

Mendocino County

Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District

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APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Meeting of September 14, 2026

At District Office: 304 N. State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482

1. Roll Call

President Watt called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Trustees Present: Christopher Watt, President
John Reardan, Vice President
Dave Koball, Trustee

Trustees Absent: John Bailey, Trustee
Tyler Rodrigue, Treasurer

Staff: Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager
Jeanne Zolezzi, Legal Counsel

2. Approval of Agenda

No public comment was offered.

Trustee Koball moved to approve the agenda. Vice President Reardan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 (Koball, Reardan, Watt)
Absent: 2 (Bailey, Rodrigue)

CLOSED SESSION

Before entering Closed Session, President Watt asked for public comment on this item and none was offered.

3. Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Gov. Code § 54956.8)

Property: Potter Valley Project | *Agency negotiator:* General Manager, General Counsel, Board Members

Negotiating parties: Agency, Inland Water & Power Agency, PG&E | *Under negotiation:* Purchasing Entity

4. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Lee Howard et al. v. Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control Annexation of Redwood Valley County Water District et al. Mendocino County Superior Court, Case No. 25CV02914 (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Gov. Code § 54956.9)

The Board entered closed session with legal counsel at 5:31 PM. The Board returned to open public session at 6:06 PM. Reportable action: none.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

5. Public Expression

No one showed an interest in commenting.

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

6. Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission (IWPC) Updates

The staff reports and other updates were offered from the September 10, 2026 Regular IWPC meeting.

The Board discussed development of IWPC multi-year budgets. The Board suggested a Treasurer be appointed at IWPC and supported GM Salomone initiating an IWPC Finance & Budget Ad Hoc Committee meeting scheduled in order to make progress on the multi-year budgeting.

President Watt asked for public comment on this item, and none was offered.

7. CalPERS Retirement Contract Update

President Watt asked for public comment on this item, and none was offered.

Trustee Koball moved to approve the Amendment to the Contract between the Board of Administration CA Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) and to Adopt Resolution #26-05 Authorizing an Amendment to the CalPERS Contract and direct Staff to complete and submit the required paperwork. Vice President Reardan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 (Koball, Reardan, Watt)

Absent: 2 (Bailey, Rodrigue)

8. Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Update

GM Salomone presented the staff report and input from the District's legal counsel after the staff report was published.

Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement

The current GSA Agreement includes the following:

7.1.3. Relationship of Members. The Upper Russian River Water Agency is a joint powers authority consisting of several water districts within the Ukiah Valley and the RRFC. For purposes of the Agency, the RRFC desires to be a separate member of the Agency with a separate vote, and as such, will not take part in any action or discussion, and shall not vote on any item of the Upper Russian River Water Agency related to the Agency. The abstention of the RRFC from such agenda items of the Upper Russian River Water Agency shall be separately reflected in documents of the Upper Russian River Water Agency. Should the RRFC fail to abstain from taking part in any vote relating to the Agency before the Upper Russian River Water Agency, it shall not be entitled to vote on that matter when it comes before the Agency.

While this section is no longer relevant because the Upper Russian River Water Agency is now defunct and no longer a member of the GSA, Legal Counsel asked if the is same restriction should be placed on the City with respect to its membership on the Ukiah Valley Water Authority, which is a Joint Powers Agency proposing to join the GSA. The Board discussed and GM Salomone offered information and answered questions.

President Watt asked for public comment on this item and none was offered.

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President Watt moved to approve requesting a provision in the Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement of the Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency stating that any GSA member agency that is a Joint Powers Agency and whose member(s) wish(es) to be a separate member of the GSA with a separate vote will not take part in any action or discussion and shall not vote on any item of the member agency JPA related to the GSA. Should the member agency fail to abstain from taking part in any vote relating to the GSA before the member agency JPA, it shall not be entitled to vote on that matter when it comes before the Agency. Trustee Koball seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 (Koball, Reardan, Watt)
Absent: 2 (Bailey, Rodrigue)

Technical Advisory Committee Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

President Watt reported on the development of the MOU and the change to the number of seats.

Vice President Reardan moved to approve the Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Technical Advisory Committee Memorandum of Understanding. Trustee Koball seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 (Koball, Reardan, Watt)
Absent: 2 (Bailey, Rodrigue)

REGULAR BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND REPORT ITEMS

9. General Manager Report & Correspondence

GM Salomone presented the report and reviewed the attachment regarding Trustee elections and appointments. Information was provided on the City of Windsor water right application to divert 200 acre feet water in the winter for an Aquifer Storage & Recovery (ASR) 5 year pilot project. This project supports many of the Flood Control's strategic goals and does not meet terms to trigger the District's Policy 01-01 to protest new water rights.

10. Water Supply Conditions Update

GM Salomone presented the report and a few comments were made.

11. Consent Calendar

- a) Acceptance of the August 2026 Financial Reports
- b) Approval of August 5, 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes
- c) Approval of August 27, 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes

President Watt asked for public comment on this item and none was offered.

Vice President Reardan moved to approve the consent calendar. Trustee Koball seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 (Koball, Reardan, Watt)
Absent: 2 (Bailey, Rodrigue)

12. Trustee & Committee Reports

Trustee Koball reported that the Mendocino County Farm Bureau Board voted to endorse four City Council candidates.

13. Direction on Future Agenda Items

GM Salomone noted an updated Code of Conflict policy will be brought to the Board for consideration at a future meeting.

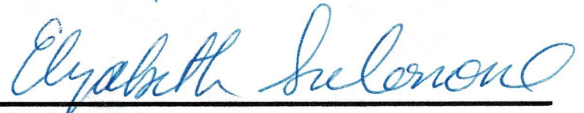
ADJOURNMENT

President Watt adjourned the meeting at 7:28 PM.

APPROVED by Board of Trustees on October 5, 2026



Christopher Watt
President of the Board of Trustees



Elizabeth Salomone
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

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Christopher Watt

Vice President
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Treasurer
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John Bailey

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