

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, November 7, 2022 at 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

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

4. Water Supply Conditions Update & District Response (5:35 PM)
Board will receive report and provide feedback and/or direction to General Manager.
5. District Surplus Water Policy Development Workshop (5:45 PM)
Board will receive presentation and provide feedback and/or direction to General Manager.
6. Budgeting for Strategic Plan Implementation (6:10 PM)
Board will receive report and provide feedback and/or direction to General Manager.

REGULAR BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND REPORT ITEMS (6:30 PM)

7. Consent Calendar
 - a) Acceptance of the October 2022 Financial Report
 - b) Approval of October 3, 2022, Regular Board Meeting minutes
 - c) 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.
8. Trustee & Committee Reports
9. General Manager Report & Correspondence
10. Direction on Future Agenda Items

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.

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

STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Trustees
From: E. Salomone, General Manager
Meeting: Monday, November 7, 2022
RE: Agenda Item 4: Water Supply Conditions Update & District Response

The Strategic Plan relevant priorities are: **Security** through ensuring reliable, resilient, and available sources of water; **Advocacy** in support of equitable water resource stewardship; and **Use** of water in effective and beneficial ways as a public resource, all in alignment with the District's Mission to steward water resources for the benefit of people and environment.

Inter-Basin Diversion of Water Through PG&E Owned "Potter Valley Project"

PG&E is still operating the inter-basin diversion through Potter Valley Project under a FERC Variance Order variance and convening the PG&E Drought Working Group (DWG) every two weeks. Due to the reduction in demand from the Potter Valley Irrigation District (PVID) on its contract with PG&E, diversions have dropped to and starting November 1, PG&E will divert 5 cfs for PVID and 5 cfs for the East Branch RR. The flow variance will remain in place until storage at Lake Pillsbury is at or exceeds 36,000 acre feet (af) at which time the minimum required flow in the East Fork RR will increase to 45 cfs. **Power Generation:** PG&E is currently compiling a long-term plan and schedule for submittal to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), due December 15, 2022, in accordance with its February 7, 2022 filing. PG&E has committed to updating the Russian river water managers when it updates FERC.

Lake Mendocino and the Mainstem Upper Russian River

Lake Mendocino storage level on October 31, 2022 was 37,963 af, down from 41,528 af on September 26, 2022. Irrigation and harvest season has come to a close, reducing demand on the water system significantly. Maintaining soil moisture throughout the winter months can help to reduce water demand in the summer months. Last week's light precipitation and recent drops in temperature are helpful though much more precipitation is needed to recover from the multiple year drought.

Curtailments in the Upper Russian River

The State Water Board updated the curtailment list as of November 1, 2022. RRFC's main water right, License 13898, is now curtailed. Any diversions occurring under this license will be allocated fully to the use of stored water.

The number of affected water rights and claims in the recent curtailment update is at 730 appropriative water rights, including 725 from the mainstem and tributaries in the upper portion of the Russian River Watershed. The additional scope of curtailments with this update is driven by seasonal increases in water diversion demands and reduced water deliveries from the Eel River diversion through Potter Valley Project. Additionally, appropriators in the tributaries have a lower priority than riparian demands, including those riparian diversions along the mainstem of the Russian River. The light precipitation forecasted for early November does not appear that it will impact the scope of curtailments. A revised Curtailment Status List will be posted should supply conditions change with additional precipitation beyond current forecasts.

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The Upper Russian River Voluntary Water Sharing Agreement Program

The Program continues to be suspended due to the reduction in diversions from the Eel River to the East Branch Russian River above Lake Mendocino. The Steering Committee has focused efforts toward writing the first annual report and adapting the Program for 2023 and beyond.

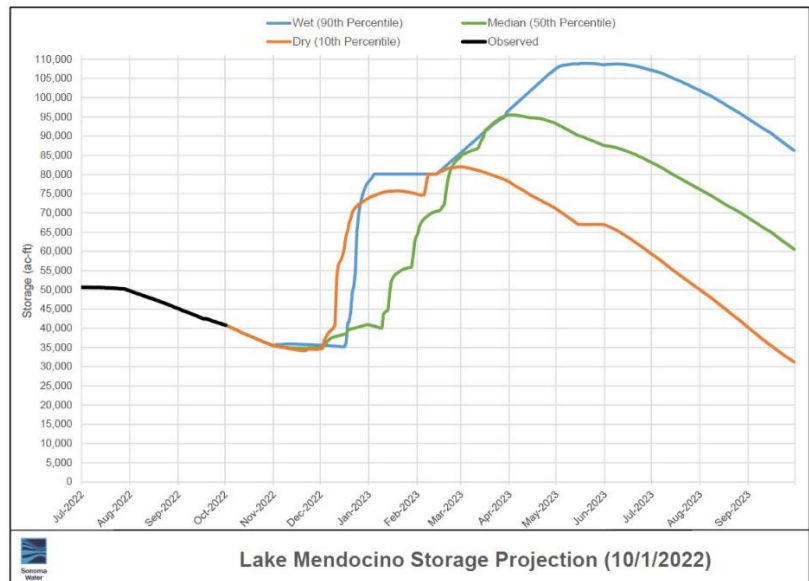
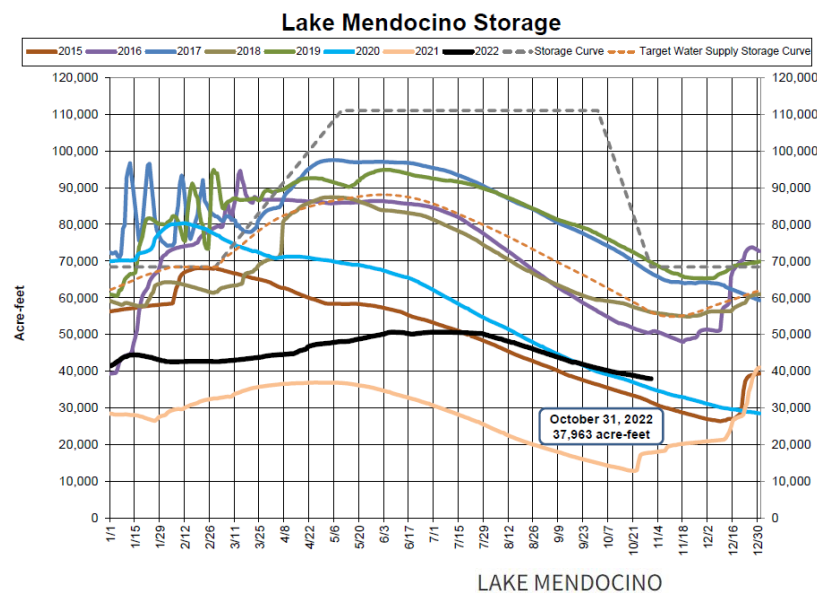
District 2022 Water Supply

Customer demand is historically low at this time of year, primarily only water retailers. As mentioned, the District's main water right is curtailed of direct diversion from the river and is now relying solely on storage. This may change with increased precipitation.

The State Water Resources Control Board recently issued an Amended Temporary Urgency Change Order to Sonoma Water that refers to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Sonoma Water and RRFCC, requiring that it be submitted by December 14, 2022. Staff of both agencies are collaborating and in a separate agenda item of this meeting, a presentation will step through how the MOU supports the District's annual water supply planning.

District Response:

The District Board passed Declaration #22-01 Stage III: Water Warning on October 3, 2022.



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Board Workshop on
District Surplus Water
Policy Development

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November 7, 2022



2021 Lake Mendocino

- Lack of rainfall
- No demand reduction in 2020
- Eel River diversions slashed
- Water Sharing Program still in development
- Emergency Regulations and widespread curtailment
- RRFC Customers on demand reduction and diversion schedule



Photo by DWR



2021

Curtailment of Diversions to Protect Water Supplies and Threatened and Endangered Fish in the Russian River Watershed

§ 877.6 Rediversion of Water Previously Stored in Lake Mendocino

- (e) No rediversions shall occur following September 1 unless Sonoma County Water Agency and the Flood Control District have jointly submitted an executed agreement to the Deputy Director specifying the amount of water stored in Lake Mendocino pursuant to License 13898, the amount of water that will remain stored in Lake Mendocino for use in 2022, and a methodology acceptable to the Deputy Director for determining how inflows to Lake Mendocino are attributed to the Flood Control District and SCWA's respective water rights.



Two Agreements

August 31, 2022:

“Sonoma and RRFC will engage in twice monthly consultations to develop and agree to a methodology acceptable to the Deputy Director for determining how inflows to Lake Mendocino are attributed to RRFC and Sonoma’s respective water rights. Sonoma and RRFC will meet with the Deputy Director in early December 2021 to provide a progress report and submit a final report agreement no later than February 15, 2022.”

March 21, 2022:

Sonoma and RRFC entered MOU “Concerning Lake Mendocino Storage Planning and Russian River Management” committing to co-development of an annual Technical Memo.



Technical Memo

Timeline: Completed by July 1 of each year and may update as the year progresses.

Content: Establish baseline assumptions, methodology, and operational goals for managing storage and conditions in RR for the current year. Will, among other things:

- (A) Analyze watershed conditions, including projected Eel River diversions;
- (B) Assess Lake Mendocino storage to meet streamflow requirements and projected demand;
- (C) Establish the frequency and level of analysis needed based on year's hydrology;
- (D) Project diversions by 10,000 acre foot reserve in Sonoma County





Technical Memo

Operational Goals

Sonoma Water will use its reservoir and river operations model to estimate the availability of stored water for authorized users.

Ensure that, to the maximum extent possible, water stored in Lake Mendocino will be used for the following purposes:

- (A) Complying with minimum instream flow requirements (typically set through TUCP process);
- (B) Rediversion by Mendocino RRFC pursuant to License No. 13898;
- (C) Rediversion by Sonoma Water pursuant to its Permit No. 12947A; and
- (D) Diversion by post-1949 water-right permittees and licensees within Sonoma County under the 10,000 acre foot reservation.



Technical Memo Timeline

Monthly:

Sonoma Water & RRFC meet to determine necessity of tech memo for year, develop technical memo, and develop required reporting.

By March 1 of each year, and by 1st of each month after:

Sonoma Water: Lake Mendocino storage projections (see MOU for factors.)

April 15 of each year and monthly through September:

RRFC: Report Jan-March use by April 15th and update monthly



Photo by RR Confluence



Technical Memo

June 15 of each year and monthly through September 15 of the relevant year:

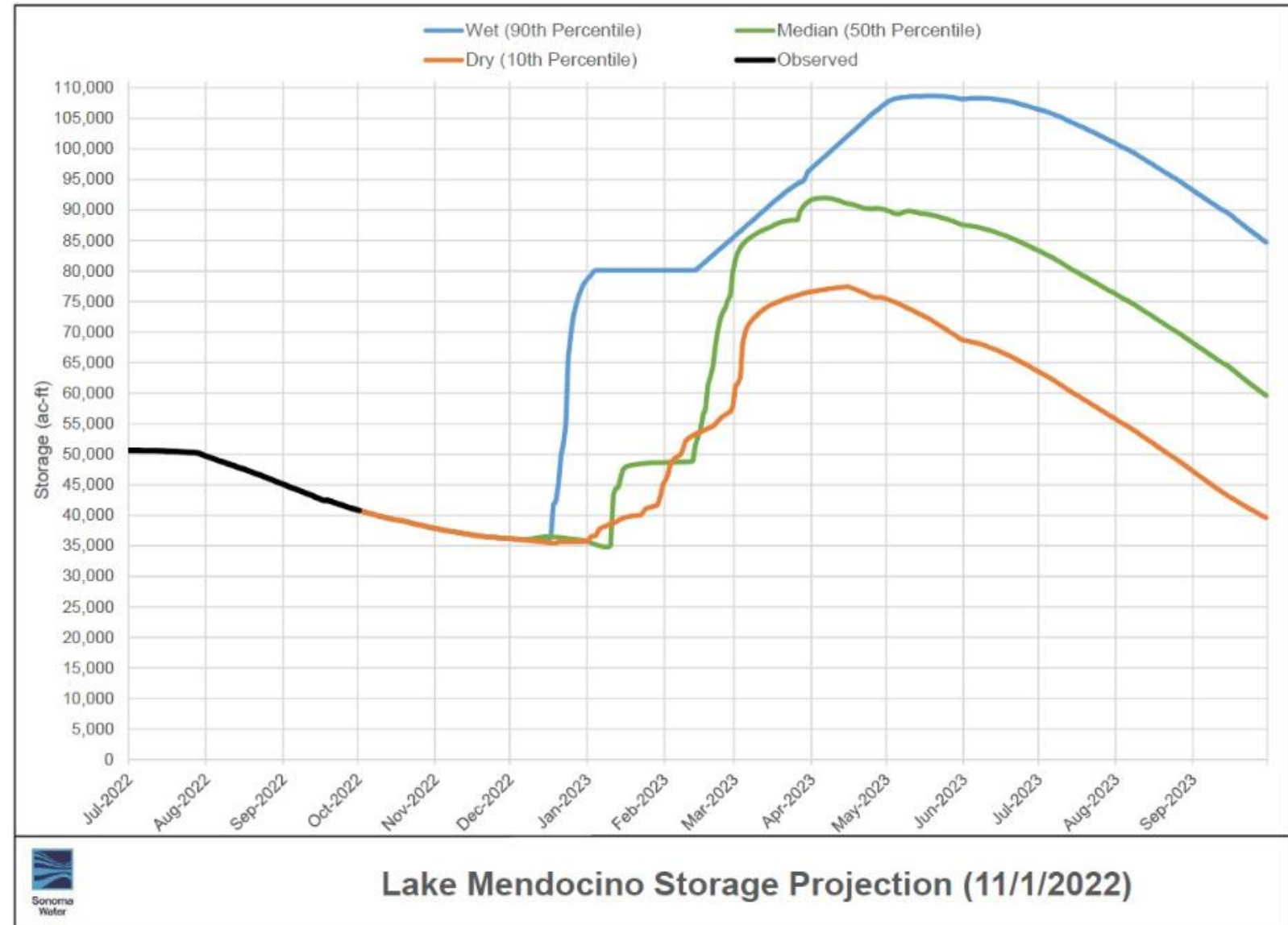
Sonoma Water & RRFC to provide the Deputy Director with an accounting report related to Lake Mendocino conditions and operations containing:

- (A) Lake Mendocino storage necessary to meet minimum Russian River streamflow requirements, including an operational buffer, until September 30;
- (B) Lake Mendocino storage for RRFC through September 30;
- (C) Lake Mendocino storage available under the 10,000 acre-foot reservation through September 30;
- (D) The projected volume of Lake Mendocino storage on October 1.



Sonoma Water Projections 11/5/22

LAKE MENDOCINO



Uniform Water Supply & Purchase Agreement



Photo by CJ Watt

Customer Schedule

By February 15 of each year, Customers to submit schedule of water to be made available under contract for the year and request for any available surplus.

POD NAME:		
	A	B
Month	Projected use of Contracted Quantity	Request for Surplus if available
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
Totals:		



Importance of Customer Schedule

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

MENDOCINO COUNTY RUSSIAN RIVER FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT,)	No. 42059
Plaintiff,)	<u>JUDGMENT</u>
vs.)	
REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT,)	
Defendants.)	

Stipulated Judgement:

RRFC to sell RVCWD surplus water which is not put to beneficial use within RRFC boundary.



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Defining Surplus Water

“District” surplus vs “system” surplus

Surplus in License 13898 is not equal to surplus in the Russian River watershed or Lake Mendocino.

District Surplus defined as:

- a) Uncontracted water under RRFC License 13898
(report provided monthly in Board Meeting materials.)
- b) Contracted water that is unused (not being put to beneficial use), determined by the following:
 - i) Customer Schedule
 - ii) Technical Memo
 - iii) Quantity in excess to meet scheduled demand is made available to customers for 15 days.
 - iv) Remaining quantity is District Surplus.

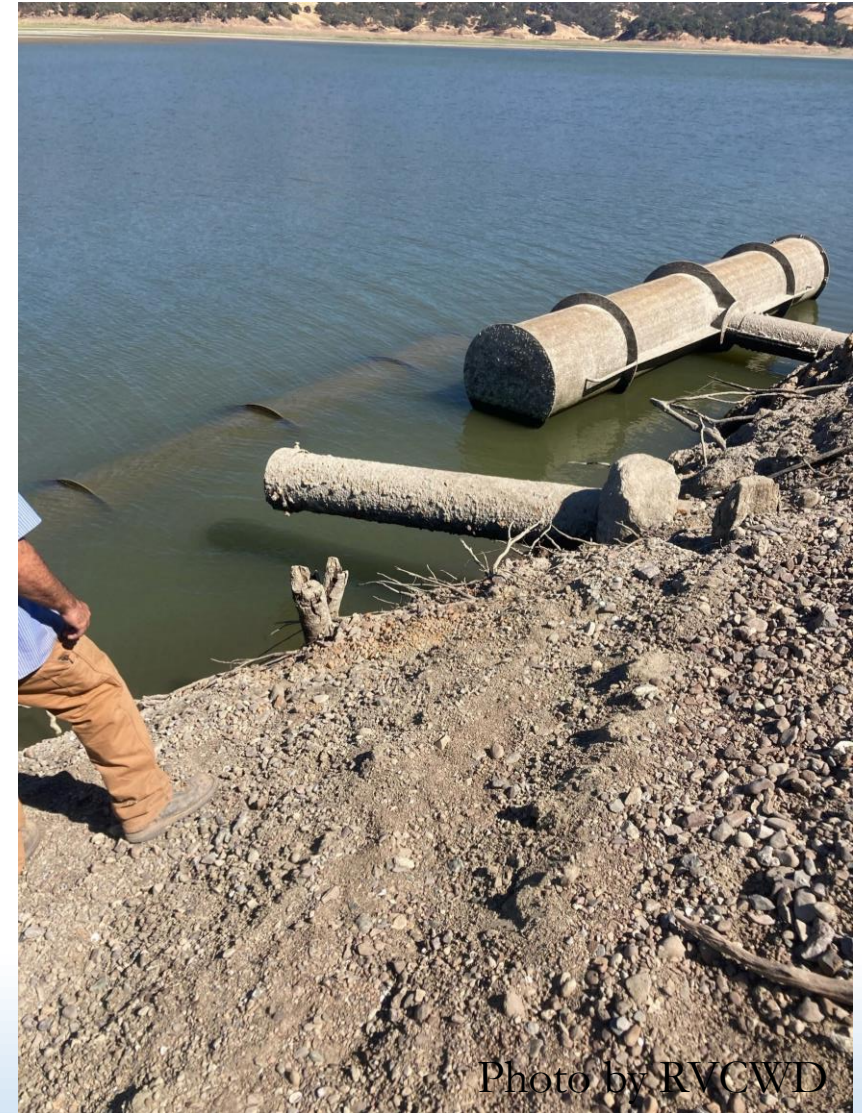


District Surplus Water

“District Surplus” is NOT available when:

- RRFC storage allocation as per the Technical Memo is insufficient to meet Customer demand schedule (customers are unable to use all the water they want under contract.)
- District receives Notice of Water Unavailability and/or curtailment notice on License 13898

District Surplus unavailability can be documented in a District Declaration pursuant to California Water Code Section 350.



District Surplus Water

“District Surplus” can be sourced from:

- a) **Direct Diversion of Unimpaired Flows**
Eel River diversions to the East Fork Russian River through the Potter Valley Project.
- b) **Stored Water in Lake Mendocino**
The Technical Memo will address the allocation of stored water.
- c) **A combination of direct diversion and stored water**



DRAFT TIMELINE **for providing District Surplus Water to Redwood Valley County Water District**

February 1: Receive RVCWD for monthly schedule of requested surplus.

February 15: As per contract, Customer preliminary schedules/surplus requests due

Late February: Preliminary District Surplus offered to Customers for 15 days.

Early March: Preliminary District Surplus made available to RVCWD through written notification.

July 1: Technical Memo allocating available stored water - may update as the year progresses.

Early July: Notice to Customers of RRFC stored water allocation.

Mid July: Updated Customer schedules/surplus requests due & surplus offered for 15 days.

Early August: District Surplus made available to RVCWD through written notification.

If additional water is made available throughout the year, RVCWD will be updated in writing.

[Green text indicates current procedure.]



Refinement Needed

- Determining available District Surplus from direct diversion of unimpaired flows October through June. Direct diversion of unimpaired flows may not be available in winter months as it has in the past due to (1) changed climate and precipitation patterns; and (2) changes to the Eel River diversion through PVP.
- Customer schedules due February 15 will need to account for possible curtailment of Customer water rights due to reduced Eel River diversions. In order to put District water to beneficial use by making available to RVCWD, updated Customer schedules will be needed.
- Timing of Tech Memo (July 1) is not ideal for planning, though some information will be available during development.



Discussion and Recommendation

Discussion:

Board to provide feedback on policy development regarding water allocation and District surplus water.

Recommendation:

Direct Staff and Legal Counsel to draft policy and/or procedure to return to the Board for review and possible approval.



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STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Trustees
From: E. Salomone, General Manager
Meeting: Monday, November 7, 2022
RE: Agenda Item 6: Budgeting for Strategic Plan Implementation

The Strategic Plan sets priorities that are essential to the District's Mission, provides a framework for decision making, and guides resources to achieve these priorities. This agenda item supports Priority 5, Goal 4: Administration, Sound and sustainable management of District finances.

Background

The Strategic Plan guides District leadership to budget for implementation of agreed upon priorities and goals. During the Fiscal Year 2022/23 budget development, the Board considered a report from the GM on increases to the annual price per acre foot of 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 proposed that any increase in price be steady and predictable to allow customers ample planning.

The Board considered the report and concluded that a Strategic Plan update was required to inform potential rate increases. The Board adopted the Updated Strategic Plan for 2023-2025 on September 12, 2022 with direction to the General Manager to begin implementation immediately. The Strategic Plan and Annual Action Plan can be found on the District's website: <https://www.rrfc.net/strategic-planning>.

Revenue

District revenue is 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 2022-23 Budget, the amount of water under contract was 7,424 af, equating to \$348,935 in anticipated water sales revenue. In recent years, Redwood Valley County Water District (RVCWD) has purchased 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 due to water supply challenges, though RRFC is taking steps to ensure maximized surplus water availability.

Budget Development

The next step is to identify implementation actions and develop preliminary costs for these actions. On the following page, implementations that are anticipated to exceed the current average budget levels are bulleted below under each Priority/Goal.

Recommended Action

Board to review and discuss the identified implementation activities and next steps in developing preliminary costs. An Ad Hoc Committee could be created to work with the GM and consultants to prepare a recommendation.

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Priorities, Goals, and Proposed Implementation Cost Considerations

Implementation activities that are anticipated to exceed the current average budget levels are bulleted below under each Priority/Goal. Where none are listed, it is anticipated current staffing and budgeting levels will accommodate implementation. This is a general overview to begin discussions and identify preliminary costs.

Priority 1: Security

Goal 1: Improved river and reservoir operations.

- Engineering and legal consultation

Goal 2: Fair and reliable inter-basin diversions from the Eel River.

- Financial contribution to regional entity to support diversion water right and works.
- (Eventual cost of delivery of water)
- Legal consultation

Goal 3: Expanded water sources.

- Engineering and legal consultation to obtain water rights.
- Project Management to implement related project(s.)

Goal 4: Increased storage capacity.

- Likely linked with Goal 3.

Priority 2: Collaboration

Goal 1: Trusted relationships with community partners for regional water security.

- Groundwater Sustainability Agency: \$68,000 annually (minimum of 4 more payments)

Goal 2: Improved diversity, equity, and inclusion in the stewardship of water resources.

Goal 3: Expanded relationships with non-traditional partners and stakeholders in pursuit of enhanced Environmental Stewardship.

Priority 3: Advocacy

Goal 1: Improved public awareness and understanding of the importance of water issues.

Goal 2: State and Federal governmental policy and funding support for the region.

Priority 4: Use

Goal 1: Maximum beneficial use of water under District water right license.

- Engineering and legal consultation
- Change petition fees, CEQA costs
- LAFCo fees to create coterminous boundary and place of use

Goal 2: Strategic use of water by customers.

- Engineering and legal consultation

Priority 5: Administration

Goal 1: Capable and high quality executive leadership.

- HR consultation

Goal 2: Engaged, diverse, and knowledgeable Board leadership.

Goal 3: Effective systems and human resources to execute the strategic plan.

- Meter management consultant

Goal 4: Sound and sustainable management of District finances.

- and financial consultation

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STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Trustees
From: E. Salomone, General Manager
Meeting: Monday, November 7, 2022
RE: Agenda Item 7a: October 2022 Financial Reports Summary

Revenue

September 2022: Additional revenue not shown on previous report: None
October 2022: none

Ordinary Expenses

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

October 2022: \$39,004.72 in expenses at time of writing this report, notably:

- \$12,000 Consulting for Audit, CPA services, Strategic Plan consulting
- \$7,237.50 USGS stream gage 4th annual pymt of 4
- \$4,521.50 Legal Counsel, September service dates
- \$ 600.00 Trustee bi-annual stipends
- \$775.00 Training Costs: ACWA conference registration

Note:

A check was issued to E. Salomone to correct a payroll error. For six payrolls a new pay code in QuickBooks was used to record the company health insurance stipend to Salomone. The pay code was correctly taxing the company contribution, but incorrectly did not add the amount to the paycheck. The check covered payment for those 6 pay periods. A new pay code was set up going forward that is correctly adding stipend to the paycheck.

Other

- Accountant continues to address various issues. In October, stipend in lieu of medical and CalPERS 457 Roth payroll items were corrected, an underpayment to GM due to payroll item adjustments was rectified, and adjustments to CalPERS/QB reporting & payments were completed.
- Financial reports subject to change after corrections and adjustments by Accountant and Auditor.
- Reconciliations are up to date for Savings account but Accountant addressing issues in others.
- Additional reports or information available upon request.

Recommendation:

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

Attachments:

1. Income & Expense / Budget Vs Actual Report – October 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
October 2022

Cash Basis

	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Expense				
Consulting	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	100.0%
Election	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Fees, County & LAFCo	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Gage	7,237.50	0.00	7,237.50	100.0%
Groundwater Sustainability	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Insurance, Liability	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Insurance, Workers Comp	446.66	0.00	446.66	100.0%
Legal	4,521.50	0.00	4,521.50	100.0%
Memberships	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Meters Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Office Operating Expenses	153.41	0.00	153.41	100.0%
Payroll Expenses	13,156.02	0.00	13,156.02	100.0%
Rent, Utilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Stipends, Meetings	600.00	0.00	600.00	100.0%
SWRCB Permits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Training Costs	775.00	0.00	775.00	100.0%
Unfunded Pension Liability	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Vehicle	114.63	0.00	114.63	100.0%
Water Resiliency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Expense	<u>39,004.72</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>39,004.72</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-39,004.72</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-39,004.72</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Net Income	<u>-39,004.72</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-39,004.72</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

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

Cash Basis

July 2022 through June 2023

	Jul '22 - Jun 23	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Interest-LAIF	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%
Interest-SBMC	12.61	500.00	-487.39	2.5%
Property Taxes	4,115.28	55,000.00	-50,884.72	7.5%
Water Sales	4,512.00	348,935.00	-344,423.00	1.3%
Total Income	8,639.89	406,935.00	-398,295.11	2.1%
Expense				
Consulting	22,232.20	20,000.00	2,232.20	111.2%
Election	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
Fees, County & LAFCo	1,268.73	2,500.00	-1,231.27	50.7%
Gage	14,475.00	15,000.00	-525.00	96.5%
Groundwater Sustainability	0.00	68,000.00	-68,000.00	0.0%
Insurance, Liability	6,084.87	7,000.00	-915.13	86.9%
Insurance, Workers Comp	1,786.64	7,000.00	-5,213.36	25.5%
Legal	10,106.00	20,000.00	-9,894.00	50.5%
Memberships	0.00	7,000.00	-7,000.00	0.0%
Meters Expense	186.89	2,000.00	-1,813.11	9.3%
Office Operating Expenses	1,590.89	5,000.00	-3,409.11	31.8%
Payroll Expenses	54,553.44	175,010.00	-120,456.56	31.2%
Payroll Taxes- old	0.00			
Rent, Utilities	2,250.00	5,000.00	-2,750.00	45.0%
Stipends, Meetings	2,325.00	6,000.00	-3,675.00	38.8%
SWRCB Permits	0.00	17,000.00	-17,000.00	0.0%
Training Costs	1,232.52	4,000.00	-2,767.48	30.8%
Unfunded Pension Liability	7,011.00	9,500.00	-2,489.00	73.8%
Vehicle	543.93	2,000.00	-1,456.07	27.2%
Water Resiliency	3,737.00	40,000.00	-36,263.00	9.3%
Total Expense	129,384.11	417,010.00	-287,625.89	31.0%
Net Ordinary Income	-120,744.22	-10,075.00	-110,669.22	1,198.5%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense				
Prior Year Expense	9,262.89			
Total Other Expense	9,262.89			
Net Other Income	-9,262.89	0.00	-9,262.89	100.0%
Net Income	-130,007.11	-10,075.00	-119,932.11	1,290.4%

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

Cash Basis

	<u>Jul - Oct 22</u>	<u>Jul - Oct 21</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Interest-LAIF	0.00	298.45	-298.45	-100.0%
Interest-SBMC	12.61	76.39	-63.78	-83.5%
Property Taxes	4,115.28	0.00	4,115.28	100.0%
Water Sales	4,512.00	0.00	4,512.00	100.0%
Total Income	<u>8,639.89</u>	<u>374.84</u>	<u>8,265.05</u>	<u>2,205.0%</u>
Expense				
Consulting	22,232.20	2,550.00	19,682.20	771.9%
Fees, County & LAFCo	1,268.73	1,396.13	-127.40	-9.1%
Gage	14,475.00	13,267.50	1,207.50	9.1%
Groundwater Sustainability	0.00	4,000.00	-4,000.00	-100.0%
Insurance, Liability	6,084.87	6,144.80	-59.93	-1.0%
Insurance, Workers Comp	1,786.64	-736.63	2,523.27	342.5%
Legal	10,106.00	15,893.64	-5,787.64	-36.4%
Memberships	0.00	4,140.00	-4,140.00	-100.0%
Meters Expense	186.89	54.15	132.74	245.1%
Office Operating Expenses	1,590.89	1,324.32	266.57	20.1%
Payroll Expenses	54,553.44	49,595.95	4,957.49	10.0%
Payroll Taxes- old	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Rent, Utilities	2,250.00	1,931.29	318.71	16.5%
Stipends, Meetings	2,325.00	600.00	1,725.00	287.5%
Training Costs	1,232.52	365.00	867.52	237.7%
Unfunded Pension Liability	7,011.00	8,419.00	-1,408.00	-16.7%
Vehicle	543.93	103.52	440.41	425.4%
Water Resiliency	3,737.00	7,397.32	-3,660.32	-49.5%
Total Expense	<u>129,384.11</u>	<u>116,445.99</u>	<u>12,938.12</u>	<u>11.1%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-120,744.22</u>	<u>-116,071.15</u>	<u>-4,673.07</u>	<u>-4.0%</u>
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense				
Meter Purchase	0.00	1,884.53	-1,884.53	-100.0%
Prior Year Expense	9,262.89	0.00	9,262.89	100.0%
Total Other Expense	<u>9,262.89</u>	<u>1,884.53</u>	<u>7,378.36</u>	<u>391.5%</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-9,262.89</u>	<u>-1,884.53</u>	<u>-7,378.36</u>	<u>-391.5%</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-130,007.11</u></u>	<u><u>-117,955.68</u></u>	<u><u>-12,051.43</u></u>	<u><u>-10.2%</u></u>

Russian River Flood Control District Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison

As of October 31, 2022

Cash Basis

	Oct 31, 22	Oct 31, 21	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
LAIF	492,004.78	490,416.36	1,588.42	0.3%
SBMC Checking	342,494.56	183,678.34	158,816.22	86.5%
SBMC Savings	100,101.10	267,892.85	-167,791.75	-62.6%
Total Checking/Savings	934,600.44	941,987.55	-7,387.11	-0.8%
Total Current Assets	934,600.44	941,987.55	-7,387.11	-0.8%
Fixed Assets				
Accumulated Depreciation				
Meters & Vehicles				
At Cost	104,822.42	104,822.42	0.00	0.0%
Meters & Vehicles - Other	45,258.49	35,027.36	10,231.13	29.2%
Total Meters & Vehicles	150,080.91	139,849.78	10,231.13	7.3%
Total Fixed Assets	90,138.19	79,907.06	10,231.13	12.8%
Other Assets				
Deferred Outflows				
	24,734.00	24,734.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Other Assets	24,734.00	24,734.00	0.00	0.0%
TOTAL ASSETS	1,049,472.63	1,046,628.61	2,844.02	0.3%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable				
2000 · Accounts Payable,	0.00	-128.33	128.33	100.0%
Total Accounts Payable	0.00	-128.33	128.33	100.0%
Other Current Liabilities				
Accrued Expenses	7,237.50	0.00	7,237.50	100.0%
Payroll Liabilities	1,956.08	1,950.03	6.05	0.3%
2150 · Vacation Accrual	12,384.00	12,384.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Other Current Liabilities	21,577.58	14,334.03	7,243.55	50.5%
Total Current Liabilities	21,577.58	14,205.70	7,371.88	51.9%
Long Term Liabilities				
Deferred Inflows	471.00	471.00	0.00	0.0%
Net Pension Liability	50,063.00	50,063.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Long Term Liabilities	50,534.00	50,534.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Liabilities	72,111.58	64,739.70	7,371.88	11.4%
Equity				
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	541,116.95	541,116.95	0.00	0.0%
3900 · Retained Earnings	566,251.21	558,727.64	7,523.57	1.4%
Net Income	-130,007.11	-117,955.68	-12,051.43	-10.2%
Total Equity	977,361.05	981,888.91	-4,527.86	-0.5%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,049,472.63	1,046,628.61	2,844.02	0.3%

Russian River Flood Control District
Monthly Payment Detail
As of October 31, 2022

Cash Basis

Type	Date	Name	Memo	Original Amount	Paid Amount
SBMC Checking					
Bill Pmt...	10/02/2022	Cardmember Service	Credit card 8/12-9/13/22	-913.08	-913.08
Bill Pmt...	10/04/2022	John Reardan	Board Meeting Stipend Jan-June 2022	-600.00	-600.00
Bill Pmt...	10/04/2022	Herum/Crabtree/Suntag		-4,521.50	-4,521.50
Bill Pmt...	10/05/2022	State Compensation Insura...	2022-23 FY Policy charges 9/9-10/9/22	-446.66	-446.66
Bill Pmt...	10/06/2022	Comcast Business	Internet services for 9/13-10/12/22	-76.47	-76.47
Check	10/11/2022	Salomone, Elizabeth A		-3,708.00	-3,708.00
Bill Pmt...	10/11/2022	Intuit	Monthly Payroll Subscription	-2.00	-2.00
Bill Pmt...	10/21/2022	US Cellular	Cell service 9/14- to 10/13/22	-51.49	-51.49
Bill Pmt...	10/29/2022	Leap Solutions Group, Inc	Invoice #5520 Strat Plan consulting	-2,150.00	-2,150.00
Bill Pmt...	10/29/2022	Nigro & Nigro PC	FY 2020-2021 Audit	-9,500.00	-9,500.00
Bill Pmt...	10/29/2022	Roxanne V. Berg, CPA	CPA services	-350.00	-350.00
Bill Pmt...	10/29/2022	USGS	Gages, Bill #91010951 4th pymt FY 22	-7,237.50	-7,237.50
Check	10/31/2022	Internal Revenue Service		-873.92	-873.92
Check	10/31/2022	Salomone, Elizabeth A	Payroll correction due to pay code error	-3,708.00	-3,708.00
Total SBMC Checking					-34,138.62
TOTAL					-34,138.62

Project Water Worksheet as of November 1, 2022

No changes from October 2022

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

	Current 2022 totals in Acre Feet																																	
Project Water Licensed to MC RRFC & WCID:	7940																																	
Contracted Non-Retail Suppliers:	4917																																	
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Uncontracted Water Supply for 2021: **115.85**

*Rogina verbally requested to reduce from 800af to 400af in March 2022 but the permanent contract amendment was not completed and has been scheduled for Jan 2023.

Contract Adjustments in 2022:

Surplus water transferred from customers in 2022:	n/a	
Emergency water transferred from customers in 2022:	-400	Rogina to Redwood Valley
Requested surplus by customers for 2022:	n/a	

Adjusted contract total: **7424.15**

Redwood Valley County Water District:

Uncontracted water available to RVCWD as surplus in 2022:	n/a	
Customer transferred surplus water available to RVCWD in 2022:	n/a	
Emergency water made available by RRFC to RVCWD in 2022:	60	not allocated to a contract
Emergency water transferred to RVCWD by Customer(s) in 2022:	400	

Total: **7824.15**

5 **DRAFT MINUTES**
6 **Regular Meeting of**
7 **October 3, 2022**
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9 IN COMPLIANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 361, THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM.

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11 **1. Roll Call**

12 President Watt called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

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14 Trustees Present: Christopher Watt, President
15 Alfred White, Vice President
16 Matthew Froneberger, Treasurer
17 Tyler Rodrigue, Trustee (arrived 5:20 PM)
18 John Reardan, Trustee
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20 Staff: Elizabeth Salomone, General Manager
21 Jeanne Zolezzi, Legal Counsel
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23 **2. Approval of Agenda**

24 Vice President White moved to approve the agenda. Treasurer Froneberger seconded the motion.
25 The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

28 **3. CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

29 Gov. Code § 54956.9(d) *Significant exposure to litigation:* (2 potential cases)
30 The Board entered Closed Session at 5:04 PM and returned to Public Session at 5:37 PM with direction given to
31 staff and no reportable action.

32 **4. Public Expression**

33 No one from the public indicated interest in speaking.

34 **PUBLIC HEARING (5:35 PM)**

35 **5. Declaration #22-01 Stage III: Water Warning**
36

37 GM Salomone presented the staff report and item. President Watt opened the public hearing at 5:39 PM.
38

39 Mendocino County Farm Bureau Executive Director Devon Boer asked about significant changes from the
40 previous Declaration and the overall conservation goals (percentages.) GM reviewed the staff report and Draft
41 Declaration and provided information on overall water use conservation by District customers.
42

43 Redwood Valley County Water District Board Member Bree Klotter asked for more information on how the
44 Declaration impacts water supply from the District to Redwood Valley County Water District (RVCWD.) She
45 asked if the District would be able to provide water to RVCWD. GM Salomone responded.
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(Continued...)

48 President Watt closed the Public Hearing at 5:50 PM.

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50 Vice President White moved to approve Declaration #22-01 Stage III: Water Warning. Trustee Reardan
51 seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

53 **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

54 **6. Water Supply Conditions Update and District Response**

55 GM Salomone presented the item, reviewing the staff report. Public comment was offered by Mendocino
56 County Farm Bureau Executive Director Devon Boer and Redwood Valley County Water District Board
57 Member Bree Klotter.

58 **7. Water Resiliency Planning**

59 GM Salomone presented the item, reviewing the staff report.

60 **8. Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Audit of Financial Statements**

61 GM Salomone presented the item. Public comment was offered by Redwood Valley County Water District Board
62 Member Bree Klotter.

63 Vice President White moved to approve the Annual Audit of Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's
64 Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and direction to General Manager to sign the management representation
65 letter and other documents necessary for finalization. Treasurer Froneberger seconded the motion. The
66 motion was approved by the following vote:

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

68 **REGULAR BUSINESS, INFORMATION, AND REPORT ITEMS**

69 **9. Consent Calendar**

- 70 a) Acceptance of the September 2022 Financial Report
- 71 b) Approval of July 18, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes
- 72 c) Approval of September 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes
- 73 d) Approval of letter to State Social Security Administrators Office regarding tax withholdings
- 74 e) Approval of Resolution #22-03 Authorizing the State of California Social Security Program
- 75 for California Public Agencies
- 76 f) State of Emergency

77

78 Vice President White moved to approve the Consent Calendar items a-f. Trustee Reardan seconded the motion.
79 The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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(Continued...)

83 **10. Trustee & Committee Reports**

84 *Vice President White* noted he was unable to attend the October Upper Russian River Water Agency (URRWA)
85 meeting and President Watt volunteered to attend in his place.

86 **11. General Manager Report & Correspondence**

87 GM presented the written report, noting the West Fork Russian River stream flow gage is no longer being
88 maintained by United States Geologic Survey (USGS) through a contract with United States Army Corp of
89 Engineers (USACE.) A private contractor has been engaged by USACE and Sonoma Water is taking steps to
90 identify the continued availability of data, with support from the District and other stakeholders.

91 **12. Direction on Future Agenda Items**

92 GM noted agenda items will be brought forward from the Strategic Plan in the coming months.

93 **ADJOURNMENT**

94
95 Trustee Reardan moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 PM. Vice President White seconded the motion. The
96 motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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APPROVED by Board of Trustees on November 7, 2022

President of the Board of Trustees

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

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<i>President</i>	<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Trustee</i>	<i>Trustee</i>
<i>Christopher Watt</i>	<i>Alfred White</i>	<i>Matthew Froneberger</i>	<i>Tyler Rodrigue</i>	<i>John Reardan</i>

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

STAFF REPORT

To: Board of Trustees
From: E. Salomone, General Manager
Meeting: Monday, November 2, 2022
RE: Agenda Item 7b: State of Emergency

The Strategic Plan relevant priority are **Advocacy:** Improving public awareness and understanding of the importance of water issues; and **Administration:** Fostering District resources in alignment with the District's Mission to steward water resources for the benefit of people and environment.

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 October 2022
Presented at Regular Meeting of Monday, November 7, 2022

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)

Also see Agenda Item on Water Supply Conditions

1-River & Reservoir Operations: There is a new link to the West Fork Russian River gage information for hourly stage and flow: <https://www.spk-wc.usace.army.mil/fcgi-bin/hourly.py?report=coy>

2-Russian River Water Forum: The Project Management Advisory Team met multiple times to receive interview progress updates, prepare for Tribal briefings, begin discussing development of the Forum committees and leadership. RRFC representatives were interviewed by Project consultants. GM conducted a Forum briefing for Supervisors Williams and McGourty (the current and incoming Chairs) and CEO Darcie Antle.

3-Water Right Applications: A request for an extension of time was submitted to and approved by the Administrative Hearing Office (AHO.) Sonoma Water and CA Sportfishing Protection Alliance both submitted letters of support for the extension. Sonoma Water also submitted formal comments on the preliminary Water Availability Analysis (WAA) and continues to coordinate with RRFC's engineering consultant to refine data for the WAA.

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): Collaborating on implementation of the Communications and Engagement Plan including a public stakeholder meeting on the recent Governor's Executive Order and impacts to well permitting, GSA newsletter, and communications with Indigenous Nations and Communities.

2- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: Attended the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board workshop on its Draft Resolution No. R1-2023-0001 Condemning Racism, Xenophobia, Bigotry, and Racial Injustice and Strengthening Commitment to Racial Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Access, and Anti-Racism in the North Coast Region. The presentation was an excellent training opportunity.
https://cal-span.org/meeting/rwqcb-nc_20221007/

2-Russian River Water Forum: (See Priority 1)

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.)

2-ACWA: The Region 1 Board met, reviewing the ACWA 2022 Member Satisfaction Survey results. GM has been asked to participate in the ACWA Working Group on CA Water Plan Update 2023 as a Northern California representative to review and develop comments from ACWA.

(Continued...)

2-CA Water Education Foundation's 2022 Water Summit-Rethinking Water in the West: Participated as a Panelist on the "Rethinking Water Rights in Light of Drought and Climate Change" panel covering the Water Sharing Program as a creative, collaborative solution to avoid curtailments and their economic/environmental impacts. Also on the panel: Erik Ekdahl from the State Water Board; Cannon Michael, CEO/President of Bowles Farming Company, and Jennifer Harder, Professor of Law and one of the authors of Updating California Water Laws to Address Drought and Climate Change report. Keynote speaker and author of Water Always Wins, [Erica Gies](#) presented on "Slow Water" innovations that can potentially offer resilience to the increasing severity of droughts and floods brought on by climate change.

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-Water Accounting: Annual meter downloads are underway. The State Water Resources Control Board has adjusted water rights reporting requirements to align with the water year (Oct 1 – Sept 30.)

2-Managed Aquifer Recharge: Attended several FloodMAR webinars hosted by the Department of Water Resources.

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: Attended numerous workshops and webinars on equity, recharge, nature based solutions, and more. Attended a water summit (see Priority 3.)

2-Board Leadership: Board members were provided with further education and mandatory training options currently available.

4-Financial Accounting: Continuing work with District Accountant and Auditor to address financial planning, reporting, and enhancement.

Community Meetings Attended This Month

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors (10/4/22): The Board approved the appointments of uncontested Board members, including RRFC's own Watt, Reardan, and John Bailey.

Upper Russian River Water Agency (URRWA) (10/5/22): Willow GM Jared Walker received questions regarding water provided to RVCWD by RRFC recently. Board Member Theresa McNerlin was appointed to the GSA. She represents the Sanitation District but was the only URRWA Board member in many months who volunteered. Walker reported on the consolidation efforts. Some rough draft materials are being developed to present to the Boards. City of Ukiah is anticipated to become successor agency. Willow staff would become City employees. Agency would be run by City with 10 member water executive committee with districts remaining intact. Dissolution of districts may only be limited to Willow and Millview. Rate structure(s) are TBD; Operational budget will inform rates. Lots of fiscal questions about employee wages/benefits and rates and budgets. Walker advises ad-hoc to direct these questions to City. Expecting to have consolidation agreement signed by all parties by Spring 2023. Questions regarding water rights were asked and Walker responded that they have about 6 months to figure out if they need language about reliability of City's water supply.

City of Ukiah (10/5/22): City Manager reported on the proposed consolidation with URRWA members noting it is going well. A question from Rodin regarding consolidating resources and/or management led to further detail but was summed up with a comment that no agreements have been finalized.

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Willow County Water District (10/10/2022) GM Walker reported that water sales are slightly down and the District has not exhausted its RRFCC contract quantity for the year. Willow staff will begin reviewing Service Contracts with the other water districts in November. The proposed consolidation is moving forward with the ad-hoc committee continuing to meet in development of the consolidation agreement. At this time, the City of Ukiah is taking lead and Willow staff would become City staff. Questions were raised regarding trust, uniform rates vs individual district rates, and if State funding would be available to URRWA without the City as part of the consolidation. GM noted the proposal that following City annexations, some districts may dissolve and at least on Director asked why they are not pushing to keep Willow and the districts it manages intact under City umbrella vs having City consolidate the resources and workforce. Board expressed concern about being pressured into making a vote on short notice without adequate legal consultation. It was noted that previous attempts to consolidate were unsuccessful due to the issue of water security for all constituents. City has groundwater and senior surface water rights plus recycled water. City has made significant improvements in their water security, making it the reason to consolidate now. GM has a meeting with County Supervisor McGourty and Senator McGuire about water issues, possibly consolidation. A motion was approved to hire LACO to assist in the application of a \$500k grant to replace old water lines. A motion was approved to accept the audit.

Inland Water & Power Commission (IWPC) (10/13/22): McGourty reported on County Supervisor updates regarding water issues, focusing on the Mendocino County Water Agency revitalization/projects/etc. He also provided an update on the GSA. The City of Ukiah reported around 300 million gallons of recycled water was produced so far this year (around 1,000 af for the year expected.) Redwood Valley reported on the proposed consolidation ad hoc meetings are moving quickly and RV is hopeful. McGourty added his hopes this consolidation will support water supply problems, especially in Redwood Valley. Potter Valley Irrigation District is working with a consultant on the Department of Water Resources funded project to find water storage in Potter Valley and a first community meeting is set for December 2, 2022. The Chair opened a discussion regarding an IWPC task force that gathers information on the various current efforts going on regarding the PVP, improves outreach/education, research and apply for grant funding, seeks and invites collaboration, and generally provide advice and assessment to IWPC commissioners. The Commission approved formation of the task force. Chair provided updates on PG&E's variance (no changes) and reported PG&E has issued an RFP for consultants to handle the technical issues of surrendering and decommissioning. An update was provided on Sonoma Water's DWR grant projects (contracts signed, studies beginning, Forum development.)

Hopland PUD (10/13/22): No one from the District attended.

Millview County Water District (10/18/22): Willow GM Walker reported that Well 6 plans have finally been received and after review they will go out to contractors. The building will be block and metal construction. An update was provided on the proposed annexation of URRWA water districts and City of Ukiah. The ad hoc met to review the draft service contract language. Walker said it looked good but will need legal counsel review. Walker, Sean White (City of Ukiah), and Supervisor McGourty met with Senator McGuire who was positive about the consolidation efforts and said money is available. The Board voted for Candace Horsley on the LAFCO election ballot.

City of Ukiah (10/19/22): Nothing water related to note.

Calpella County Water District (10/19/22): Cancelled.

Redwood Valley County Water District (10/20/22): The Board discussed drafts of the Grand Jury response, directed two Board members to work further on the draft, and bring back to the Board for approval in November before submitting. Willow GM Walker provided an update on consolidation, similar to that given at Millview. He mentioned 3 agreements have been developed but when pressed, clarified they are working documents and formal agreements will need to be approved by each entity's Board.

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October 18, 2022

Mr. John Reardan
Board President
Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District
304 N. State Street #2
Ukiah, California 95482

Re: President's Special Acknowledgement Award – Property/Liability Program

Dear Mr. Reardan,

This letter and enclosed certificate are to formally acknowledge the dedicated efforts of the Russian River Flood Control and Water Conservation Improvement District's Governing Body, management, and staff towards proactive risk management and loss prevention training for earning the President's Special Acknowledgement Award! The Award is to recognize members with no "paid" claims during the prior **five consecutive program years** in the Property/Liability Program.

A "paid" claim for the purposes of this recognition represents the first payment on an open claim during the prior program year and excludes property claims. Your agency's efforts have resulted in no "paid" property/liability claims for the prior five consecutive program years from 2017-22. This is an outstanding accomplishment that serves as an example for all SDRMA members!

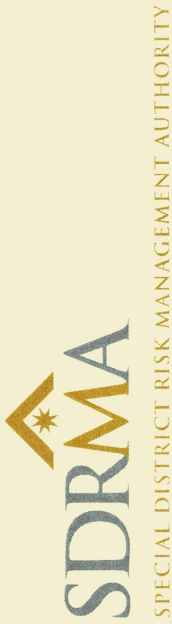
In addition to this annual recognition, members with no "paid" claims during 2021-22 earned one credit incentive point (CIP) reducing their annual contribution amount, and members with no "paid" claims for the prior 5 consecutive program years earned three additional bonus CIPs.

On behalf of the SDRMA Board of Directors and staff, it is my honor to congratulate your Governing Body, management, and staff for your commitment to proactive risk management and loss prevention training.

Sincerely,
Special District Risk Management Authority



Mike Scheafer, President
Board of Directors



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Hereby gives special recognition to

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Mike Scheafer, SDRMA Board President

October 18, 2022

Date