting 4:07PM)  
Herb Rowland (by phone)

Others Present: Laurie Gage, District Administrator  
Alan Doud (joins by phone 4:30PM)  
Guests

**ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:03PM.

**ITEM 2: REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2019 MEETING**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 19, 2019 MEETING made by Herb Rowland, seconded by Lee Nesbitt, passed 4-0.

**ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments submitted.

**ITEM 4: TREASURER'S REPORT**

No updates at this time.

**ITEM 5: UPDATE ON SHANDON-SAN JUAN DETACHMENT REQUESTS**

Current SSJWD detachments requests will be heard at LAFCo at the September meeting.

**ITEM 6: UPDATE FROM PAUL SORENSEN OF GSI ON STATUS OF GSP**

The full draft GSP has been released. The GSAs have not yet voted on it. The final Plan will be released November 13 with GSAs to vote on approval in early December. There are now 30 monitoring wells in the Plan, with the bulk of additions in the SSJ area. There are gaps in other areas. The stringent DWR requirements for monitoring wells make some prospective wells unacceptable. The last day for submission of comments on the draft GSP is September 29.

**ITEM 7: UPDATE ON PURPLE PIPE PROJECT**

Director Reaugh reports that bringing blended water to the Jardine area is under consideration as there are existing reservoirs capable of taking the water exist in the general area there. It might be a good idea to consider a minimum number of acres to be piped to be effective – 100 acres? There is a question on how the credit for the added water would be utilized, either on a basin-wide or local basis

with water credits. The Project proponents continue to try to get the potential project included in the GSP.

Director Graves asked where recycled water from Paso Robles City is stored? At this time, there is no storage facility; it is piped into the Salinas. There are plans to put a tank at Barney Schwartz Park to store the water. The multiple agencies part of the Nacimiento Pipeline have some unused water at this time, and the City of Paso cannot utilize their entire allocation due to the current size of the treatment facility. Meetings with the local county supervisors have had positive results.

**ITEM 8: REVIEW DRAFT ANNEXATION-DETACHMENT POLICY FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL**

There are three detachment requests that have been made to LAFCo. There is a question as to what happens if a detachment creates a 2-mile gap between properties (none of the current detachments do this). Alan Doud confirmed that nothing in the proposed policy prevents the District from objecting to a detachment request. The item was deferred to the next Board meeting for consideration for approval.

**ITEM 9: UPDATE ON ECONOMIC STUDY**

The researchers have produced a survey that is being sent out to vineyards and wineries. The partners in the project are EPCWD, SSJWD, PRCWA, Travel Paso, Farm Credit and the Farm Bureau. This study could potentially be helpful to the development of the GSP as effect on beneficial use is one of the Plan requirements.

**ITEM 10: UPDATE ON ELECTION PROCESS**

A letter has been sent to the Board of Supervisors certifying the election and requesting that the Supervisors appoint Jerry Reaugh and Herb Rowland to fill the two seats. Alan Doud has conferred with the County regarding the confusion over the election process since the District conducted its own election.

**ITEM 11: UPDATE ON OFFSET ORDINANCE**

The Planning Commission will be considering the proposed ordinance extension on September 12. The proposed extension has eliminated offsite offsets.

**ITEM 12: NEW BUSINESS – REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON NEXT AGENDA**

No new items for requested.

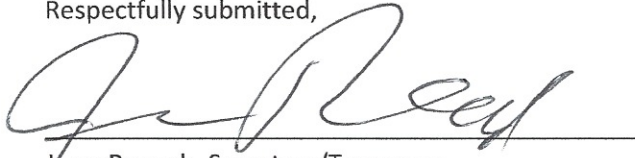
**ITEM 14: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2019 at Windfall Farms Conference Room, 4710 Flying Paster Lane, Paso Robles, starting at 3:00PM.


**ITEM 15: ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Herb Rowland, passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jerry Reaugh, Secretary/Treasurer

Accepted:

  
Dana Merrill, President

9-18-19  
Date