

Minutes
Upper Russian River Water Agency
Board of Directors Meeting
July 6, 2022

Director McNerlin called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Present: Directors, Theresa McNerlin, Steve Bogart, Ross LaRue, Jerry Cardoza, Ken Todd
Others Present: Willow GM, Jared Walker, Office Manager, Liz Patton, Board Secretary, Kate Barrett

Absent: None

Approval of June 1, 2022 Minutes

Director Cardoza made a motion, seconded by Director Todd, to approve the June 1, 2022 minutes. This motion was passed with a unanimous aye vote.

Approval of the Financials

The board reviewed and approved the financials for June 2022.

Public Forum

None.

Update on Member Agency Projects

- GM, Walker reported that Redwood Valley is working with LACO on their grant project
 - Materials are getting more expensive, increased about 20% from the initial quote
- Millview well 35 (groundwater well) has not been utilized due to iron and magnesium levels – filtration has been added
 - Waiting on the filter manufacturer to show up so progress can be made

Update on Potter Valley Project

- GM, Walker reported that FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) has not approved PG&E variance application

Update on Drought Conditions & Water Conservation

- GM, Walker reported that June 20th was the deadline to participate in the water sharing program and all Districts with water rights are participating.
- There is a 10% reduction on water rights currently.

Update on Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (UVBGSA)

- GM, Walker reported that there was a UVBGSA meeting on June 24th in which he was not able to attend – believes it was mostly just an update on financials

URRWA/City of Ukiah Ad Hoc Report – Consolidation Efforts

- GM, Walker reported that he and Sean White, along with a couple of other representatives with the State of California, had a Zoom meeting regarding consolidation
 - This particular consolidation is expansive compared to what the current program that the State offers is built for

- The State consolidation program has thresholds for population served and number of service connections. The five agencies involved have a greater population and number of service connections than the current threshold which caps the funding available for the consolidation at \$20M.
- State representatives are looking at other funding mechanisms because the infrastructure improvements needed for the consolidation will cost around \$50M.

Representative for the Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (UVBGSA)

- GM, Walker reported that Director LaRue is the UVBGSA representative, and it is not feasible for him to make the day-time meetings anymore due to his work schedule

Directors Report

- Director McNerlin reported about the Dunnewood Vineyards easement project that the Sanitation District just completed

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:46pm.

Theresa McNerlin – Board President
Upper Russian River Water Agency

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Attest: _____
Chelsea Teague - Board Secretary

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