

***Mendocino County***

***Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District***

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**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting  
November 1, 2021**

IN COMPLIANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 361, THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM.

**1. Roll Call**

President Watt called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

Trustees Present: Christopher Watt, President  
Alfred White, Vice President  
Matthew Froneberger, Treasurer  
John Reardan, Trustee  
Tyler Rodrigue, Trustee (arrived 5:37 PM)

Staff: Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager  
Jeanne Zolezzi, Legal Counsel (departed 6:18 PM)

**Action Item: State of Emergency**

Treasurer Froneberger moved to approve Resolution #21-04 Making Findings and Determinations under Assembly Bill 361 for Continued Virtual Meetings, determining that (i) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person; and/or (ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. Vice President White seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 (Froneberger, Reardan, White, Watt)  
Absent: 1 (Rodrigue)

**2. Public Expression –** No one from the public indicated interest in public expression

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Trustee Reardan moved to approve the agenda as presented. Treasurer Froneberger seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 (Froneberger, Reardan, Rodrigue, White, Watt)

**CLOSED SESSION**

**4. Closed Session**

Information received from participation in IWPC joint powers agency closed session that has direct financial or liability implications for RRFC (Gov't Code §54956.96)

*Property: PG&E Potter Valley Project. Agency Negotiators: Janet Pauli & Scott Shapiro*  
*Negotiating Parties: IWPC and FERC. Under Negotiation: Price and Terms*

The Board entered Closed Session at 5:40 PM and reentered Open Session at 6:18 PM. Chair Watt stated no reportable action was taken.

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

### 5. Water Supply Conditions Update and District Response

GM Salomone presented the item. There was some discussion and clarification on the status of Eel River transfers through the Potter Valley Project. President Watt asked for projections of transfers based on the differing operating conditions at Potter Valley Project, when available.

### 6. Water Resiliency Planning

President Watt presented the item, reviewing water resiliency projects being developed for funding applications and feasibility studies. The Ad Hoc Committee will meet again to explore options for progressing.

### 7. Redwood Valley County Water District (RVCWD) Ad Hoc Committee

GM Salomone presented the item. Trustee Reardan and Treasurer Froneberger, members of the Redwood Valley Ad Hoc Committee, offered comments. Both Trustees noted disappointment in the last communication from Redwood Valley County Water District after the extensive time, effort, and resources RRFC Board and staff members invested and reiterated the necessity for RRFC to focus its resources on securing as much water as available for District customers, make surplus available to Redwood Valley as available, and develop additional water resiliency projects. Several Trustees noted that the opportunity to explore securing Redwood Valley CWD's water supply from RRFC may be feasible in the future but RVCWD would need to initiate the effort.

Bree Kotter, RVCWD Board, addressed the Board noting that she had not seen the questions sent from RVCWD to RRFC and while disappointed, RRFC's position was understandable.

Tom Schoeneman, RVCWD Board, addressed the Board agreeing with Bree Klotter's comments noting the tone of the communicated questions did not reflect the friendly relationship between the Districts.

Trustee Reardan requested of the RVCWD Board members present, to submit a written communication to RRFC describing the downsides of annexation. President Watt and Treasurer Froneberger both commented on how historically contentious relationships seemed to be creating obstacles for progress in collaboration between the two Districts.

President Watt dissolved the Redwood Valley County Water District Ad Hoc Committee.

### 8. Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Update and Financial Commitment

President Watt recused himself from the item (at 6:53 PM) noting a potential perceived conflict. Vice President White assumed chairing the meeting during this item.

GM Salomone presented the item and addressed questions from Trustees. Commitment to fund the GSA is a vital component of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP)

Trustee Reardan moved to approve the commitment to contribute \$68,750 annually for five fiscal years and direct Staff to expend the funds from the District's Water Supply Reliability Reserve for the current fiscal year.

Treasurer Froneberger seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 (Froneberger, Reardan, Rodrigue, White)  
Abstain: 1 (Watt)

GM Salomone noted the District has the opportunity to submit formal public comment on the draft GSP and noted several points of consideration. Vice President White, as the GSA Representative for the District offered feedback. Further discussion was held and consensus was to refrain from submitting formal public comment at this time and potentially reconsider at a future meeting. President Watt returned to the meeting at the completion of this item (7:19 PM.)

## REGULAR BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND REPORT ITEMS

### 9. Consent Calendar

- a) Acceptance of the October 2021 Financial Report
- b) Approval of Minutes for the October 4, 2021 Regular Meeting
- c) Approval of Minutes for the October 25, 2021 Special Meeting
- d) Acceptance of the fiscal year-end reports for FY 2020-2021
- e) Final approval of the Audit of Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2019-20
- f) Approval of CalPERS Deferred Compensation Plan Roth Elective Deferrals and In-Plan Roth Conversions
- g) Appoint GM Salomone as the Designated Voter for the ACWA nominate and election of ACWA's President and Vice President for the 2022-2023 term

GM Salomone requested Item 9d) Acceptance of the fiscal year-end reports for FY 2020-2021 be pulled from the consent calendar until Bookkeeper can review.

Trustee Reardan moved to approve Consent Calendar Items a-c and e-g, excluding item d. Vice President White seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

Ayes: 5 (Froneberger, Reardan, Rodrigue, White, Watt)

### 10. Board Member & Committee Reports

*Vice President White* noted that until Millview CWD Board opts to provide the public with a Zoom link to attend their public Board meetings, he will not be attending the unmasked in-person meetings as he is not prepared to violate the County health order. He has communicated his concerns with Millview leadership and was encouraged that the Redwood Valley County Water District Board was providing a Zoom option for public.

*Treasurer Froneberger* provided an update on the Local Agency Formation Commission meeting earlier in the day.

*President Watt* reported the continuing discussions with the Sonoma Water Agency and State Water Resources Control Board staff in compliance with terms in the Emergency Regulations. He noted that he did not attend the Willow CWD Board meeting for the same reasons as Vice President White.

### 11. General Manager Report & Correspondence

GM Salomone presented the written report.

### 12. Direction on Future Agenda Items - None were identified.

## ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Froneberger moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Vice President White seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

Ayes: 5 (Froneberger, Reardan, Rodrigue, White, Watt)

## ***APPROVED by Board of Trustees on December 6, 2021***



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President of the Board of Trustees



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Secretary of the Board of Trustees

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**Vice President**  
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