

Minutes
Upper Russian River Water Agency
Board of Directors Meeting
April 5, 2023

Director Cardoza called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

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

Others Present: Willow GM - Jared Walker, Board Secretary - Ashtyn Davis, RRFCC - Beth Salomone

Absent: None

Approval of March 1, 2023 Minutes

Director LaRue made a motion, seconded by Director Bogart, to approve the March 1, 2023 minutes. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Approval of the Financials

The board reviewed the financials for March 2023.

Public Forum

None.

Update on Member Agency Projects

- GM, Walker reported that there are several projects happening among the districts
 - Upgrades are taking place at Redwood Valley's Water Treatment Plant
 - Hopes of being able to ease restrictions of the Human Health and Safety Standards for Redwood Valley
 - Still waiting on one final part to arrive before the telemetry company is able to complete the SCADA upgrades for Redwood Valley
 - Ready for installation of the VFD drives; unable to access Lake Pump Station at this time due to lake level being flooded
 - Meter change-out projects taking place in Millview, Willow, and Redwood Valley
 - GM, Walker also reported that Annual State Water inspections have begun that have not taken place since before COVID-19
 - Willow and Hopland taking place within the next couple of weeks
 - Due to the high turnover at the state level there are four new inspectors for the six water districts
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- Director McNerlin arrived at 5:23 p.m.

Update on Potter Valley Project

- Beth Salomone with Russian River Flood Control gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the purpose of the Russian River Water Forum
 - Beth states that it is designed to build a Two Basin Partnership progress
- GM, Walker reported that there were a couple of updates in regards to the PVP
 - Received word from PG&E that they were planning to leave the spill gates open at Lake Pillsbury for the foreseeable future due to a seismic study that had been conducted on Scott Dam
 - This will cause smaller, drought type of conditions in the Summer/Fall months and greater releases in the Spring/Winter months
 - PG&E is transitioning to a Liability Reduction Company
- PG&E is looking to have the entire PVP decommissioned in efforts of relicensing

Update on Drought Conditions & Water Conservation

- GM, Walker reported that Russian River Watershed curtailments have been lifted.
- Gov. Newsom has eased drought restrictions in all of California; but all 58 counties would remain in a state of emergency due for response efforts and funding mechanisms.

Update on Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (UVBGS)

- Director McNerlin stated that there was a full presentation over groundwater on UVBGS's website for anyone interested in reviewing it.

URRWA/City of Ukiah Ad Hoc Report – Consolidation Efforts

- GM, Walker reported that there is still quite a lot of questions and concerns to work through among each district
 - Willow's attorney has made some headway with the City of Ukiah and some of Willow's concerns have been addressed
 - More closed session will take place in each district to address how to continue to move forward with consolidation with each of the districts best interest
 - Monthly Ad Hoc meetings still continue to take place
- PUBLIC COMMENT: Adam Gaska asked a couple questions regarding consolidation and why the current JPA could not move forward without consolidating with the City of Ukiah.

Directors Report

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:36pm.

Theresa McNerlin – Board President
Upper Russian River Water Agency

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Attest: _____
Ashtyn Davis - Board Secretary

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