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Following final LAFCO approval last week, the Estrella- El Pomar-Creston Water District held its first board meeting yesterday at Windfall Farms. Formal approval of the new "Opt in" California Water District was received last week following nearly a year of effort by a voluntary formation committee. Following the defeat of the AB2453 Paso Robles Basin district vote, the Shandon-San Juan opt in district formed earlier this year, in the eastern portion of the basin. Now EPC formed its version of the same type of district. Those opting not to join will remain under County jurisdiction.

Officers elected were Dana Merrill (President), Hilary Graves (Vice President) and Jerry Reaugh (Secretary). The 5 person board is rounded out with Al Webster and Lee Nesbit. Future board meetings will be held somewhere in the district or neighboring communities.

As envisioned prior to its formation, the EPC District will now prioritize becoming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) per the SGMA Groundwater law enacted by the state. It will join 5 other GSAs including Shandon-San Juan, City of Paso Robles, San Miguel, Heritage Ranch and SLO County. As a public agency, it is eligible to be so designated up a vote by the Board of Supervisors. The vote, a known as "relinquishment" is required because the County agreed to represent the EPC District area since it was not possible to complete formation by June of 2017. The vote to relinquish will be scheduled some time in January.

The directors are all local agriculturist landowners and are committed to the long term sustainability of the groundwater basin for all users whether district members or non-member neighbors.

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Left to Right:

Lee Nesbit, Al Webster, Jerry Reaugh, Hilary Graves and Dana Merrill EPC District Board of Directors