

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

**Special Meeting Minutes**

**March 6, 2020**

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

**ATTENDANCE**

Directors Present: Lee Nesbitt  
Jerry Reaugh  
Dana Merrill  
Hilary Graves  
Herb Rowland

Others Present: Paul Sorensen, GSI  
Guests

**ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:10PM.

**ITEM 2: PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jerry Reaugh noted that there remain 7,500 uncounted ballots in the recent election in SLO County

**ITEM 3: CONSIDER SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES ON THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN AND POTENTIAL EXPENDITURES FOR PREPARATION AND LEGAL REVIEW**

Comments on the final GSP submitted to DWR are due by April 15, 2020. There was a general discussion of the nature of comments to be submitted to the DWR. When compared to the GSP for Cuyama, the Paso Basin GSP has fewer specifics about how to implement the measures specified; it is more of a "plan to plan" rather than an action plan. Comments from the District should demonstrate the District's position on moving forward as well as showing where the gaps are in the existing GSP such as funding, implementation, monitoring, implementation governance and potential projects. Both Supervisor Peschong and the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee have acknowledged on record that the GSP is not complete enough. The final report from the Economic Study which is in process should be made part of the comments submitted by the District. Paul Sorensen reported that the data for the County's Basin model, used in the writing of the GSP, last updated in 2011, will not be updated in terms of data again until the 5-year interim report to DWR will be the first chance to update the model. There was general discussion that the District needs to present comments that show that it is representing its landowners in terms of leading by example by presenting concepts that will help show a way forward to fill in the gaps in the GSP: funding, means for measuring use, potential projects, enhancing the monitoring network, governance structure for implementation and more, specifically for the District's service area. An ad hoc committee of Jerry Reaugh and Maria Kelly was formed to collect comments from directors and compile them to present them to the Board at the next meeting on March 18.

**ITEM 4: NEW BUSINESS**

Jerry Reaugh requested consideration of logo and website design at the next Board meeting.

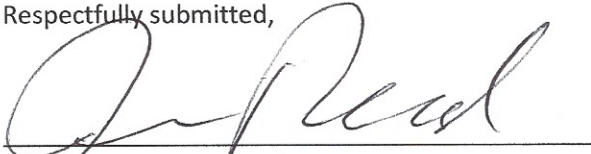
**ITEM 5: SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18 at 9:00AM.

**ITEM 6: ADJOURNMENT**

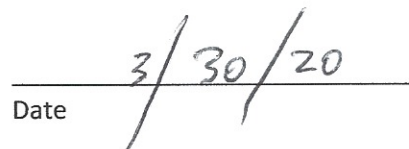
MOTION TO ADJOURN made by Lee Nesbitt, seconded by Hilary Graves, passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 2:48PM

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jerry Reaugh, Secretary/Treasurer

Accepted:

  
Dana Merrill, President

  
Date