

MINUTES
HOPLAND PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TELECONFERENCE ZOOM MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023

President, Joan Norry called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., with the following roll call:
Present: Directors, Joan Norry, Gary Rosetti, Bruce Nicolas, Office Manager, Liz Patton, Board Secretary, Chelsea Teague

Director Carol Gunter-Hall arrived at 6:37 p.m. and left the meeting at 6:39 p.m. due to a bad connection.

Absent: General Manager, Jared Walker

Financial Report/Bills

Director Nicolas made a motion, seconded by Director Rosetti, to approve the financials for September and December 2022. The motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Minutes

Director Nicolas made a motion, seconded by Director Rosetti, to approve the December 08, 2022 minutes. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Correspondence

None.

Public Expression

None.

Staff Reports

a. Office Manager

- i. Office Manager, Liz Patton, reported that checks are ready to be signed as well as a form for the night drop at SBMC.

b. General Manager (as per GM Walker's attached report):

- i. As you are well aware, our area has received a tremendous amount of rainfall over the past few weeks. Hopland's infrastructure is holding up well, however, there is a tremendous amount of water entering the Wastewater Treatment Plant. All influent and effluent pumps are operating at max capacity during these large rainstorms and as expected the level of the ponds has increased. Staff has done a great job keeping everything running and at this time, there is currently about 2.5' of freeboard in the ponds. Over the next two days there is also anticipated flooding in areas in and around Hopland.
- ii. Since Christmas, Lake Mendocino has risen over 25' in elevation and currently has over 76,000 acre feet of storage and will eclipse 85,000 acre feet prior to the board meeting. The storage level in the lake now puts us above the Forecasted

Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO), which is the newer methodology of managing the reservoir levels. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has stated that they will continue to hold back releases until after this storm is over and river flows have receded. USACE has not stated how much water will be released, but it is anticipated that they will bring it down below 80,000 acre feet to maintain the flood pool.

- iii. There is no new information from Caltrans on the HWY 101 project or information back from the state on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Inspection from a few months ago.

Old Business

a. Capacity Planning

- i. Per GM Walker’s attached report: Water loss continues to hover around 10%. Hopland Band of Pomo Indians has increased water usage over the past two months. They have been contacted and are looking for leaks.

b. Inland Water & Power Commission (IWPC)

- i. Nothing new to report.

c. Update on Drought/Water Conservation Efforts

- i. Per GM Walker’s attached report: Much has been updated in the GM Report, but many officials are stating that even after this storm subsides, that California will still remain in drought conditions. Much of this is due to the large reservoirs still not being full and there is concern over total snowpack for Spring runoff.

d. Report on URRWA and Consolidation Efforts

- i. Per GM Walker’s attached report: Not much new has changed here. The URRWA Districts and the City of Ukiah are continuing to meet with the respective legal counsels working towards a solidified agreement.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Director Nicolas, seconded by Director Norry at 6:53 p.m., and passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Joan Norry, President

Date_____

Chelsea Teague, Board Secretary

Date_____