

**Minutes**  
**Upper Russian River Water Agency**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**February 2, 2022**

Director McNerlin called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Present: Directors, Steve Bogart, Theresa McNerlin, Jerry Cardoza, Ken Todd

Others Present: Willow GM, Jared Walker, Board Secretary, Kate Barrett

Russian River Flood Control, Chris Watt, Al White

Redwood Valley CWD, Bree Klotter

Absent: Director, Ross LaRue

---

**Approval of December 1, 2021 Minutes**

Director Bogart made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to approve the December 1, 2021 minutes.

This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

**Approval of the Financials**

Director Bogart made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to approve the financials for December and January 2021. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

**Public Forum**

None.

**Update on Member Agency Projects**

- GM, Walker reported that Calpella is going through a rehab of one of their booster stations that was lost in the Hopkins Fire. Staff is doing a great job on the building; it is about 50% complete.

**Update on Potter Valley Project**

- GM, Walker reported that the last time he spoke to Janet Pauli, there were conversations about more contributions to the project.
- The releases out of the lake have been reduced, but the inflow is still not enough; approximately 45 CFS though the bypass.

**Update on Drought Conditions & Water Conservation**

- GM, Walker reported that the committee that he is on is down to three options on how to deal with the drought conditions in 2022.
  - Option A: Conserve water based upon water right priority date.
  - Option B: Conserve water based upon water right priority date. \*All water right holders in the Upper Russian River Watershed, the more they conserve earlier in the year, there will be credit issued later in the year.
  - Option C: Uniform water conservation agreement.
- Redwood Valley CWD decided at their last meeting to send out a letter to their customer base, both Ag and Domestic, to remind them that even though there was rain, Lake Mendocino is still in the decline. Prepare for Redwood Valley to stay at 55 gallons of water per person per day through 2022 and to prepare for alternative methods for ag water as we will more than likely not have ag water available again this year.

**Update on Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (UVBGSA)**

- GM, Walker reported that the monitoring wells have been drilled and completed in Willow and Redwood Valley. The first groundwater monitoring sample is done and everything looks good.

**Consideration of Consolidation Efforts**

- GM, Walker reported that he has had conversations with Sean White, City of Ukiah’s Water and Sewer Director, about the potential of a regional entity.
- Staff would like to put together an Ad Hoc with the City of Ukiah.

**Consideration to Change Annual Audit to Biannually**

- Director Cardoza made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to change the annual audit to biannually. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

**Director’s Report**

- Director McNerlin reported that the reason the Sanitation District was having an Ad Hoc committee with the City of Ukiah was to go over an item that was in their lawsuit and contract with them to decide if the jail is in the District or in the City. It didn’t get resolved; they either have to have a third party to help negotiate or just drop it. The City would not negotiate; the City wants it and that’s that.
  - They are also dealing with LAFCo. There are a handful of people who own land parcels and want to hook up to their system and the lines are close, but it would require an out of area service agreement. In order to do that, they would need to be in their sphere of influence. LAFCo is unable to tell the Sanitation District where their sphere of influence is; this has been going on for months.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Theresa McNerlin - Board President**  
**Upper Russian River Water Agency**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Kate Barrett - Board Secretary**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_