

**MINUTES**  
**REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**TELECONFERENCE VIA ZOOM**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021**

**Roll Call**

Director Shoeneman called the public hearing to order at 5:01 p.m.

**Directors Present:**

Director, Ken Todd

Director, Jeff Basili

Director, Bree Klotter

Director, Schoeneman

**Absent:** None.

**Others Present:**

GM, Jared Walker, Board Secretary, Kate Barrett

**1. Declaration of Emergency Water Emergency**

Secretary Barrett read Resolution 2021-01 Declaration of Water Emergency.

GM Walker updated the public that Governor Newsom has recently declared a drought emergency for Mendocino County and Sonoma County.

- Russian River Flood Control District, who is a supplier of surplus water for Redwood Valley, has notified the District that there will be no surplus water in the year 2021 due to this being one of the driest years on record in Mendocino County.
- Redwood Valley County Water District has shut off all ag customers approximately two weeks ago, and this is the next step for the community to make sure there is enough water to make it into next year.

Director Todd noted that the restriction of water was changed from 50 gallons to 55 gallons of water per person per day. He questioned how staff is going to calculate the usage to make sure Redwood Valley can have enough water to make it into October.

- GM, Walker noted that he is going off of what the district has historically been given through Millview and the intertie projects.

Director Shoeneman commented that for the rest of the summer the district is trying to make sure that the domestic users have enough clean water. There are tips everywhere on how to conserve water;

from the Russian River Flood Control’s website to Redwood Valley’s website. People need to stop using water for outside use. This is about people, and there are no other options.

Director Basili wondered what the district could do about excessive water usage.

- GM, Walker noted that the District has the ability to shut off water services for excessive water use. Last time there was an emergency water shortage in 2014, the community pulled together and reacted very well to conserving water and cut back a tremendous amount of water.

Former member of the Board, Granville Pool, commented that in the last water emergency the District got federal funding, which helped improve the intertie and helped get water to Redwood Valley. Without the intertie, Redwood Valley would have next to no water at all. As bad as the situation is right now, the community should be grateful that a previous grant enabled us to barely get by for domestic use.

No other public was present.

**2. Domestic water use restrictions implementing Declaration of Emergency Water Shortage**

Director Todd made a motion, seconded by Director Basili, to adopt Resolution No. 2021-01 Declaration of Emergency Water Shortage, restricting water to 55 gallons per person per day. The motion was passed with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Todd, Basili, Klotter, Schoeneman  
Noes: -0-  
Absent: -0-

**3. Adjourn Meeting**

Director Basili made a motion, seconded by Director Klotter, to adjourn the meeting. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote. The public hearing was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

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**Tom Schoeneman - Board President**

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

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**Attest: Kate Barrett - Board Secretary**

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