

MINUTES
HOPLAND PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR BOARD MEETING
TELECONFERENCE ZOOM MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023

President, Joan Norry called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m., with the following roll call:

Present: Directors - Joan Norry, Gary Rosetti, Bruce Nicolas, General Manager - Jared Walker, Office Manager - Liz Patton, Board Secretary - Ashtyn Davis

Absent: Carol Gunter-Hall

Financial Report/Bills

Director Rosetti made a motion, seconded by Director Norry, to approve the financials for March 2023. The motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Minutes

Director Nicolas made a motion, seconded by Director Norry, to approve the March 9, 2023 minutes. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Correspondence

None.

Public Expression

Member of the public, Julie Golden, asked a question concerning the Caltrans and Highway 101 project. GM, Walker stated that he does not have an update at this time. It has been several months since he has heard anything regarding the project.

Staff Reports

a. **Office Manager**

- i. Office Manager, Liz Patton, had no report.

b. **General Manager**

- i. GM, Walker reported that he has not heard back from Caltrans regarding infrastructure that they have marked as a conflict (Hwy 101 Project)

Old Business

a. **Capacity Planning**

- i. Covered in GM report.

b. Inland Water & Power Commission (IWPC)

- i. GM, Walker reported that there were a couple of updates in regards to the PVP
 - 1. 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
 - 2. PG&E is transitioning to a Liability Reduction Company
 - 3. This will cause drought type of releases in the Summer/Fall months and greater releases in the Spring/Winter months
- ii. PG&E is looking to have the entire PVP and Scott Dam decommissioned
- iii. Russian River Water Forum (RRWF), is a new group being formed to work towards water reliability in the Russian and Eel Rivers along with the future of the Potter Valley Project

c. Update on Drought/Water Conservation Efforts

- i. GM, Walker reported that Lake Mendocino is the highest it's been all of this year at over 99,000 acre feet.
- ii. Russian River Watershed curtailments have been lifted.
- iii. Gov. Newsom has eased drought restrictions in all of California; but all 58 counties would remain in a state of emergency to assist with funding and response mechanisms.

d. Report on URRWA and Consolidation Efforts

- i. GM, Walker reported that the attorneys legal group have received direction from the Working Group regarding questions and concerns among each of the districts about consolidation efforts
 - 1. There are currently no more meetings scheduled at this time aside from the monthly Ad Hoc meetings that will continue to take place
 - 2. The proposed July 1st goal does not seem realistic at this point in time.

New Business

a. Update on Draft Waste Discharge Requirements

- i. GM, Walker reported that LACO is looking to have something drafted within the next two weeks ready for reviewal
- ii. Meetings with the State Board went well; looking for groundwater wells to see what monitoring needs to be done to meet the state's requirements.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Director Nicolas, seconded by Director Rosetti at 8:30 p.m., and passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Joan Norry, President

Date _____

Ashtyn Davis, Board Secretary

Date _____