#### Mendocino County

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

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#### AGENDA

#### Board of Trustees – Regular Meeting of Monday, April 4, 2022 5:30 pm

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

Call in: (669) 900-9128 Meeting ID: 811 2748 9402 Passcode: 95482

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- 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.

#### **CLOSED SESSION** (5:35 PM)

4. 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.

Negotiating Parties: IWPC and FERC.

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

- 5. Customer Request for Invoice Adjustment (6:00 PM)

  Board will consider request from Rogina Mutual Water for action on 2021 contract water invoice.
- 6. Water Supply Conditions Update and District Response (6:10 PM)

  Board will receive report and provide feedback and/or direction regarding the proposed voluntary conservation program.
- 7. Water Resiliency Planning (6:25 PM)

  Board will receive report and provide feedback and/or direction to Ad Hoc Committee and General Manager.
- 8. Proposed Annual Project Water Price Per Acre Foot Determination (6:35 PM) *Board will receive report and provide direction.*

#### REGULAR BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND REPORT ITEMS (6:50 PM)

- 9. Consent Calendar
  - a) Acceptance of the March 2022 Financial Report
  - b) Approval of Minutes for the March 7, 2022 Regular Meeting
  - c) Approval of Minutes for the March 24, 2022 Special Meeting
  - d) 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.

- 10. Trustee & Committee Reports
- 11. General Manager Report & Correspondence
- 12. Direction on Future Agenda Items

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

<u>PUBLIC EXPRESSION</u> – 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.

President	Vice President	Treasurer	Trustee	Trustee
Christopher Watt	Alfred White	Matthew Froneberger	Tyler Rodrigue	John Reardan

#### STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Trustees

From: E. Salomone, General Manager

Meeting: Monday, April 4, 2022

RE: Agenda Item 5: Customer Request for Invoice Adjustment

#### **Background**

Rogina Water Company holds a Uniform Water Sale & Purchase Agreement (contract) with the District. In June of 2022, Rogina Water requested an increase of 400 acre feet for a new total of 800 acre feet and the Board approved that request at the July 6, 2020 Board meeting. That same year, Rogina Water agreed to transfer up to 400 acre feet back to the District as surplus and 187 acre feet was sold as surplus to Redwood Valley County Water District resulting in a discount to Rogina on their annual invoice.

In 2021, no surplus water was available and therefore Rogina Water is contractually obligated to pay in full for the contracted quantity of 800 acre feet.

Year	Contract	Reported	Invoice Amount
	Quantity	Use	
2021	800 acre feet	390 acre feet	\$37,600
2020	800 acre feet	372 acre feet	\$31,543 (credit for surplus transfer)
2019	400 acre feet	354 acre feet	\$18,800
2018	400 acre feet	406 acre feet	\$18,800
2017	400 acre feet	321 acre feet	\$18,800
2016	400 acre feet	309 acre feet	\$18,800

#### **Discussion**

Rogina Water Company is requesting a payment modification for the 2021 invoice for 800 acre feet (see attached request letter.) Two options have been proposed by Rogina Water:

- (1) reduce the 2021 invoice by half
- (2) Full payment of the 2021 invoice and half the amount credited to the 2022 invoice

#### Action

Board to consider the request and provide direction to GM, including a motion for any modification to Rogina Water's invoice.

#### **Attachments**

o Rogina Water Company letter



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March 30, 2022

Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District 151 Laws Ave, Suite D Ukiah, CA 95482

Dear Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District,

Rogina Water Company (RWC) is requesting a payment modification for Invoice 3076, total of \$37,600, for the 2021 Contract Quantity of 800 AF. RWC is proposing two different options that would provide considerable help to RWC's effort to try and reduce expenses.

Option one is to pay half of last year's contract quantity invoice, \$18,800. RWC had all customer's conserving water due to drought conditions, provided no agricultural irrigation water, and suffered a loss of revenue due to the system wide reduction of water usage in 2021. Last year, RWC used 398.98 AF from the 800 AF contract quantity in an effort to aid in drought relief.

Option two is to pay the invoice in full, total amount of \$37,600, however apply the unused 401 AF from the 2021 contract quantity to RWC's 2022 invoice as payment of \$18,800. RWC has already reduced the requested amount for the 2022 year to 400 AF, as RWC is in the process of installing a new well. The new well is costly and RWC's fund are focused on completing the well, with an online target date of the beginning of summer.

Sincerely,

Wayne Rogina

Assistant Vice President

Wayne Pogeno

#### STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Trustees

From: E. Salomone, General Manager

Meeting: Monday, April 4, 2022

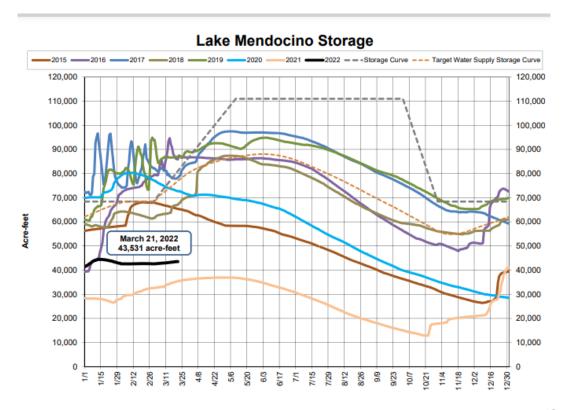
RE: Agenda Item 6: Water Supply Conditions Update & District Response

<u>The Strategic Plan</u> 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 gained slightly from February's 42,000 acre feet (af) to 43,631 af by March 21<sup>st</sup>. The Army Corp website with real-time data has been down for several weeks but Sonoma Water Agency continues to provide weekly updates (see chart below.) Some precipitation was received after this graph and an update can be provided during the meeting.

Minimum instream flows continue at 25 cubic feet per second (cfs) in the Upper Russian River and an uptick in reach losses was noticed, particularly around mid-March when the State Water Board was expected to reinstate curtailments. However, curtailment suspension was extended to May 1, 2022 and will likely impact Riparian rights and potentially the most junior of Appropriative water rights, depending on April precipitation.



Transfers from the Eel River through the Potter Valley Project are supplying the Potter Valley Irrigation District water supply contract with PG&E as well as meeting East Fork Russian River instream flow requirements of 35 cfs. PG&E reports the total East Fork Russian River release is 62 cfs as of March 29, 2022. No announcement has been received by PG&E regarding reconvening of the Drought Task Force and preparation of a flow variance request to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC.)

#### **State Water Board**

As mentioned above, curtailment suspension was extended to May 1, 2022, due to sufficient natural and imported flows to meet anticipated Riparian and Appropriative water right demand without supplemental releases of stored water from Lake Mendocino. However, without significant precipitation in April and May, it is expected that curtailments will be reinstated in May and June which will likely first impact Riparian rights and the most junior of Appropriative water rights. State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) staff have reported Russian River watershed curtailments will be earlier and deeper in 2022 than they were in 2021.

At a recent State Water Board meeting, Staff again reported on Russian River stream depletions believed to be caused by groundwater pumping, increasing the previous estimate of 2,000-3,000 af per month to 3,000 – 4,000 af per month. In comparison, RRFC used approximately 3,500 af total during the entire 2021 calendar year, and only 2,300 af in the period of June through October 2021. SWRCB staff considered proposing groundwater curtailments and engaged with stakeholders on the matter. However, in late March, SWRCB staff reported the Draft Emergency Regulations will not include addressing groundwater curtailments for 2022. The District and Sonoma Water will be monitoring potential impacts to reservoir storage closely through the year.

The Draft Emergency Regulations for 2022 are expected to be considered by the State Water Board on May 10, 2022, with the draft being released prior and a workshop tentatively scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>. Responding to feedback from stakeholders, SWRCB staff are considering making it an in-person meeting in the Upper Russian River with a virtual component.

#### **Voluntary Conservation Program**

As previously reported, the State Water Board is supporting a facilitated process to develop a voluntary conservation program in the Russian River watershed. The District has been participating since the inception of this effort, along with other stakeholders and water user representatives. The intent is to develop a consensus-based program to implement as soon as the 2022 summer season.

Three options for the Program were being considered and in early March, the option with stages of conservation by water right type and priority was selected. The Steering Committee has continued to refine the proposal, including a draft written legal agreement. Unfortunately, the rates of conservation in this program are based on level of participation so it is difficult to pinpoint the final conservation levels at this time.

The District is moving forward with the intent to participate in the Program for its direct diversion of natural/imported flows while using stored water to supplement demand, as needed. Tentative calculations indicate 30%-50% reduction in the baseline demand of 2017/2018/2019 monthly averages for the District. Conservation rates for water rights junior to the District range from 65% - 77% but it is difficult to account for alternative sources of water available to water users holding these rights, which could include more senior water rights, recycled water, groundwater, and/or stored water through District contracts or the 10k reserved pool in Sonoma County. Further refinement continues.

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#### **District Response**

In addition to continued participation in the Russian River Drought Response Group and Steering Committee described below, the District and Sonoma Water Agency have an executed Memorandum of Understanding on reservoir allocations and operations. In practical terms, the MOU outlines the process in which the two agencies will determine the amount of stored water available to meet instream flows, RRFC licensed use, and the Sonoma County 10,000 acre foot reserved pool. Meetings have begun and preliminary forecasts discussed, though further refinement is needed.

Staff is considering a customer workshop to provide updates on the 2022 water supply conditions and responses, including the voluntary conservation program efforts and available stored water for RRFC customers. This may be combined in some way with the proposed SWRCB workshop, if possible.

#### Suspension of Contract Change Moratorium

From Declaration #21-03 approved May 17, 2021:

The Board hereby adopts a moratorium on applications for new water supply contracts, including increased contract quantities to existing Uniform Water Supply & Purchase Agreements, until the Board determines water supply conditions have improved.

The Board approved a temporary suspension of the moratorium on Uniform Water Supply & Purchase Agreement increases imposed by Declaration #21-03 for a period of 30 days in order to allow customers to adjust their contract quantity to better prepare for 2022 water use. At the time of this report, reductions equal 400 af and increases equal 780 af, equating to a 380 af increase to total contracted water supply. Additional increase requests are expected before the deadline by Willow and Millview County Water Districts to prepare them for the anticipated curtailments of their own water rights. A breakdown can be seen in the Water Worksheet for March 30, 2022 in the Consent Calendar financial reports, though these numbers are preliminary. Staff can provide an update during the meeting.

#### Health & Safety Water for Redwood Valley County Water District (RVCWD)

The Board authorized Redwood Valley County Water District to pump approximately 30 acre feet of water from Lake Mendocino under the RRFC District water rights license to support fire suppression activities by May 6, 2022. Most of this pumping is complete. Further discussions with RVCWD GM Walker revealed the precarious nature of the ability of Millview County Water District to provide RVCWD with surplus water through the intertie to meet human health and safety supplies while maintaining the same for Millview. Staff will work together to develop proposals to increase security.

#### **Recommended Action:**

Receive report and provide feedback and/or direction to Staff.

#### STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Trustees

From: E. Salomone, General Manager

Meeting: Monday, April 4, 2022

RE: Agenda Item 7: Water Resiliency Planning

<u>The Strategic Plan</u> 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.

#### **Grant Funding Application**

In January 2022, the District submitted a grant application to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for an On-Farm Groundwater Recharge Multi-Benefit Demonstration Project. The District did not receive the grant funding for the project. However, a partnership between the Dry Creek Rancheria of Pomo Indians, neighboring vineyard owners, fisheries agencies and Sonoma County were awarded \$7 million to pursue an innovative effort to recharge the Alexander Valley groundwater aquifer through diversion of high winter Russian River flows onto agricultural fields when the vines are dormant. The idea is to capture flows that would otherwise head out to the ocean and use them to flood the land, allowing the water to seep in and filter into aquifers below, which will benefit Lake Mendocino and the Upper Russian River.

#### Water Storage Project

The District hired a consultant to conduct a water supply analysis that will benefit both the water storage project and the water rights applications. Several meetings have been held and the work is moving forward. The Ad Hoc Committee will provide a further update on the water storage project at the meeting.

#### Water Right Applications 12919C and 12920B

The District hired a consultant to conduct a water supply analysis that will benefit both the water storage project and the water rights applications. Several meetings have been held and the work is moving forward. There is no other update on the water rights applications.

#### **STAFF REPORT**

To: Board of Trustees

From: E. Salomone, General Manager

Meeting: Monday, April 4, 2022

RE: Agenda Item 8: Proposed Annual Project Water Price Per Acre Foot Determination

<u>The Strategic Plan</u> relevant priority is to **Administer** by ensuring agency finances support plans and goals.

#### **Background**

As per the District's Uniform Water Sale & Purchase Agreement (contract) in place with each customer, the Project Water price per acre foot (af) is determined annually by the District. The Customer pays the District for all Project Water made available to Customer each year, but not less than the Contract Quantity. The current price is \$47.00 per acre foot, which has been in place since 2009 when it was raised from \$23.00 per acre foot.

#### **Expenses**

Staff and Treasurer identified major expenses and potential revenue sources, as shown in the table below.

Expense Description	Anticipated Amount	Source
Groundwater Sustainability Agency, member contributions	\$68,000 per annum for at least 4 more years	Operating Budget
Water Supply Reliability (Drought response, outreach & education, water rights license change petition, funding analysis, monitoring, imported water including Inland Water & Power Commission, etc.)	\$40,000 per annum minimum	Operating Budget With any annual excess contributing to, and any deficit drawn from, Water Supply Reliability Reserves
Projects (New reservoir, ground water banking, water right applications, etc.)	Unknown	Grant Funding and Reserves
Trustee Elections	\$300 - \$15,000 every two years based on number of Candidates.	\$7,000 Operating per annum, annual excess in Operating Reserve to be drawn in election years as needed.
Legal: (drought, license change permit, applications, resiliency projects)	\$15,000 per annum, operations \$20,000 per annum, other	Combination of Operating Budget & Operating/Water Reliability Reserves
Meters:	\$35,000 new meters \$5,000 per annum for required recalibration every 5 yrs as per SB88	Capital Reserve for new meters. Operating Budget/Operating Reserve Consider meter surcharge toward the \$425 per meter recalibration costs.

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#### Revenue

District revenue is from approximately 12% property tax income, 1% interest income, and the remainder in contracted and surplus water sales combined.

At the time of adopting the FY 2021-22 Budget, amount of water under contract was 6,900 af, equating to \$325,000 in anticipated water sale revenue. The FY 2022-23 contracted amount is expected to be approximately 7,500 af, equating to \$352,000 at \$47 per af.

In recent years, Redwood Valley County Water District (RVCWD) has purchase uncontracted water and additional surplus water when it is available. Between 2009 and 2020, RVCWD's average use was 1,000 af at an average price of \$40 per acre foot, averaging \$36,400 annually in surplus sales. It is expected that average annual sale of surplus water to RVCWD will drop to \$10,000-\$15,000 due to water supply challenges.

#### **Budget**

The GM and Treasurer have been working on the Fiscal year 2022/2023 budget to incorporate the expenses listed in the above table. The following table provides a summary of revenue and expenses for the current and next fiscal year.

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		FY	7 2021/22		FY	Z 2021/22	F	Y 2022/23
					4	Actuals		
		Al	DOPTED		Pro	ojected to	PRE	LIMINARY
		В	BUDGET		6/30/22		BUDGET	
	TOTAL REVENUE	\$	375,000		\$	400,448	\$	394,303
	less TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$	346,450		\$	342,210	\$	421,510
	equals TOTAL DIFFERENCE	\$	28,550		\$	58,238	\$	(27,207)
	NOTE: Negative balance indicates use of reserves.							

#### Proposed Annual Price Per Acre Foot for Project Water

The current price of Project Water is \$47.00 per acre foot, which has been in place since 2009 when it was raised from \$23.00 per acre foot. The GM and Treasurer propose that any increase in price be steady and predictable to allow ample planning for customers. The following table shows a \$5.00 per af increase per year, which is the preliminary recommendation from the GM and Treasurer.

	Fiscal Year	AF under contract	Price per AF at \$5 pa increase	Revenue from water sales
	20/21	6989	47	328,483
1	21/22	7500	52	390,000
2	22/23	7500	57	427,500
3	23/24	7500	62	465,000
4	24/25	7500	67	502,500
5	25/26	7500	72	540,000
6	26/27	7500	77	577,500
7	27/28	7500	82	615,000
8	28/29	7500	87	652,500
9	29/30	7500	92	690,000
10	30/31	7500	97	727,500

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#### **Discussion**

In addition to ever increasing basic operating costs, the District will need to consider the growing financial requirements for proactively managing water supply reliability and building resiliency. The region is facing uncertainties in both climate change and transfers of imported water through the Potter Valley Project. In the coming months, the Board will be updating the Strategic Plan and approving a Fiscal Year Budget for 2022-2023 that will support this proactive management.

This agenda item is to provide the Board and Customers information for a preliminary discussion of rate setting for the 2022 calendar year and beyond. Staff recommends further discussion at the May Regular Board meeting and any formal action to be taken at the June Regular Meeting when the FY 2022/23 budget will be considered for adoption.

#### Suggested discussion points:

- o Is the Expenses table accurate and agreeable?
- o Is there Board direction to explore the implementation of a meter surcharge?
- o Is there sufficient basis for increasing price per acre foot of water?
- o Is the Board amenable to increasing the price in the suggested manner?
- O What other information would the Board like to see for further discussion in May?
- O Are there any concerns/suggestions for outreach to, and feedback from, customers on this matter?
- Would the Board be amenable to passing a Resolution annually to set the price per acre foot, even if it does not change from the previous year? If so, what information would the Board request to make this determination, and at what point in the calendar year should it be set to provide adequate notice to Customers?
- o Any other comments or questions.

#### **Recommend Action**

Board to consider report and discussion points and provide direction to GM and Treasurer.

#### STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Trustees

From: E. Salomone, General Manager

Meeting: Monday, March 7, 2022

RE: Agenda Item 9a: February 2022 Financial Reports Summary

#### Revenue

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

March 2022: \$174,392 mostly in water sales

#### Ordinary Expenses

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

March 2022: \$28,624.94 in expenses at time of writing this report, notably:

- o \$2,170 final payment for Fisheries Habitat Evaluation of Hensley Creek, under water resiliency
- o \$25,000 to Inland Water & Power Commission, under water resiliency. This will actually be from Reserves the checking account serves as a pass through.

#### Reserves

A transfer from the checking account to LAIF reserves account is planned for April 2022.

#### <u>Other</u>

- o Reconciliations are up to date from last statements. (February 2021, March not issued at time of writing report.)
- o Additional reports or information available upon request.

#### Recommendation:

Move to accept and file the financial reports for March 2021.

#### Attachments:

- 1. Income & Expense / Budget Vs Actual Report March 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

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

Cash	

	Mar 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Reimbursed Expenses	807.84			
Water Sales	173,585.10			
Total Income	174,392.94			
Expense				
Consulting	267.75			
Insurance, Workers Comp	429.91			
Legal	2,692.50			
Office Operating Expenses	, 932.45			
Payroll Expenses	13,037.47			
Rent, Utilities	657.63			
Stipends, Meetings	525.00			
Vehicle	55.29			
Water Resiliency	27,170.00			
Total Expense	45,768.00			
Net Ordinary Income	128,624.94			
et Income	128,624.94	0.00	128,624.94	100.0

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

Cash Basis

**Net Income** 

July 2021 through March 2022 Jul '21 - Mar 22 **Budget \$ Over Budget** % 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	36,478.45	45,000.00	-8,521.55	81.1%
Reimbursed Expenses	37,601.48			
Water Application Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Water Sales	248,691.10	325,000.00	-76,308.90	76.5%
Total Income	323,815.71	375,000.00	-51,184.29	86.4%
Expense				
Consulting	5,217.75	20,000.00	-14,782.25	26.1%
Election	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Fees, Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Fees, County & LAFCo	1,396.13	1,700.00	-303.87	82.1%
Gage Groundwater Sustainability	27,138.75 10,513.64	15,000.00 0.00	12,138.75 10,513.64	180.9% 100.0%
Insurance, Liability	6,144.80	7,000.00	-855.20	87.8%
Insurance, Workers Comp	912.82	5,000.00	-4,087.18	18.3%
Legal	26,638.53	25,000.00	1,638.53	106.6%
Memberships	5,670.00	11,500.00	-5,830.00	49.3%
Meters Expense	54.15	2,000.00	-1,945.85	2.7%
Office Operating Expenses	3,327.56	5,000.00	-1,672.44	66.6%
Payroll Expenses	112,495.55	160,250.00	-47,754.45	70.2%
Payroll Taxes- old	0.00			
Rent, Utilities	5,702.35	20,000.00	-14,297.65	28.5%
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	900.00	5,000.00	-4,100.00	18.0%
<b>Unfunded Pension Liability</b>	8,419.00	6,000.00	2,419.00	140.3%
Vehicle	284.38	2,000.00	-1,715.62	14.2%
Water Resiliency	52,913.57	40,000.00	12,913.57	132.3%
Total Expense	287,784.03	346,450.00	-58,665.97	83.1%
Net Ordinary Income	36,031.68	28,550.00	7,481.68	126.2%
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%
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-34,602.85

3,550.00

-38,152.85

-974.7%

July 2021 through March 2022

	Jul '21 - Mar 22	Jul '20 - Mar 21	\$ Change	% Change
ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Interest-LAIF	980.62	3,579.04	-2,598.42	-72.6%
Interest-SBMC	64.06	100.30	-36.24	-36.1%
Property Taxes	36,478.45	37,565.99	-1,087.54	-2.9%
Reimbursed Expenses	37,601.48	19,570.10	18,031.38	92.1%
Water Sales	248,691.10	344,613.49	-95,922.39	-27.8%
Total Income	323,815.71	405,428.92	-81,613.21	-20.1%
Expense				
Consulting	5,217.75	15,026.25	-9,808.50	-65.3%
Election	0.00	308.75	-308.75	-100.09
Fees, County & LAFCo	1,396.13	594.09	802.04	135.09
Gage	27,138.75	21,108.75	6,030.00	28.69
Groundwater Sustainability	10,513.64	3,000.00	7,513.64	250.5%
Insurance, Liability	6,144.80	5,687.19	457.61	8.19
Insurance, Workers Comp	912.82	1,934.33	-1,021.51	-52.89
Legal	26,638.53	16,274.16	10,364.37	63.79
Memberships	5,670.00	5,597.00	73.00	1.39
Meters Expense	54.15	1,107.28	-1,053.13	-95.19
Office Operating Expenses Payroll Expenses	3,327.56	2,144.73	1,182.83	55.29
CalPERS 1959 Survivor Billing	80.40	17.00	63.40	372.9%
CalPERS 457 Employee Def Comp	2,462.50	2,412.50	50.00	2.1%
CalPERS Company Match	6,609.94	6,218.00	391.94	6.3%
CALPERS GASB-68 Fees	0.00	700.00	-700.00	-100.0%
Employee Health Insurance	9,000.00	10,800.00	-1,800.00	-16.7%
Gross Wages	84,488.38	80,012.84	4,475.54	5.6%
Medicare	1,270.75	1,177.76	92.99	7.9%
Payroll Taxes- FICA, etc	5,433.58	5,035.91	397.67	7.9%
Vacation/Sick	3,000.00	1,211.52	1,788.48	147.6%
Payroll Expenses - Other	150.00	0.00	150.00	100.0%
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	112,495.55	107,585.53	4,910.02	4.6%
Payroll Taxes- old	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	14,954.10	-14,954.10	-100.0%
Rent, Utilities	5,702.35	5,635.37	66.98	1.2%
Stipends, Meetings	4,125.00	3,450.00	675.00	19.69
SWRCB Permits	15,930.05	12,661.84	3,268.21	25.89
Training Costs	900.00	594.53	305.47	51.4%
<b>Unfunded Pension Liability</b>	8,419.00	6,777.00	1,642.00	24.29
Vehicle	284.38	131.66	152.72	116.0%
Water Resiliency	52,913.57	50,650.00	2,263.57	4.5%
<b>Total Expense</b>	287,784.03	275,222.56	12,561.47	4.6%
et Ordinary Income	36,031.68	130,206.36	-94,174.68	-72.3%
ther Income/Expense				
Other Expense				
Meter Purchase	1,884.53	4,968.00	-3,083.47	-62.19
Reserves	68,750.00	50,000.00	18,750.00	37.59
T-4-1 O4b E	70,634.53	54,968.00	15,666.53	28.5%
<b>Total Other Expense</b>				
et Other Income	-70,634.53	-54,968.00	-15,666.53	-28.5%

### Russian River Flood Control District Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison

Cash Basis

As of March 31, 2022

	Mar 31, 22	Mar 31, 21	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
LAIF				
Capital Reserve	48,000.00	53,000.00	-5,000.00	-9.4%
Emergency Reserve	28,000.00	32,000.00	-4,000.00	-12.5%
Operating Reserve	153,000.00	156,000.00	-3,000.00	-1.9%
WaterSupplyReliability Reserve	259,411.40	247,411.40	12,000.00	4.9%
LAIF - Other	2,287.29	772.24	1,515.05	196.2%
Total LAIF	490,698.69	489,183.64	1,515.05	0.3%
SBMC Checking	441,018.47	328,617.98	112,400.49	34.2%
SBMC Savings	100,063.69	267,749.70	-167,686.01	-62.6%
SDIVIC Savings	100,003.09	207,749.70	-107,080.01	-02.070
Total Checking/Savings	1,031,780.85	1,085,551.32	-53,770.47	-5.0%
Accounts Receivable	-697.95	0.00	-697.95	-100.0%
Other Current Assets	3,984.00	3,984.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	1,035,066.90	1,089,535.32	-54,468.42	-5.0%
Fixed Assets				
Accumulated Depreciation	-24,542.00	-24,542.00	0.00	0.0%
Meters & Vehicles	134,111.25	130,935.89	3,175.36	2.4%
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	109,569.25	106,393.89	3,175.36	3.0%
Other Assets				
<b>Deferred Outflows</b>	64,366.00	64,366.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	64,366.00	64,366.00	0.00	0.0%
TOTAL ASSETS	1,209,002.15	1,260,295.21	-51,293.06	-4.1%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Other Current Liabilities	12,542.90	15,003.76	-2,460.86	-16.4%
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	12,542.90	15,003.76	-2,460.86	-16.4%
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	48,566.90	51,027.76	-2,460.86	-4.8%
Equity				
Opening Bal Equity	541,116.95	541,116.95	0.00	0.0%
Retained Earnings	653,921.15	592,912.14	61,009.01	10.3%
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Net Income	-34,602.85	75,238.36		-146.0%
Total Equity	1,160,435.25	1,209,267.45	-48,832.20	-4.0%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,209,002.15	1,260,295.21	-51,293.06	-4.1%
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## **Russian River Flood Control District Monthly Payment Detail** As of March 31, 2022

Cash Basis

Туре	Date	Name	Memo	Original Amount	Paid Amount
SBMC Checking					
Bill Pmt -Check	03/02/2022	Cardmember Service	Credit card 1/13-2/10/22	-32.48	-32.48
Bill Pmt -Check	03/05/2022	State Compensation Insurance Fund	2021-22 FY Policy charges for 2/9/21-3/9/22	-429.91	-429.91
Bill Pmt -Check	03/08/2022	Intuit	Monthly Payroll Subscription	-4.00	-4.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/21/2022	Christopher Watt	Board Meeting Stipend July-Dec 2021	-525.00	-525.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/21/2022	Herum/Crabtree/Suntag	Legal service dates February 2022	-2,692.50	-2,692.50
Bill Pmt -Check	03/21/2022	Mike Podlech	Fisheries Habitat Evaluation on Hensley Creek	-2,170.00	-2,170.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/21/2022	RTI "Respectech"	IT support	-267.75	-267.75
Bill Pmt -Check	03/21/2022	State Compensation Insurance Fund	VOID: 2021-22 FY Policy charges for 3/9/21-4/9/22	0.00	0.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/21/2022	Streamline	2022 website hosting	-900.00	-900.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/21/2022	Willow County Water District	Rent and Utilities March 2022	-657.63	-657.63
Bill Pmt -Check	03/21/2022	IWPC JPA	Addt'l legal & consultant costs for PVP relicensing	-25,000.00	-25,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	03/23/2022	US Cellular	Cell service 3/14- to 4/13/22	-51.26	-51.26
Total SBMC Checking	;				-32,730.53
OTAL					-32,730.53

#### Project Water Worksheet as of March 30, 2022

#### Please note:

#### The Board of Trustees has issued 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.

## Current totals in Acre Feet

	20	21:	20	)22:
Project Water Licensed to MC RRFC & WCID:		7940		7940
Contracted Non-Municipals :		4082	<del>-</del>	4861
Contracted Municipals:			<del>-</del>	
Calpella CWD	85		85	
Henry Station Mutual Water Co	8		8	
Hopland PUD	222		222	
Millview CWD - Municipal Use	970		970	
Millview CWD - Wheeled Municipal Use	189.15		189.15	
Millview CWD - Irrigation Use	12		12	
Rogina Water	800		400	
River Estates Mutual Water Company	26		26	
Willow CWD - Municipal Use	515		515	
Willow CWD - Irrigation Use	80		80	
Contracted Municipals:	2907.15	2907.15	2507.15	2507.15
Contracted Total:		6989.15	=	7368.15
*Millview and Willow are expected to increase contract by April 6, 2022.			-	

Uncontracted Water Supply for 2021:

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#### Mendocino County 1 Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District 2 3 151 Laws Avenue Suite D, Ukiah, CA 95482 707.462.5278 Website: RRFC.net DistrictManager@rrfc.net 4 5 **DRAFT MINUTES** 6 Regular Meeting of March 7, 2022 7 8 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 361, THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM. 9 10 1. Roll Call 11 President Watt called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. 12 13 Trustees Present: Christopher Watt, President 14 Alfred White, Vice President 15 Matthew Froneberger, Treasurer 16 Tyler Rodrigue, Trustee 17 18 John Reardan, Trustee 19 Staff: Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager 20 2. Public Expression – No one from the public indicated interest in public expression 23 3. Approval of Agenda 24 Treasurer Froneberger moved to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Rodrigue seconded the 25 motion. The motion was approved by the following vote: 26 5 (Froneberger Reardan, Rodrigue, White, Watt) Ayes: 27 28 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION 29 4. Water Supply Conditions Update and District Response 30 GM Salomone presented the item. Comments and questions were offered regarding the Voluntary 31 Conservation Program development. Bree Klotter, Redwood Valley County Water District Board 32 Member, offered public comment. 33 Trustee Reardan moved to approve the temporary suspension of the moratorium on Uniform Water 34 Supply & Purchase Agreement increases for a period of 30 days between March 8, 2022 and April 6, 35 2022. Vice President White seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote: 36 5 (Froneberger Reardan, Rodrigue, White, Watt) Ayes: 37 Trustee Reardan moved to approve authorization to the Redwood Valley County Water District to pump 38 approximately 30 acre feet of water from Lake Mendocino under the RRFC District water rights license 39 to support fire suppression activities by May 6, 2022. Vice President White seconded the motion. The 40 motion was approved by the following vote: Ayes: 5 (Froneberger Reardan, Rodrigue, White, Watt) 41 42 5. Water Resiliency Planning 43 GM Salomone presented the item. President Watt and Trustee Reardan provided an update from the 44 water storage project Ad Hoc Committee. Board discussion was held. 45 (Continued...)

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#### REGULAR BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND REPORT ITEMS

#### 6. Consent Calendar

- a) Acceptance of the February 2022 Financial Report
- b) Approval of Minutes for the February 7, 2022 Regular Meeting
- c) Approval Resolution #22-01 Approving CalPERS Section 218 Social Security coverage
- d) 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.

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Board discussed the future of meeting remotely via Zoom and received public comments from Bree Klotter and Tom Schoeneman, Redwood Valley County Water District Board Members.

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Vice President White moved to remove Item C and approve Consent Calendar Items a, b, and d. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

63 Ayes:

5 (Froneberger Reardan, Rodrigue, White, Watt)

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#### 7. Board Member & Committee Reports

- Trustee Reardan provided an update on Inland Water & Power Commission.
- 67 Treasurer Froneberger provided an update from the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo.)

#### 68 8. General Manager Report & Correspondence

Nothing to note.

#### 9. Direction on Future Agenda Items

Closed Session on IWPC property negotiations, budget development including proposed price per acre foot of Project Water under the Uniform Water Supply & Purchase Agreement.

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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Treasurer Froneberger moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 PM. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following unanimous vote:

79 80 81 Ayes: 5 (Froneberger Reardan, Rodrigue, White, Watt)

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**President**Christopher Watt

Vice President
Alfred White

**Treasurer**Matthew Froneberger

**Trustee** Tyler Rodrigue

**Trustee** John Reardan

Mendocino County 1 Russian River Flood Control & Water Conservation Improvement District 2 3 151 Laws Avenue Suite D, Ukiah, CA 95482 707.462.5278 Website: RRFC.net DistrictManager@rrfc.net 4 5 DRAFT MINUTES 6 Regular Meeting of March 24, 2022 7 8 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 361, THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM. 9 10 1. Roll Call President Watt called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM. 11 12 13 Trustees Present: Christopher Watt, President 14 Alfred White, Vice President 15 Tyler Rodrigue, Trustee (left at 4:25 PM) 16 John Reardan, Trustee 17 18 Trustees Absent: Matthew Froneberger, Treasurer <u>1</u>9 20 Staff: Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager 21 Jeanne Zolezzi, Legal Counsel 22 23 24 2. Public Expression – No one from the public indicated interest in public expression 25 3. Approval of Agenda 26 Vice President White moved to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion. 27 The motion was approved by the following vote: 28 4 (Reardan, Rodrigue, White, Watt) Aves: 29 Absent: 1 (Froneberger) 30 4. CLOSED SESSION 31 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION 32 Gov. Code § 54956.9(d) Significant exposure to litigation: (1 potential case) 33 The District entered Closed session at 4:06 PM and returned to open public session at 4:49 PM. 34 5. REPORT OUT on Closed Session Item 35 President Watt reported that the Board gave direction to staff. 36 **OTHER ITEMS** 37 6. General Manager Report - Nothing to note. 38 7. Trustee Reports - Nothing to note. 39 8. Direction on Future Agenda Items - Nothing to note. 40 **ADJOURNMENT** 41 42 Vice President White moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 PM. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion. The 43 motion was approved by the following unanimous vote: 44 Aves: 4 (Reardan, Rodrigue, White, Watt) 45 Absent: 1 (Froneberger) 46 47 President Vice President **Treasurer** Trustee **Trustee** 48 Christopher Watt Alfred White Matthew Froneberger Tyler Rodrigue John Reardan

#### STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Trustees

From: E. Salomone, General Manager

Meeting: Monday, April 4, 2022

RE: Agenda Item 9d: State of Emergency

<u>The Strategic Plan</u> relevant priority is to <u>Administer</u> 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.

Christopher Watt

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

Alfred White	Yes / No / Abstain / Absent	
Matthew Froneberg	ger Yes / No / Abstain / Absent	
Tyler Rodrigue	Yes / No / Abstain / Absent	
John Reardan	Yes / No / Abstain / Absent	
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Signed:	ν	1/11/21
	Christopher Watt, Board of Trustees President	Date
	Elyabeth Salamone	
Attest:	<u> </u>	1/11/21
E	Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager	Date

### General Manager's Report for March 2022

Presented at Regular Meeting of Monday, April 4, 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: Several letters were posted by the FERC: (1) NOAA/NMFS to FERC regarding fish flows in in the Eel River. (2) The Lake Pillsbury Alliance submitted a letter in response to Representative Huffman's letter, making sure FERC understands Representative Huffman doesn't represent all interested parties. (3) A FERC order approving change in land rights. (2) A FERC response to Representative Huffman's letter regarding PVP, however it is listed as "privileged" on the FERC site.

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: Both the Technical Advisory Committee and the Board met. Consultants presented feedback from DWR on the first round of Groundwater Sustainability Plans for Critical Groundwater Basins They reviewed the DRAFT first annual report to be submitted by April 1st which showed some alarming reductions in groundwater elevations around the Talmage area. West Yost was confirmed as the new GSA Administrator. Opportunities for grant funding to implement the GSP and potentially conduct some projects and management actions were reviewed.

Water Sales: By the time of the April 4, 2022 meeting, customer verification of 2021 water use under their RRFC contract will be complete and the District's annual water right reporting submitted by due date, April 1, 2022. A number of annual customer invoices remain outstanding and payments are expected throughout April.

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):** The Region 1 Board met regarding regional event planning and review of the ACWA Board Agenda Packet. The ACWA Board held a hybrid in-person/virtual meeting discussing many California water supply issues, including infrastructure and climate change.

**State Water Board UPWARD Program:** UPWARD is the State Water Board's program for Updating Water Rights Data for California. GM Salomone was invited to participate in the small stakeholder group that provided in depth discussion, feedback, and refinement toward development. This is a three year process and more information can be found on this website: <a href="https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/upward/">https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/upward/</a>

Priority 4: Administer: Foster sustainable leadership and management of agency resources. (GM, Trustees, systems, financial)

General Manager Professional Development: (1) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act implementation webinar through Maven's Notebook. (2) Participated in Updating Water Rights Data (UPWARD) for California advisory group. UPWARD is a new project to improve the way the state collects and manages its water rights data and information. (3) Attended the State Water Board meeting (virtually.) (4) Attended ACWA Board meeting (virtually.) (5) Attended the all day, multi-stop UC Davis Extension watershed tour as a presenter.

**Operations:** The District Office continues to be closed to the public.

#### Community Meetings Attended This Month

Upper Russian River Water Agency (URRWA) (3/2/22): An Ad Hoc committee was formed to engage with the City of Ukiah related to various annexation plans. URRWA GM Walker and City Director of Water & Sewar Sean White have met several times recently to discuss a regional water and wastewater entity. Discussion was held regarding a desire to bring the City into the JPA and work towards a consolidated water agency.

Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) (3/7/22): MSR/SOIs for inland water agencies are expected to begin in the next fiscal year. The Commission discussed how to move forward with the City of Ukiah and the Ukiah Valley Sanitation District MSR/SOIs, taking comments from both agencies' staff. LAFCo staff recommended conducting the studies in-house rather than the previous plan to engage consultants and both agencies agreed, noting the increased efforts and early but delicate success at cooperation and collaboration.

Inland Water & Power Commission (IWPC) (3/10/22): Cancelled

Hopland PUD (3/10/22): No one from the District attended.

Sonoma County Drought Town Hall (3/10/22): Mostly a review of SCWA projects and management actions to address water supply. Grant Davis, SCWA GM, gave a shout out to RRFC for our outreach on water supply conditions. Recording here on Sonoma Water's website.

Willow County Water District (3/14/22): Staff reported Millview's new 90 gallons per minute well is coming on line, needs filtration. The first URRWA and City of Ukiah ad hoc committee meeting is March 17<sup>th</sup> in which GM Walker will recommend a regional water and wastewater entity that contracts to City and Districts for services, though rates will remain as they are now.

Board of Supervisors (3/15/22): (1) The Board heard a report from consultants working on the reestablishment of a stand-alone County Water Agency. Funding the water agency has not yet been confidently identified and raised concerns from some Supervisors. A steering committee is being established. (2) Regulations of water extraction/mining and water hauling were considered and approval withheld for further development. (3) Carmel Angelo was honored in recognition of her retirement. (4) On the consent calendar, the Board renewed its declaration of a local emergency due to drought conditions and imminent threat of disaster and approval an Agreement with Redwood Valley County Water District in the Amount of \$200,000 from One-Time Pacific Gas and Electric Disaster Settlement Funds for Purchase and Installation of Two Drive Pump Control Panels, and Maintenance of One Transfer Pump at the Lake Mendocino Pump Site, Effective Upon Full Execution through June 30, 2023.

Millview County Water District (3/15/22): The Board postponed adoption of Neg Dec for annexation of Masonite property until August meeting. Board Member Jones resigned, Jim Pierce was present and interested in being considered for appointment to the board. Well 35 is ready to go once the electrician returns from vacation and does the electrical work. An easement is being acquired to have access to the well site. Well 6 pump house will require engineering before it can be built, so that process is to be undertaken.

City of Ukiah (3/16/22): The City Council adopted an ordinance update addressing CA model water efficient landscape ordinance.

Calpella County Water District (3/16/22): No one from RRFC attended.

Redwood Valley County Water District (3/17/22): Meeting cancelled.

Redwood Valley County Water District SPECIAL Meeting (3/29/22): The Board interviewed two candidates and appointed Adam Gaska to the open seat on the Board, encouraging the other candidate, Deborah Hughes, to run for the Board in November to fill the final empty seat. As an added urgent item, the Board discussed the recently awarded grant and gave staff direction to move forward on engaging a consultant Project Manager.

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