

Minutes
Upper Russian River Water Agency
Board of Directors Meeting
May 3, 2023

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

Present: Directors - Steve Bogart, Ken Todd, Jerry Cardoza

Others Present: Willow GM - Jared Walker, Board Secretary - Ashtyn Davis, Public - Adam Gaska, Bree Klotter, Alfred White

Absent: Director Ross LaRue, Director Theresa McNerlin

Approval of April 5, 2023 Minutes

Director Bogart made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to approve the April 5, 2023 minutes. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Approval of the Financials

The board reviewed the financials for April 2023.

Public Forum

None.

Update on Member Agency Projects

- GM, Walker reported that Willow and Hopland have completed their Annual State Inspections
 - Nothing bad to report for either district; fire extinguishers need to be serviced
- Updates from Redwood Valley's Treatment plant; Tel-Star has completed the upgrades. Testing still needs to be done.
 - DWR has approved the additional 90,000 dollar grant to Redwood Valley
- GM, Walker also reported that the Lake Pumps were ran a couple of days last month due to frost
- Meter change-out projects taking place among a few of the other districts

Update on Potter Valley Project

- GM, Walker reported that the first official Russian River Water Forum meeting will be taking place on May 17th from 10am to 3pm at the Ukiah Valley Conference Center and/or via Zoom
 - A new group being formed that will consist of around 30+ members
 - The goal is to bring together the Russian River and Eel River water ties so the project does not get decommissioned

Update on Drought Conditions & Water Conservation

- GM, Walker reported that Russian River Flood Control have approved the monthly requests for water that can be diverted as surplus to Redwood Valley that was submitted back in February of this year
 - Lots of updates are continuing to take place at Redwood Valley’s Water Treatment Plant

Update on Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (UVBGS)

- None.

URRWA/City of Ukiah Ad Hoc Report – Consolidation Efforts

- GM, Walker reported that at the last Ad Hoc meeting the concerns among a few of the districts regarding the current agreement were addressed
 - Still questions and concerns regarding rates for each of the districts, voting power and funding
 - The main goal still remains to move forward in efforts of consolidating

Directors Report

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:04pm.

Theresa McNerlin – Board President
Upper Russian River Water Agency

Date _____

Attest: _____
Ashtyn Davis - Board Secretary

Date _____