

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

General Manager's Report for July 2023

Presented at Special Meeting of Monday, August 7, 2023

Priority 1: Security ~ Ensure reliable, resilient, and available sources of water.

(1: Improved river & reservoir operations. 2: Fair & reliable inter-basin. 3: Expanded water sources. 4: Increased storage capacity)

See also the Agenda Item on Water Supply Conditions

1-PVP Operations: On July 5, 2023, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice of comment period and throughout the month; comments and Motions to Intervene were submitted by many organizations regarding the draft flow variance.

2-Russian River Water Forum: Several meetings were held in July including the second Planning Group meeting, first Steering Committee meeting, Water Supply & Fisheries Working Group, and Water Rights Working Group. The third Planning Group meeting was rescheduled, and other working groups and Leadership Council have not yet been organized. <https://russianriverwaterforum.org/>

Priority 2: Collaboration ~ Work with partners to achieve aligned goals for a common benefit.

(1: Trusted relationships with community partners for regional water security. 2: Improved diversity, equity, and inclusion in the stewardship of water resources. 3: Expanded relationships with non-traditional partners and stakeholders in pursuit of enhanced Environmental Stewardship.)

1-Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA): The Groundwater Sustainability Plan was approved. Consultants have started working on the Rate & Fee Study.

Priority 3: Advocacy ~ Influence outreach, education, funding, regulation, and legislation in support of equitable water resource stewardship.

(1: Improved public awareness and understanding of the importance of water issues. 2: State and Federal governmental policy and funding support for the region.)

1-Public Awareness of Water Issues: GM attended first Mendocino County Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting since appointment by the Board of Supervisors. GM spoke at Rotary Club again to answer more questions from the original presentation.

2-ACWA: The Region 1 Board met to review the ACWA Board Packet prior to the quarterly ACWA Board meeting.

Priority 4: Use ~ Ensure effective and beneficial use of water as a public resource.

(1: Maximum beneficial use of water under District water right license. 2: Strategic use of water by customers.)

1-Maximize Water Right: Balance Hydrologics staff completed the first phase of mapping updates for both customer contract management and preparation of the District license change petition and continue to develop data needed for the change petition and upcoming LAFCo MSR & SOI updates.

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Priority 5: Administration ~ Foster sustainable leadership and management of agency resources.

(1: Capable and high quality executive leadership. 2: Engaged, diverse, and knowledgeable Board leadership. 3: Effective systems and human resources to execute the strategic plan. 4: Sound and sustainable management of District finances.)

1-Executive Leadership: GM attended a FIRO-MAR Workshop, the State Water Board's Virtual Forum on Decision-Support Frameworks for Climate and Racial Equity in Water Boards Programs webinar, the ACWA SGMA Implementation Committee, CSDA webinar on strategic planning.

3-Effective Systems - Meters: Trustee Reardan and GM Salomone went on a tour of the customer points of diversion that need upgrading to be compliant with SB88 & District Ordinance #17-01. Meter orders are underway; some items are on back order. Met with Performance Pump several times over the last two months to discuss and plan. Met with Resource Conservation District to discuss possible metering program contract.

Community Meetings

Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) (7/3/23): Cancelled.

Upper Russian River Water Agency (URRWA) (7/5/23): No one from the District attended (zoom option didn't work at last minute – in person only.)

Willow Water District (7/10/23): No one from the District attended.

Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission (MCIWPC) (7/13/23): No report received from District representatives in attendance.

Hopland Public Utility District (7/13/23): No one from the District attended.

Millview Water District (7/18/23): No one from the District attended.

Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission (MCIWPC) Special Meeting (7/20/23): The Commission held a Special Meeting comprising only of a Closed Session. No reportable action.

City of Ukiah (7/19/23): Recycled Water Phase 4 – meeting with contractors to get first construction schedule.

Calpella Water District (7/19/23): No one from the District attended.

Redwood Valley Water (7/20/23): No one from the District attended.

Mendocino County Inland Water & Power Commission (MCIWPC) Special Meeting 7/20/23: Closed session only; no report out.

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