

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRCD BOARD

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Florin Resource Conservation District was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Barrie Lightfoot, Chair, at 8820 Elk Grove Blvd, Elk Grove CA.

## Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Present: Barrie Lightfoot, Chuck Dawson, Tom Nelson, Elliot Mulberg, and Don Menasco  
Directors Absent: None  
Staff Present: Mark J. Madison, General Manager; Dennis Coleman, Finance Manager; Stefani Phillips, Secretary/Human Resource Specialist; Bruce Kamilos, Associate Civil Engineer; Michelle Costa-Norwood, Administrative Assistant II  
Associate Directors Present: Davies Ononiwu and Mike Schmitz  
Consultants Present: Ann Siprelle, General Counsel

### 1. Proclamations and Announcements

General Manager Mark Madison presented certificates of appreciation to the Community Advisory Committee, acknowledging their input and time spent during the Water Rate Study. He also stated that the rate payers appreciated their work.

### 2. Consent Calendar

- a. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June, 2013 and Special Meeting of July, 10, 2013
- b. FRCD Cash Flow Worksheet – June, 2013
- c. Warrants Paid – June, 2013
- d. Active Accounts – June, 2013
- e. Bond Covenant Status for FY 2012-2013 – June, 2013
- f. Revenues and Expenses – Actual vs Budget FY 2012-2013 – June, 2013
- g. Cash Accounts – June, 2013
- h. Consultants Expenses – June, 2013

MSC (M/D) to approve the Consent Calendar a - h, 5/0: Ayes: Dawson, Menasco, Mulberg, Nelson and Lightfoot.

### 3. Baseline Funding Opportunities for the Florin Resource Conservation District

General Manager Mark Madison introduced the item and stated that the interest for baseline funding arose from the Conservation Committee Meeting.

Baseline Funding Opportunities for the Florin Resource Conservation District was presented by Jenni DiStefano, Resource Specialist for the Resource Conservation District (RCD) Assistance Program of the Department of Conservation (DOC). She indicated the desire to bring Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) up to a high level of production, in order to respond to community needs. She detailed that it may be possible to help out some of the struggling RCDs by consolidating them with stronger RCDs. Ms. DiStefano also stated that through consolidations and a reduction in the number of RCDs it will be more feasible to provide baseline fundings to a greater number of RCDs. She also provided details on the potential amount of funding, which would be near \$200,000, which would assist by paying for operational costs.

Mr. Madison stated that groundwater recharge and pollinator habitat is highly attractive and that there is a high level of interest by the FRCD and requested assistance to get the funding.

Director Elliot Mulberg questioned if there is a state plan for RCDs. Ms. DiStefano stated there is no current plan and followed up by saying that they are developing a matrix of needs which should be available in a couple of months.

#### **4. Operations Report – June 2013**

General Manager Mark Madison presented the highlights of the Operations Report for June 2013:

- The count of door hangers for shut-offs and turn-on are being monitored
- 59 meters installed
- Well 1D – low production (first on and last off)
- Well 4D – major producer and very efficient
- Well 11D – high production and very efficient
- Well 14D – backed down, less efficient
- Well 3 – our most efficient well
- Well 8 – performing well and very efficient
- Well 9 – reliable
- No supplemental water purchased from the Sacramento County
  - Saved \$230,000
- Combined total production down from last year
  - 6000-7000 gallons a day (19 million less this year). Research shows this year is warmer. Closing the intertie is saving a lot of water.
- Sampling – taken on time (none were missed)
  - 10 additional samples taken
- Regulatory reports – signed and on time
  - No discharge for the month of June
- Safety Meetings (3)
  - Staff is amplifying the Safety Program
- 1391 meters installed through June
  - All meters will be done this FY including commercial
  - Utility Department was diverted to projects in coordination with City of Elk Grove
- One leak
- System Pressure Monitoring has been added back to operations report
- Hampton area pressures should improve with the Hampton Treatment Plant project.
- New cameras installed at the Admin Building.

#### **5. Monthly Status Report on FY 2011-12 Audit Findings**

Finance Manager Dennis Coleman presented the Monthly Status Report on FY 2011-12 Audit Findings.

Mr. Coleman stated that Staff solicited proposals from three local firms and one individual for accounting services to assist Staff in performing quarterly closings, monthly reconciliations and year-end audit preparation. Staff received four proposals and selected Robert Merritt to assist Staff based upon his qualifications in fund accounting and his hourly cost of \$75 per hour.

Director Elliot Mulberg thanked Mr. Coleman for following up on soliciting the proposals.

Mr. Coleman stated the next audit will be held the third week of October.

## **6. Legislative Update – June 2013**

General Manager Mark Madison presented the Legislative Update.

Mr. Madison discussed AB145, which would transfer the oversight of safe drinking water from the California Department of Public Health to the State Water Resources Control Board. AB145 continues to progress through the senate and Staff prepared letters of opposition. He stated that SB4, regarding hydraulic fracking, is moving along and is currently sitting in appropriations. Mr. Madison also highlighted SB750, which requires water meters for multi-unit structures.

## **7. Conservation Committee Meeting Update**

Chairman Barrie Lightfoot and Director Tom Nelson presented the Conservation Committee Meeting Update. Topics that were discussed included locating the funding for conservation activities. One conservation method discussed is the use of gravel pits to put water back into the ground. Another conservation idea is using pollinator habitats. The Conservation Committee would also like to look for grant opportunities. Lastly, Betsy Mahan with Central Valley Rails to Trails Foundation provided a presentation to the Board.

Chairman Barrie Lightfoot requested that Associate Civil Engineer Bruce Kamilos, who is the Vice-Chairman of the Sacramento County Groundwater Authority, take the lead in finding more information on groundwater recharge.

Director Elliot Mulberg stated he was glad to see the conservation efforts of the FRCD. He also requested a list of monthly conservation activities and for Staff to look into creating a FRCD foundation for conservation.

## **8. Directors Comments and Information**

No comments were made.

Respectfully submitted,

*Stefani Phillips*

Stefani Phillips, Secretary