

Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District (EPCWD)
Special Meeting (as part of a multiagency meeting with Shandon-San Juan Water District pursuant to
Government Code Section 5945(b)(3)) Minutes

June 19, 2018

Shandon High School, 151 S. 1st Street, Shandon, CA 93461

ATTENDANCE

Directors Present: Dana Merrill
Lee Nesbitt
Jerry Reaugh
Hilary Graves

Others Present: Shandon-San Juan Water District Board members
Stephanie Bertoux, Secretary/Treasurer Shandon-San Juan Water District
Laurie Gage, District Administrator
Guests

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE MINUTES INCLUDE ITEMS THAT ARE PART OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING AND ITEMS ON THE ESTRELLA-EL POMAR-CRESTON WATER DISTRICT AGENDA. ITEMS PART OF THE SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT ONLY WILL BE COVERED IN THE SHANDON-SAN JUAN MEETING MINUTES OF THIS SAME DATE.

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:35PM by Dana Merrill.

ITEM 2: REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2018 MEETING

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Lee Nesbitt, passed unanimously.

ITEM 3: PUBLIC COMMENT (jointly with Shandon-San Juan Water District)

Ben Gooding, California Department of Water Resources representative described the Department's intention to restart monitoring wells in the Paso Robles Basin and that the Department would be seeking out various locations for this program.

ITEM 4: CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEM AS PART OF A MULTIAGENCY MEETING WITH SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT

Consider report and recommendation from ad hoc committee regarding hiring a consultant to assist in the GSP process jointly with Shandon-San Juan District, and discuss and decide cost sharing between Districts for consultant.

Two proposals were considered, one from Woodard & Curran, and one from GSI. The ad hoc committee recommended the GSI proposal. Paul Sorensen of GSI was introduced who discussed the firm's background and staff and projected support actions from GSI.

MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSAL made by Hilary Graves, seconded by Lee Nesbitt. Roll call vote passed 4-0: Director Graves – AYE, Director Nesbitt – AYE, Director Reaugh – AYE, Director Merrill – AYE

ITEM 5: CONSIDER A MOTION DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO FINALIZE THE CONSULTANT CONTRACT SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRESENTED AT THIS MEETING

MOTION TO DIRECT THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD TO FINALIZE THE CONSULTANT CONTRACT WITH GSI SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRESENTED made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Hilary Graves. Roll call vote passed 4-0: Director Graves – AYE, Director Nesbitt – AYE, Director Reaugh – AYE, Director Merrill – AYE

ITEM 6: CONSIDER DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF THE BASIN AND COORDINATION WITH CONSULTANT TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT OF A SUCCESSFUL GSP AS A GSA PARTNER WITH SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT

A general discussion of interaction with staff and consultant GSI ensued and included development of a list of concerns from the Board of Directors as GSA partner for consultant GSI and Randy Diffenbaugh (staff member of Shandon-San Juan Water District) to carry and present to the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee.

ITEM 7: CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROCEDURE TO VERIFY PROPERTY CHANGE REQUESTS WHEN REQUEST INVOLVES CHANGING BETWEEN IRRIGATED AND NON-IRRIGATED ACREAGE

The request must be in writing, the EPCWD staff will conduct a drive-by inspection if needed and the Board will consider at the next scheduled meeting post drive-by. Director Reaugh suggested that staff have ministerial authority for minor changes.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE PROCEDURE AS OUTLINED AND WITH THE ADDITION OF STAFF APPROVAL OF MINOR CHANGES made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Lee Nesbitt, passed unanimously.

ITEM 8: DISCUSSION OF FEEDBACK FROM RECENT INVOICING

Member of the public Dean Porter was recognized and asked the Board to consider a hardship waiver of assessments on a case-by-case basis. A general discussion followed with a determination to develop a procedure for such waivers.

Director Nesbitt excused himself from the meeting at 5:37PM.

ITEM 12: (Taken out of item order) TREASURERS REPORT

Jerry Reaugh presented the Treasurers Report.

ITEM 9: CONSIDER CHANGES TO POLICY AND PROCEDURES

A discussion of proposed changes to the number and levels of check signers ensued.

MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGES TO POLICY AND PROCEDURES made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Hilary Graves, passed unanimously.

ITEM 10: RECEIVE AND FILE GSA PARTNER AGREEMENT WITH SHANDON-SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT

ITEM 11: UPDATE FROM STAFF ON IRWM MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

Staff presented the information supplied by San Luis Obispo County Department of Public Works on steps to join the Integrated Regional Water Management project.

MOTION TO APPOINT HILARY GRAVES TO BE THE EPCWD REPRESENTATIVE IN THE IRWM PROCESS made by Jerry Reaugh, seconded by Dana Merrill, passed 3-0 on a roll call vote: Director Graves – AYE, Director Reaugh – AYE, Director Merrill – AYE

ITEM 13: DISCUSSION OF FOLLOW-UP ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING

No items were presented.

ITEM 14: NEW BUSINESS – REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACES ON NEXT AGENDA

No requests were made

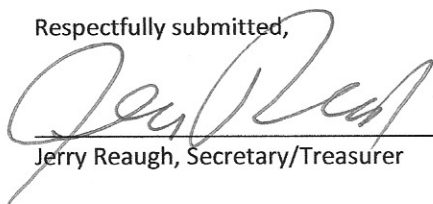
ITEM 15: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on July 17 and will be a special joint meeting with the Shandon-San Juan Water District

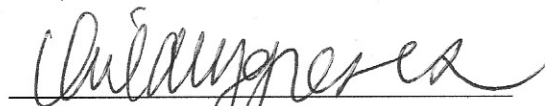
ITEM 16: ADJOURNMENT

CALL FOR ADJOURN made by Dana Merrill, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:15PM

Respectfully submitted,


Jerry Reaugh, Secretary/Treasurer

Accepted:


Dana Merrill, President
Hilary Graves, Vice President

07-17-2018
Date