

Mendocino County

Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District

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A G E N D A

Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting of Monday, July 11, 5:30 pm

IN COMPLIANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 361, THIS MEETING CAN BE VIEWED LIVE VIA ON ZOOM.

Call in: (669) 900-9128

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Public Expression- See End of Agenda for Information on Public Expression
3. Approval of Agenda *Urgent items added may be discussed immediately as Item 4. Time suggestions to the right of item title.*

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

4. Water Supply Conditions Update & District Response (5:40 PM)
Board will receive report & provide feedback and/or direction to General Manager.
5. Water Resiliency Planning (6:00 PM)
Board will receive report and provide feedback and/or direction to General Manager.

REGULAR BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND REPORT ITEMS (6:20 PM)

6. Consent Calendar [Note: minutes for June 6 & 14 Board Meetings will be on next agenda.]
 - a) Acceptance of the June 2022 Financial Report
 - b) State of Emergency
Board to reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency and determine by majority vote 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 as previously passed in Board Resolution #21-04.
7. Trustee & Committee Reports
8. General Manager Report & Correspondence
9. Direction on Future Agenda Items

CLOSED SESSION (6:35 PM)

10. Information received from participation in Inland Water & Power Commission (IWPC) joint powers agency closed session that has direct financial or liability implications for RRFC (Gov. 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

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION ITEMS – All agenda items are potential action items unless otherwise noted.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION – The Board welcomes public participation in its Board meetings. Comments shall include any item not on the agenda that is within the subject matter jurisdiction and authority of the District. No action may be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda; however, the Board may direct such items to be placed on the agenda of a future meeting or may request additional information on any such item. The Board may limit testimony to three (3) minutes per person and not more than ten (10) minutes for a particular subject. All items on the agenda are considered action items unless otherwise noted. All times and the order of business are approximate and subject to change.

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

STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Trustees
From: E. Salomone, General Manager
Meeting: Monday, July 11, 2022
RE: Agenda Item 4: Water Supply Conditions Update & District Response

The Strategic Plan relevant priorities are: (a) **Secure** (b) **Use** (c) **Advocate** & (d) **Administer** water resources in alignment with the District's Mission Statement to proactively manage the water resources of the upper Russian River for the benefit of the people and environment of Mendocino County.

Overview of Water Supply Conditions

Lake Mendocino storage level had an overall increase from 50,039 af on June 2, 2022 to 50,643 af on July 5, 2022. Minimum instream flows continue at 25 cubic feet per second (cfs) in the Upper Russian River under the newly SWRCB approved Temporary Urgency Change Petition filed by Sonoma Water.

The State Water Board enacted some curtailments to as of July 1, 2022 in response to low natural flows. This year, water right holders are required to monitor a Curtailment Status List on the State Water Board's website and stop or reduce diversions when the list shows their water right is curtailed.

It is expected that further curtailments will be issued when the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approves a variance reducing flows through the Potter Valley Project to the East Fork of the Russian River. At the time of writing this report, no update has been received on the PG&E variance request to FERC.

The Upper Russian River Voluntary Water Sharing Agreement Program is now in effect and participants have been notified of forbearance percentages, which are currently minimal due to the lack of a FERC variance.

District 2022 Water Supply

As a participant in the Upper Russian River Voluntary Water Sharing Agreement Program, the District has been issued a forbearance percentage of 0% (zero percent) and a direct diversion water supply allocation that, if sustained through July 2022, will account for almost all July use by customers. Any additional use will be from stored water supplies in Lake Mendocino.

Customers have submitted monthly demand projections that will be provided to Sonoma Water for reservoir water supply projections.

The District's ability to continue directly diverting under its license will be almost exclusively dependent on FERC's response to PG&E's variance application. If the requested 5 cfs East Fork Russian River flow is approved, it is expected the District's right to directly divert will be fully curtailed by the State Water Board due to lack of water supply. At that point, the District would depend fully on the stored water in Lake Mendocino to meet customer demand for 2022 water supply.

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STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Trustees
From: E. Salomone, General Manager
Meeting: Monday, July 11, 2022
RE: Agenda Item 5: Water Resiliency Planning

The Strategic Plan relevant priorities are to (a) **Secure** reliable and available sources of water; (b) **Use** water to its highest and best use as a public resource through management; (c) **Advocate** in the security and use of water beyond our direct authority; and (d) **Administer** District resources in alignment with the District's Mission Statement to proactively manage the water resources of the upper Russian River for the benefit of the people and environment of Mendocino County.

Water Storage Project

At the June 6, 2022 Regular Board meeting, terms of sale for 537 Parducci Road, Ukiah, CA 95482 as a potential water storage project were considered.

Significant hurdles exist in developing a water storage project on a Class 1 stream, which is the classification of Hensley Creek on the property. An initial fisheries habitat study and consultation with CA Fish and Wildlife and the State Water Resources Control Board indicated interest and intrigue for the project. The District also engaged consultants to conduct funding and water supply analysis. Additional and extensive studies and consultations would be required to develop the project to a level sufficient for an exception application.

While indicators exist to suggest a possibility of advancement for the water storage project, the Board concluded that the terms of sale were beyond the economic capacity of the District to continue negotiations, studies, or consultations.

The District notified the property owners on June 7, 2022 and thanked them bringing this opportunity to the District and allowing time to explore the possibility of project development.

Water Right Applications 12919C and 12920B

The District received a water supply analysis presentation from Balance Hydrologics at the June 6, 2022 Regular Board meeting. A report will be submitted to the Administrative Hearing Office for the WR Applications by July 15, 2022.

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STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Trustees
From: E. Salomone, General Manager
Meeting: Monday, July 11, 2022
RE: Agenda Item 6a: June 2022 Financial Reports Summary

Revenue

May 2022: Additional revenue not shown on previous report: None

June 2022: \$24,408.17 in water sales

Ordinary Expenses

May 2022: Additional expenses not shown on previous report: None

June 2022: \$28,034.02 in expenses at time of writing this report, notably:

- \$2,007.50 Consulting for Bookkeeping services
- \$420.94 Fees for annual County Property Tax Administration
- \$2,410.77 for Legal Counsel
- \$1,892.20 Rent for last at old office, deposit & first at new office
- \$908.50 Training Costs for ACWA Conference expenses
- \$5,595.00 Water Resiliency for water supply analysis expenses

Other

- New bookkeeper continues to address various issues.
- New auditor engaged to conduct FY 2019-20 (late) and FY 20-21 audits
- Reconciliations are up to date from last statements. (June 2022)
- Additional reports or information available upon request.
- No changes to the contracted water worksheet from last month.

Recommendation:

Move to accept and file the financial reports for June 2022.

Attachments:

1. Income & Expense / Budget Vs Actual Report – June only
2. Income & Expense / Budget Vs Actual Report – Fiscal Year to date
3. Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparison Report
4. Balance Sheet Previous Year Comparison Report
5. Monthly Payment Detail Report
6. Contracted Water Worksheet

Russian River Flood Control District
Income & Expense / Budget vs. Actual
June 2022

Cash Basis

	<u>Jun 22</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Water Sales	24,408.17			
Total Income	24,408.17			
Expense				
Consulting	2,007.50			
Fees, County & LAFCo	420.94			
Insurance, Workers Comp	446.66			
Legal	2,410.77			
Meters Expense	54.77			
Office Operating Expenses	898.19			
Payroll Expenses	13,212.95			
Rent, Utilities	1,892.20			
Training Costs	908.50			
Vehicle	186.54			
Water Resiliency	5,595.00			
Total Expense	28,034.02			
Net Ordinary Income	-3,625.85			
Net Income	-3,625.85	0.00	-3,625.85	100.0%

Russian River Flood Control District Income & Expense / Budget vs. Actual

Cash Basis

July 2021 through June 2022

	Jul '21 - Ju...	Budget	\$ Over Bud...	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Interest-LAIF	980.62	4,800.00	-3,819.38	20.4%
Interest-SBMC	64.06	200.00	-135.94	32.0%
Property Taxes	58,790.38	45,000.00	13,790.38	130.6%
Reimbursed Expenses	37,601.48			
Water Application Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Water Sales	345,707.23	325,000.00	20,707.23	106.4%
Total Income	443,143.77	375,000.00	68,143.77	118.2%
Expense				
Consulting	7,225.25	20,000.00	-12,774.75	36.1%
Election	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Fees, Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Fees, County & LAFCo	1,817.07	1,700.00	117.07	106.9%
Gage	34,376.25	15,000.00	19,376.25	229.2%
Groundwater Sustainability	10,513.64	0.00	10,513.64	100.0%
Insurance, Liability	6,144.80	7,000.00	-855.20	87.8%
Insurance, Workers Comp	2,816.12	5,000.00	-2,183.88	56.3%
Legal	33,972.12	25,000.00	8,972.12	135.9%
Memberships	5,670.00	11,500.00	-5,830.00	49.3%
Meters Expense	108.92	2,000.00	-1,891.08	5.4%
Office Operating Expenses	6,372.01	5,000.00	1,372.01	127.4%
Payroll Expenses	152,479.13	160,250.00	-7,770.87	95.2%
Payroll Taxes- old	0.00			
Rent, Utilities	9,012.29	20,000.00	-10,987.71	45.1%
Stipends, Meetings	4,125.00	6,000.00	-1,875.00	68.8%
SWRCB Permits	15,930.05	15,000.00	930.05	106.2%
Training Costs	2,583.50	5,000.00	-2,416.50	51.7%
Unfunded Pension Liability	8,419.00	6,000.00	2,419.00	140.3%
Vehicle	580.51	2,000.00	-1,419.49	29.0%
Water Resiliency	62,448.57	40,000.00	22,448.57	156.1%
4000 - Reconciliation Discrep...	235.00			
Total Expense	364,829.23	346,450.00	18,379.23	105.3%
Net Ordinary Income	78,314.54	28,550.00	49,764.54	274.3%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense				
Meter Purchase	1,884.53	25,000.00	-23,115.47	7.5%
Reserves	68,750.00	0.00	68,750.00	100.0%
Total Other Expense	70,634.53	25,000.00	45,634.53	282.5%
Net Other Income	-70,634.53	-25,000.00	-45,634.53	282.5%
Net Income	7,680.01	3,550.00	4,130.01	216.3%

Russian River Flood Control District
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
July 2021 through June 2022

Cash Basis

	<u>Jul '21 - Jun 22</u>	<u>Jul '20 - Jun 21</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Interest-LAIF	980.62	4,113.47	-3,132.85	-76.2%
Interest-SBMC	64.06	167.06	-103.00	-61.7%
Property Taxes	58,790.38	58,067.73	722.65	1.2%
Reimbursed Expenses	37,601.48	19,570.10	18,031.38	92.1%
Water Sales	345,707.23	361,392.49	-15,685.26	-4.3%
Total Income	<u>443,143.77</u>	<u>443,310.85</u>	<u>-167.08</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Expense				
Consulting	7,225.25	15,026.25	-7,801.00	-51.9%
Election	0.00	308.75	-308.75	-100.0%
Fees, Bank Charges	0.00	102.20	-102.20	-100.0%
Fees, County & LAFCo	1,817.07	1,402.97	414.10	29.5%
Gage	34,376.25	21,108.75	13,267.50	62.9%
Groundwater Sustainability	10,513.64	3,000.00	7,513.64	250.5%
Insurance, Liability	6,144.80	5,687.19	457.61	8.1%
Insurance, Workers Comp	2,816.12	3,415.14	-599.02	-17.5%
Legal	33,972.12	29,749.38	4,222.74	14.2%
Memberships	5,670.00	5,597.00	73.00	1.3%
Meters Expense	108.92	1,940.10	-1,831.18	-94.4%
Office Operating Expenses	6,372.01	3,200.17	3,171.84	99.1%
Payroll Expenses	152,479.13	144,357.08	8,122.05	5.6%
Payroll Taxes- old	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Rent, Utilities	9,012.29	7,451.08	1,561.21	21.0%
Stipends, Meetings	4,125.00	3,450.00	675.00	19.6%
SWRCB Permits	15,930.05	12,661.84	3,268.21	25.8%
Training Costs	2,583.50	1,268.53	1,314.97	103.7%
Unfunded Pension Liability	8,419.00	6,777.00	1,642.00	24.2%
Vehicle	580.51	131.66	448.85	340.9%
Water Resiliency	62,448.57	60,698.75	1,749.82	2.9%
4000 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	235.00	0.00	235.00	100.0%
Total Expense	<u>364,829.23</u>	<u>327,333.84</u>	<u>37,495.39</u>	<u>11.5%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>78,314.54</u>	<u>115,977.01</u>	<u>-37,662.47</u>	<u>-32.5%</u>
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense				
Meter Purchase	1,884.53	4,968.00	-3,083.47	-62.1%
Reserves	68,750.00	50,000.00	18,750.00	37.5%
Total Other Expense	<u>70,634.53</u>	<u>54,968.00</u>	<u>15,666.53</u>	<u>28.5%</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-70,634.53</u>	<u>-54,968.00</u>	<u>-15,666.53</u>	<u>-28.5%</u>
Net Income	<u><u>7,680.01</u></u>	<u><u>61,009.01</u></u>	<u><u>-53,329.00</u></u>	<u><u>-87.4%</u></u>

Russian River Flood Control District Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison

As of June 30, 2022

Cash Basis

	Jun 30, 22	Jun 30, 21	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
LAIF	490,698.69	489,718.07	980.62	0.2%
SBMC Checking	483,865.96	308,894.01	174,971.95	56.6%
SBMC Savings	100,063.69	267,816.46	-167,752.77	-62.6%
Total Checking/Savings	1,074,628.34	1,066,428.54	8,199.80	0.8%
Other Current Assets				
Taxes Receivable	3,984.00	3,984.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Other Current Assets	3,984.00	3,984.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Current Assets	1,078,612.34	1,070,412.54	8,199.80	0.8%
Fixed Assets				
Accumulated Depreciation	-24,542.00	-24,542.00	0.00	0.0%
Meters & Vehicles	137,098.38	134,111.25	2,987.13	2.2%
Total Fixed Assets	112,556.38	109,569.25	2,987.13	2.7%
Other Assets				
Deferred Outflows	64,366.00	64,366.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Other Assets	64,366.00	64,366.00	0.00	0.0%
TOTAL ASSETS	1,255,534.72	1,244,347.79	11,186.93	0.9%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Other Current Liabilities				
Accrued Expenses	10,263.00	10,263.00	0.00	0.0%
Payroll Liabilities				
1959 Survivor Benefits (Liab)	-1.00	-1.00	0.00	0.0%
CalPERS- Employee contr (liab.)	42.19	28.15	14.04	49.9%
CalPERS 457 Def Comp (Liab)	-131.25	12.50	-143.75	-1,150.0%
CalPERS Company Match (Liab)	73.91	64.93	8.98	13.8%
CalPERS Roth 457(b) payable	600.00	0.00	600.00	100.0%
Employee Health Insurance	3,108.00	1,200.00	1,908.00	159.0%
Federal Withholding	632.00	646.00	-14.00	-2.2%
FICA	749.32	594.18	155.14	26.1%
Medicare	175.26	138.96	36.30	26.1%
State Withholding CA	331.18	338.97	-7.79	-2.3%
Payroll Liabilities - Other	950.00	0.00	950.00	100.0%
Total Payroll Liabilities	6,529.61	3,022.69	3,506.92	116.0%
Total Other Current Liabilities	16,792.61	13,285.69	3,506.92	26.4%
Total Current Liabilities	16,792.61	13,285.69	3,506.92	26.4%
Long Term Liabilities				
Net Pension Liability	36,024.00	36,024.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Long Term Liabilities	36,024.00	36,024.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Liabilities	52,816.61	49,309.69	3,506.92	7.1%
Equity				
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	541,116.95	541,116.95	0.00	0.0%
3900 · Retained Earnings	653,921.15	592,912.14	61,009.01	10.3%
Net Income	7,680.01	61,009.01	-53,329.00	-87.4%
Total Equity	1,202,718.11	1,195,038.10	7,680.01	0.6%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,255,534.72	1,244,347.79	11,186.93	0.9%

Russian River Flood Control District Monthly Payment Detail

As of June 30, 2022

Cash Basis

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Original ...	Paid Amount
SBMC Checking					
Bill Pmt -Check	06/02/2022	State Compensation Insurance Fund	2021-22 FY Policy charges 5/9-6/9/22	-446.66	-446.66
Bill Pmt -Check	06/02/2022	Cardmember Service	Credit card 4/15-5/12/22	-1,659.86	-1,659.86
Bill Pmt -Check	06/03/2022	Comcast Business	Internet services for 5/13 - 6/12/22	-76.47	-76.47
Bill Pmt -Check	06/08/2022	Intuit	Monthly Payroll Subscription	-2.00	-2.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/08/2022	Alder Moving Services	Service date June 1, 2022 office move	-675.00	-675.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/08/2022	Balance Hydrologics	Water supply analysis project, 2nd pymt	-5,595.00	-5,595.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/08/2022	Christiansen Properties	Office rent - May 2022	-375.00	-375.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/08/2022	County of Mendocino Clerk-Reco...	VOID: Property Tax Administration 20120...	0.00	0.00
Bill Pmt -Check	06/08/2022	Eide Bailly	Bookkeeping, April service Dates	-2,007.50	-2,007.50
Bill Pmt -Check	06/08/2022	Herum/Crabtree/Suntag	Legal Counsel, May service dates	-2,410.77	-2,410.77
Bill Pmt -Check	06/08/2022	McCrometer	Invoice 580869	-2,987.13	-2,987.13
Bill Pmt -Check	06/08/2022	Willow County Water District	Rent and Utilities April 2022	-842.20	-842.20
Bill Pmt -Check	06/14/2022	Mendocino County Auditor-Contr...	PropertyTax Administration FY 2021-22, i...	-420.94	-420.94
Bill Pmt -Check	06/18/2022	US Cellular	Cell service 5/14- to 6/13/22	-51.22	-51.22
Bill Pmt -Check	06/26/2022	CalPERS	2022-23 annual1959 Survivor Billing	-56.40	-56.40
Bill Pmt -Check	06/29/2022	RTI "Respectech"	IT support	-258.45	-258.45
Total SBMC Checking					-17,864.60
TOTAL					-17,864.60

Project Water Worksheet as of June 30, 2022

Please note:

**The District is under Declaration#21-02,
Stage III: Water Supply Warning**

It has yet to be determined how much of the contractual water supply will be available to customers for 2022. Customers will be asked to provide monthly demand schedules to assist in water supply planning for the year.

Note: no change from previous month.

**Current 2022 totals
in Acre Feet**

Project Water Licensed to MC RRFC & WCID:	7940																						
Contracted Non-Municipals :	4917																						
Contracted Municipals:	2507.15																						
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Contracted Total:	7424.15																						
Uncontracted Water Supply for 2021:	515.85																						

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STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Trustees
From: E. Salomone, General Manager
Meeting: Monday, July 11, 2022
RE: Agenda Item 6b: State of Emergency

The Strategic Plan relevant priority is to **Administer** District resources in alignment with the District's Mission Statement to proactively manage the water resources of the upper Russian River for the benefit of the people and environment of Mendocino County.

Background

The Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code § 54950 et seq.) generally requires local agencies meeting via teleconference, including through other virtual or electronic means, to provide public access at each location in which members of the legislative body are teleconferencing. Legislature recently enacted Assembly Bill 361, Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021 ("AB 361"), which amended Government Code section 54953 to allow local agencies to meet fully virtually during a proclaimed state of emergency if state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing. The Governor of California issued a proclamation declaring a state of emergency on March 4, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, pursuant to section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act, and this proclaimed state of emergency currently remains in effect. Additionally, on September 29, 2021, the Mendocino County Health Officer issued a Health Recommendation urging public bodies in Mendocino County to continue meeting remotely through online meetings to lower the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

On November 1, 2021, the Board of Trustees of the Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District adopted Resolution #21-04 Making Findings and Determinations Under Assembly Bill 361 For Continued Virtual Meetings. Consistent with the provisions of Government Code Section 54953(e), the Board found and determined that (1) a state of emergency related to COVID-19 is currently in effect; and (2) state and local officials have recommended measures to promote social distancing in connection with COVID-19. Based on such facts, findings and determinations, the Board authorized staff to conduct remote teleconference meetings of the Board under the provisions of Government Code Section 54953(e). 3. This Resolution took effect immediately.

Recommended Action:

- Move to reaffirm the previously adopted 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.

Attachments:

- Resolution #21-04 Making Findings and Determinations under Assembly Bill 361 for Continued Virtual Meetings, dated November 1, 2021

Resolution #21-04

of the

Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District

Making Findings and Determinations Under Assembly Bill 361 For Continued Virtual Meetings

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as the “Board of Trustees,” is committed to preserving and nurturing public access to and participation in meetings of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code § 54950 et seq.) generally requires local agencies meeting via teleconference, including through other virtual or electronic means, to provide public access at each location in which members of the legislative body are teleconferencing; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recently enacted Assembly Bill 361, Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021 (“AB 361”), which amended Government Code section 54953 to allow local agencies to meet fully virtually during a proclaimed state of emergency if state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued a proclamation declaring a state of emergency on March 4, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, pursuant to section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act, and this proclaimed state of emergency currently remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, starting in March 2020, in response to the spread of COVID-19 in the State of California, the Governor issued a number of executive orders aimed at containing the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, among other things, these orders waived certain requirements of the Brown Act to allow legislative bodies to meet virtually; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Governor’s executive orders, the Board has been holding virtual meetings during the pandemic in the interest of protecting the health and safety of the public, staff, and Board members; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 related to the suspension of certain provisions of the Brown Act expired on September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, AB 361, effective as of October 1, 2021 allows legislative bodies to meet virtually provided there is a state of emergency, and either (1) state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; or (2) the legislative body determines by majority vote that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, state or local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2021, the Mendocino County Health Officer issued a Health Recommendation urging public bodies in Mendocino County to continue meeting remotely through online meetings to lower the risk of COVID-19 transmission; and

WHEREAS, the continuation of virtual meetings will allow for full participation by members of the public until the present state of emergency has ended; and **WHEREAS**, the Board desires to continue to hold virtual meetings pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the District Board hereby resolves as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. Consistent with the provisions of Government Code Section 54953(e), the Board finds and determines that (1) a state of emergency related to COVID- 19 is currently in effect; and (2) state and local officials have recommended measures to promote social distancing in connection with COVID-19. Based on such facts, findings and determinations, the Board authorizes staff to conduct remote teleconference meetings of the Board under the provisions of Government Code Section 54953(e). 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ADOPTED 1st of November, 2021 by the Board of Trustees of the Mendocino County Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District, by the following vote:

Christopher Watt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / No / Abstain / Absent
Alfred White	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / No / Abstain / Absent
Matthew Froneberger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / No / Abstain / Absent
Tyler Rodrigue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / No / Abstain / Absent
John Reardan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / No / Abstain / Absent



Signed: _____
Christopher Watt, Board of Trustees President

1/11/21
Date



Attest: _____
Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager

1/11/21
Date

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

General Manager's Report for June 2022

Presented at Regular Meeting of Monday, June 11, 2022

Priority 1, Secure: Ensure reliable and available sources of water. (Water rights license, Reservoirs, PVP)

See also: Agenda Items on Water Supply Conditions and Water Resiliency Planning

Potter Valley Project Relicensing: PG&E is scheduled to submit a plan for the scheduling of the Potter Valley Project decommissioning process any day.

Priority 2, Use: Ensure water is managed to its highest and best use as a public resource.

(Contracts & water sales, monitor & respond to regional water issues)

(See last page of this report for updates on all community partner meetings attended this month.)

Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA): Both the TAC and GSA Board met (6/22 and 6/23/22.) With management transitioning from the County to the new consultant, the meeting recording was delayed but is expected to be posted on the County YouTube page. The TAC discussed project and management actions, including progress on current projects by stakeholders and plans for future ones by GSA and/or stakeholders. Compliance with the Executive Order requiring GSA's to weigh in on well permitting was discussed at both TAC and Board. The Board approved monitoring contracts with Resource Conservation District (RCD) and CA Land Steward Institute (CLSI), received a communication and engagement plan update presentation, discussed a rate and fee study, and approved the FY 22/23 budget.

Priority 3, Advocate: Participate as an active stakeholder in the security and use of water beyond our direct authority. (Stakeholder positions, participation with community partners, website, legislation)

Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA): GM Salomone presenting on the Upper Russian River Water Sharing Agreement (VSA) Program at the July 27th ACWA Agricultural Committee.

Priority 4: Administer: Foster sustainable leadership and management of agency resources.

(GM, Trustees, systems, financial)

Financial: The Fiscal Year 2019-20 audit is underway by a new auditor.

General Manager: *Watched California Water Plan Public Workshop - Climate Change Theme. *Interviewed by several reporters on Voluntary Water Sharing Agreement Program and PG&E Variance, including CalMatters SWRCB staff to for Press Release. *Attended ACWA Region 1 Board meeting. *Attended the UC groundwater course session. *Virtually attended and offered public comment at the State Water Board meeting. *Held an in-person Customer Meeting. **(10)** Conducted meter reading. *Attended PG&E Drought Working Group *Virtually attended North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board meeting and offered public comment. *Met with consultant engineer on water supply analysis. *Provided written update for CEO Darci Antle's Board report. *Participated in several RR Drought Working Group steering committee meetings. *Continued watching recorded ACWA conference sessions. *Went on vacation. *Participated in the RR Water Users Forum consultant interviews and selection process with Sonoma Water and IWPC. *Chaired the GSA TAC, attended the GSA Board meeting. *Attended CA Water Board Data Science Symposium. *Attended ACWA Region 1 Event.

Operations: The District office new address is 304 North State Street #2, Ukiah, CA 95482. Office is open by appointment only.

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Community Meetings Attended This Month

Upper Russian River Water Agency (URRWA) (6/1/22): *An update was given on the PG&E variance filed with FERC. *After consideration of public comments by GM Salomone and RRFC VP Al White, the Board pivoted to support the enrollment of individual URRWA members in the Voluntary Water Sharing Program. *Representation on the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board and Technical Advisory Committee was discussed but no motion to appoint was made. *No significant update on the consolidation efforts with URRWA and the City of Ukiah. *GM Walker provided information on operational updates.

City Council (6/1/22): During the City Manager Report agenda item, the Council heard a report on electrical rates and impacts of drought condition and reduced water supply to generate power.

Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) (6/6/22): Commission held a public hearing on County Service Area No. 3 Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Study, approved the final budget and work program for FY 2022-23, and approved a letter of support to the State Water Resources Control Board for funding and process support to improve efficiencies of water service provision to the Ukiah Valley.

Redwood Valley MAC (6/8/22): GM Salomone was asked to conduct a Q&A with the RV MAC as an educational piece on water. The Water Subcommittee had drafted a Motion to Intervene on the PGE variance, which was discussed and approved.

Inland Water & Power Commission (IWPC) (6/9/22): Commission members Mulheren and McGourty spoke on the proposed Board of Supervisors sponsored sales tax that could potentially trickle down to some amount of financial support for the continued diversions from the Eel River.

Hopland Public Utility District (6/13/22): No one from the District attended.

Willow County Water District (6/13/22): *GM Walker provided an update on operations: Norgard well work is complete, pumping 90 gpm and new meter installation about complete. *City of Ukiah and URRWA ad hoc has not held a meeting in 6 weeks. Sean White (City) and Jared Walker (URRWA) had call with SWRCB about next steps. The \$60,000 per hookup is not right fit for a larger consolidation like the one proposed. State looking at alternative funding sources. \$20M is not enough to make consolidation happen. The State has stated Redwood Valley CWD must benefit from the consolidation. Jared sees valley wide consolidation as ultimate goal. Perhaps split into multiple projects to start. *Update about PVP flow reductions. *Voluntary Water Sharing Agreement: at 5 cfs releases into the East Fork RR above Lake Mendocino, Program doesn't work. The Board approved enrollment.

Millview County Water District (Special) Mtg (6/15/22):

*GM Walker reported that water treatment plant has been refurbished, upgraded and operating. Well 35 is pumping 90 gpm and one more raw water sample is needed before adding to the water supply system. *URRWA/City of Ukiah consolidation progress reported with the two managers meeting DWR staff. The money available for consolidation is only \$20 million, however, \$50 million is needed for a full consolidation for extensive infrastructure to move water where it is needed. There is consideration of breaking the project into two smaller consolidations: Redwood Valley/Calpella/Millview would be one, City of Ukiah and Willow would be another. *The Board approved enrolling in the Voluntary Water Sharing Agreement, adopted the 2022-2023 Budget, and voted to accept the proposal from ZFA to engineer and construct a protective structure for well 6. *The Board acknowledged the work done by RRFC in moving the Agreement forward and said "thank you."

Calpella County Water District (6/15/22): No one from the District attended.

City Council (6/15/22): The City Council approved enrollment in the Voluntary Water Sharing Agreement.

Redwood Valley County Water District (6/16/22): Cancelled due to lack of quorum.

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Upper Russian River Water Agency (URRWA) (7/6/22): *Consolidation efforts between City and Districts is too large for the available funding. Looking for additional sources of funding. 20 million is available, need another 40 million. State will help find additional funding opportunities once everyone gets back from their vacations. *Redwood Valley is working with LACO for managing the projects funded by their 1.8 million grant; upgrading treatment plant. *Millview well 35 has received final approvals from the State. Waiting for the company that provided the filtration system for the iron and manganese to come and start it up. *Willow has the Norgaard well field running and providing 350 gpm. *No action taken on selecting a member for the GSA again.

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Prepared and submitted to the Board of Trustees by: *Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager*

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June 9, 2022

To: District Board of Directors
From: Chamise Cubbison, Acting Auditor-Controller
Re: Estimated 2022-23 Tax Revenue

The following are this office's estimates of taxes to be paid to your district for the 2022-23 fiscal year. An estimated value increase of 1.5% has been applied, based on the Assessor's most recent report. The actual value fluctuation could be more or less.

	MRRFC & WCID
Current Secured	42,469.16
Current Unsecured	1,491.00
Homeowners Exemption	372.00
Prior Unsecured	46.00
Timber Tax	0.00
SB813 Supplemental	168.00
Total	<u>44,546.16</u>

Please call me with any questions you may have regarding the above estimates.