

**Humboldt Bay Municipal Water
District 828 7th Street, Eureka**



**Minutes for Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 13th, 2023**

1. ROLL CALL

President Latt called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM. Directors Fuller, Lindberg, Rupp, and Woo were in attendance. General Manager (GM) John Friedenbach, Superintendent Dale Davidsen, Business Manager Chris Harris, and Board Secretary Angela Smart were present. District Engineer Nathan Stevens and Operation Supervisor Mario Palmero were present for a portion of the meeting.

2. FLAG SALUTE

President Latt led the flag salute.

3. ACCEPT AGENDA

Mr. Friedenbach requested the addition of "possibly approve" to Item 8.4 Master Lease Amendment #3. Staff just learned yesterday that Ruth Lake CSD approved and signed the Master Lease Amendment 3 at their meeting on April 11th. This change can be made in accordance with the Brown Act providing the Board agree by consensus to discuss and/or act on the item. Consensus was received to include the item. The agenda, as modified was accepted on motion by Director Fuller, seconded by Director Lindberg, and a Board vote of 5-0.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were received.

5. MINUTES

February 9, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes were accepted with suggested edits on motion by Director Rupp, seconded by Director Lindberg, and a Board vote of 5-0.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the Consent Agenda on motion by Director Rupp, seconded by Director Lindberg, and a Board vote of 5-0.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Letter requesting RLCSD Policy 6350 update to include stump removal

Mr. Friedenbach discussed the letter sent to Ruth Lake CSD last month regarding a request to update their policy (RLCSD Policy 6350) to include stump removal. At the RLCSD Board Meeting on April 11, RLCSD agreed to modify its policy with the suggested changes.

b. Lanphere and Ma-le'l Dunes National Natural Landmark Dedication

The Lanphere and Ma-le'l Dunes were approved as a National Natural Landmark in January 2021. The more than 900 acres are biological hotspots. The official dedication of the dunes as a National Landmark is taking place on May 18th beginning at 11 am. GM Friedenbach suggested representation at the Board level for the event, since the District has been engaged in the project to ensure that the federal government is aware of the District-owned easements that will share space within the boundaries of this landmark. Director Woo accepted the invitation to attend along with GM Friedenbach.

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8. CONTINUING BUSINESS

8.1 Water Resource Planning

a. Local Sales

i. *Nordic Aquafarms*

GM Friedenbach was contacted by David Noyes, Water Quality Technician, and Brenda Chandler, CEO of Nordic Aquafarms, who provided updates on the project. The Nordic representatives will be attending the Coastal Commission's June 7-9 meeting to discuss the challenges in the permitting process and the updates to the procedures and product. Previously CDFW denied their production of the Atlantic Salmon species and they are interested in discussing alternatives. Nordic Aquafarms expressed interest in scheduling a meeting with HBMWD, The Harbor District, and other property owners that might potentially be affected by the water infrastructure on the Samoa Peninsula.

ii. *Trinidad Rancheria Mainline Extension*

The RFQ for engineering for the Mainline Extension deadline was March 29. GM Friedenbach reached out to the Rancheria but has yet to receive an update on the status of the project. The Board Packet includes an article on the Trinidad water system which needs to be updated. Many of the existing pipes are prone to leaks due to the nature of the pipes. The article noted that two years ago, the City of Trinidad decided against connecting with the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District mainline extension.

b. Transport - Sites Reservoir's Article

The Board discussed the article about Sites Reservoir and a Director inquired as to why it is shared under Transport. Mr. Friedenbach stated this is one of the options the Board previously discussed regarding transport to another municipality or State project. The Board agreed that Site's Reservoir information will remain under transport as a way to keep an active eye on transport opportunities.

c. Instream Flow

GHD is still updating the District's narrative data table with information from 2018-2022.

8.2 McNamara & Peepe

Director Woo recused herself due to a conflict of interest and left the room.

The Mad River Policy Committee (President Latt, Director Fuller, and GM Friedenbach) met with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Friday, April 7, to discuss the progress of remediation of the McNamara & Peepe site. The committee discovered that the EPA has met regularly with DTSC and staff from the Water Board to discuss plans, progress updates, and timelines. The EPA was responsive, also sharing the committee's concerns regarding the DTSC's plan and progress since the November 2022 site visit. During the 2022 visit, DTSC indicated there was an allocated \$2 million budget but no current project to apply it to. The committee raised the concern that continued testing could result in consuming all funds before actual remediation efforts could be performed. The site, which received an "imminent and substantial endangerment determination" (ISED) from DTSC but has not completed a Human Health and Environmental Risk Assessment, as required

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following the ISED. The EPA hydrology staff had indicated that they requested DTSC hydrology staff to prepare a Seepage Velocity Calculation, for the purpose of estimating the rate that the toxic material is traveling from the green chain area to the sites of known toxicity. It appears that DTSC will be incorporating Seepage Velocity Calculations at the site. This will help us to understand where the plume is and how fast contaminants are traveling toward the river. The EPA indicated that they did not believe that any contamination had reached the river. The Committee commented to DTSC that it is important to know if the contamination has reached not only the Mad River, but also Hall Creek as that is a direct pathway to the river.

The committee also questioned why the testing conducted did not include the dioxin congener type of contaminants (Penta) used during mill operation, but instead, tested for a contaminant that was not expected to be found, also emphasizing in their narrative summary that said contaminant was not found. It was clarified that the reason that DTSC is sampling for the very specific 2378 TCDD is because that is the only dioxin congener that has a Maximum Contaminant Level set and Public Health Goals, and the other 29 do not specifically have those established yet. This is why the TEQs data is included in the test result reports. Frustration was also expressed with DTSC's explanation that forest fires could be the source of dioxin at the site. Given that the high levels of PCP found were 1800 to 2300 times the maximum contaminant level and dioxin being a constituent of PCP, this forest fire source justification seems misleading.

Coincidentally, DTSC published stormwater test results from December 2022, on the Envirostor website the day following this meeting. Those results indicate that they are finding elevated dioxin levels in stormwater from the east drainage trench and the trench to the south of the Cap. In a previous communication, DTSC was reluctant to test stormwater, indicating that dioxin would not be detected because it is not water soluble. According to the recently-posted document, dioxin was found in the stormwater test location 7 above the Cap on the east side of the site, and also below the Cap where the two surface water trenches converge in stormwater test location 5. In conclusion, this is a very complex subject. There has been so much testing. The science is complex. It's important to synthesize it to understand the broad patterns, where the contamination exists, distinguish between the groundwater and stormwater contamination. The groundwater contamination is primarily observed in monitoring wells 12 and 14 and to a lesser extent in monitoring well 5. The stormwater contamination is primarily being found at sample locations 7 and 5.

It was suggested that the District's consultant toxicologist Matt Hagemann from SWAPE, along with Jen Kalt from Humboldt Baykeeper, be invited to attend the next meeting with the EPA on April 25. Jen Kalt, in attendance virtually at the April Board Meeting, agreed with the concerns expressed and that modeling of the contaminant migration to Hall Creek is essential as that is a Coho salmon bearing creek, and accepted the invitation to attend the April 25 meeting.

8.3 RLCSD — HBMWD/RLCSD Master Lease Liability Insurance Policy Limit

Mr. Friedenbach stated it has been eleven years since a determination was made as to the commercially reasonable amount of insurance policy limits that should be maintained by Ruth Lake CSD (RLCSD) under the Master Lease. Staff reached out to ACWA-JPIA, the District's insurer, to request an evaluation of the insurance limits for recreational activities on a lake in today's risk market. The ACWA-JPIA recommended a policy limit of \$10 million (currently it is at \$5 million). Staff communicated this to RLCSD at their March 21 board meeting at which time they decided to conduct further research, communicate with the Leaseholders Association and bring the topic back for

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discussion at their April meeting. Mr. Friedenbach attended the RLCSD April Board Meeting and reported that RLCSD determined that they will secure a policy in the amount of \$10 million, effective July 1, 2023.

8.4 RLCSD —HBMWD Master Lease Amendments

A preliminary discussion took place at the RLCSD Board Meeting on March 21, pertaining to Amendment 3 to the RLCSD Master Lease regarding the “buffer strip” obligations and requirements. RLCSD expressed the desire to speak with their Lease Lot holders to discuss requirements and potential disciplinary actions. At the April 11, Board Meeting the RLCSD Board approved Amendment 3, contingent upon the HMBWD Board accepting the proposed language modification to section 14d: Enforcement Policies requesting 60 days to respond to a breach, instead of the originally requested 30 days. The RLCSD proposed modification was approved on motion by Director Rupp, seconded by Director Woo, and a Board vote of 5-0.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Tsunami Drill, Safety Meeting

Mr. Friedenbach stated Eureka staff participated in an onsite Tsunami Awareness training that coincided with the National Weather Service’s Tsunami alarm testing that occurred in Humboldt, Del Norte, and Mendocino counties Wednesday, March 29. The meeting’s infographics were included in the April Board Packet for the Board’s review. The District’s safety efforts in the event of an emergency were discussed. The Directors also had a chance to explore their individual emergency backpacks, kept at the Eureka office, for each of the Directors’ use in case of emergency.

b. CLOSED SESSION — LIABILITY CLAIM — Claimant: Gregory Still — Agency claimed against: Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District

Closed session was conducted from 2:19 PM to 2:22 PM. The Board returned to open session, and President Latt announced no reportable action.

c. LIABILITY CLAIM — Claimant: Gregory Still

The claimant was injured at a location that was not our work site and not near any of our District’s infrastructure. A decision for denial of the claim was made on motion by Director Lindberg, seconded by Director Rupp, and a Board vote of 5-0.

d. Water Week Resolution 2023-07

Water Week, May 7-13, is an annual event bringing attention to the process of creating and maintaining drinking water systems. Resolution 2023-07 recognizing this event was presented to the Board. Director Rupp read the resolution. On motion by Director Rupp, seconded by Director Lindberg, the Board voted 5-0 to accept and approve Resolution 2023-07.

10. REPORTS (from STAFF)

10.1 Engineering

a. 12kV Switchgear Relocation (\$858,332 District match)

Mr. Friedenbach issued a letter to Sequoia Construction informing them of the District’s intent to withhold \$7,169.00. This amount is for the time and services of GHD Engineering reviewing the

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subcontractor submittals which were required after more than two iterations were submitted. The contract explicitly states that after the second review, the District is entitled to withhold costs from the project retention for the cost of additional review. The retention has been released minus this amount. Closing out the grant with CalOES is due in August but is anticipated to be submitted in advance of the date due.

b. Collector 2 Rehabilitation Project

Change Order 1, a no-cost change order was received from the contractor. The change order provides some clarifications on the project schedule and the completion timeline. Completion concerns arose pertaining to the possibility of not having access to the river bar, but contract language and procedures were discussed and agreed to.

c. Essex Onsite Sodium Hypochlorite Generation

Mr. Stevens and Mr. Davidsen have been corresponding with the equipment manufacturer including Information requests and questions pertaining to the production of the parts project. PSI, the contractor, will be submitting a design submittal to HBMWD for review and comment.

d. TRF Generator Engineering Services Contract Award-Phase 1

Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) were due March 15, 2023. The District received two submittals: Pace Engineering and Whitchurch Engineering. The Selection Committee, consisting of GM Friedenbach, Superintendent Davidsen, Pat Kaspari (GM of McKinleyville CSD), District Engineer Stevens, and Brian Gerving (City of Eureka, Director of Public Works) evaluated and scored the SOQs. PACE Engineering was unanimously selected. The Hazard Mitigation grant that FEMA awarded the District is for Phase I funding only. The SOQ encapsulated Phase I & II, eliminating the need to repeat the process a second time. The contract is only for Phase I at this point, although pricing for Phase II has been received. Pace's quote for Phase I came in at \$197,000, and was budgeted in the grant at \$261,000 for Phase I.

Bryan Gentles, Electrical Engineer from Pace Engineering, addressed the Board via Zoom and thanked them for the opportunity to present the SOQ. He spoke about the firm's experience with similar projects, and stated he looks forward to working with the District. The Board directed staff to complete the necessary documents to award the Phase I engineering to Pace Engineering on motion by Director Rupp, seconded by Director Lindberg and a Board vote of 5-0.

e. Collector Mainline Redundancy Project

CalOES issued an extension deadline for the project. The original deadline of July 28, 2023 has been extended to December 4, 2023. GEI is on track to meet the December 4, 2023, deadline.

f. Appeal of FEMA Funding Denial for Collector 4 Emergency Restoration Work

The District received an official denial from CalOES / FEMA for the emergency restoration work.

g. Matthews Dam Advance Assistance Seismic Stability Project

GM Friedenbach met with a FEMA contractor and Architectural Historian at Ruth Lake on April 11, for a visual inspection as part of the National Historical Preservation Act as the dam is more than fifty years old. Two consultants visited the Eureka office to review historical documents, plans, reports, and pictures. A report will be prepared by the consultants, which will be submitted

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to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for review. GM Friedenbach requested a copy of the report. An email from Shane Sweeney with CalOES noting FEMA's anticipated review schedule that gave an estimated completion date of July 2023 (pending SHPO's package). Mr. Stevens stated he is anticipating receipt of funding.

h. Status report re: other engineering work in progress

Mr. Stevens stated nothing further to report.

10.2 Financial

a. March 2023 Financial Statement & Vendor Detail Report

Business Manager Harris provided the financial report. The general bank account balance is \$4.8 million, total investments are \$7.9 million. Total funds in advance charges are \$5.6 million. General fund reserves are currently \$3.3 million. The District is trending right on budget. Director Woo reviewed the April bills and had no concerns. On motion by Director Rupp, seconded by Director Lindberg, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the March 2023 Financial Statement and Vendor Detail in the amount of \$364,122.52

b. Staff Survey

Last year, at the request of the Board of the Directors, management conducted a staff survey to help gauge how COVID was impacting employees' lives, and their general job satisfaction, and to discover what benefits the employees found most valuable. Both management and the Directors found the survey responses to be very valuable and insightful. The Directors requested staff continue to conduct surveys on an annual basis. This year the staff survey focused on workplace culture with the hope of better understanding how District employees work together, and what opinions about improvements can be facilitated. Ms. Harris provided a summary of the responses. Management responded to the Director's questions regarding the survey. The Directors expressed support of a physical fitness membership program for employees, citing positive morale, health, and happiness benefits for employees, as well as the potential reduction in insurance benefits for the District. Staff was encouraged to research cost quotes for incorporating this benefit. The Directors also asked about the current safety apparel allowance for Maintenance and Operations staff. Management will present a policy/procedure at the May Board Meeting. The Directors and Management also discussed the possibility of allowing tour groups at the Water Treatment Plant, originally discontinued due to COVID., The Board concurred there are civic, recruitment, education, and community benefits to facilitating tours. Management was encouraged to explore options in order to resume tours.

c. CalFire Fuel Reduction Funding Report

Ms. Harris provided an update on the CalFire Fuel Reduction Funding. The Ruth Lake headwaters area was affected by the August Complex Wildfire in August 2020. Locating resources for funding fire fuel reduction became a priority for the District. In January 2021, the District received CalFire Fuel Reduction funding to be used for defensible space on District Property, including the removal of trees and logs left by salvage logging contractors. Fuel reduction work has been completed on twelve of the thirty-nine lease lots. The District intends to issue a Fire Fuel Reduction RFP #2 before the end of May. Mr. Jager has been providing updates to the lease lot holders and stated they are greatly appreciative of the work being done to assist in fire prevention.

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d. SRF Payoff/ QMFAF RFP

Ms. Harris updated the Board on the status of the \$1,418,000 loan through US Bank for the Techite Replacement Project and Ranney Collector #3 Rehabilitation (Ranney/Techite loan) in August 2011. This loan was paid in full during the FY22 budget year. A \$10,946,739 loan from the Department of Water Resources for the construction of the TRF (State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan) was initiated in May 2004 and will be paid in full during the FY24 budget (January 2024). The total on these two loan payments, charged to Municipal customers, is \$709,524.66 annually. Staff also discussed the intent of the District to seek additional funding for unfunded/underfunded large capital projects within our CIP resulting in the same (or similar) annual loan payments.

After discussing the upcoming loan payoff with Municipal customers, the Muni representatives agreed that rather than destabilize the monthly Municipal charges by decreasing charges for the paid off loan(s), then increasing charges once the new financing is in place, they prefer that HBMWD continue charging the same amount for the loan payments, placing the collected funds in the restricted account (Advanced Charges – Capital Financing). These restricted funds will be used to fund the expenses of retaining a Qualified Municipal Financial Advisory Firm (QMFAF) to assist the District “in developing and evaluating options to address currently unfunded capital improvement projects” as well as actual costs of obtaining municipal financing.

The District recently released an RFP/RFQ for QMFAF with a due date of May 4. Staff will review responses and provide findings. The Board discussed potential future projects, including a larger storage tank utilizing the available space at the TRF, the potential expansion of the Essex Operation Center and numerous projects that could use funding already in the CIP.

10.3 Operations

a. March 2023 Operation Report & Graphs

Superintendent Davidsen reported 20.61” of rainfall at Ruth Headquarters. Ruth Hydro produced 619,200 kWh of power. The lake level was 2,655.64’ on March 31, which was 1.64’ above the spillway. The lake discharge averaged 1,529 cfs, with a high of 7,463 cfs on March 14. The river at Winzler Control Center had an average flow of 5,588 cfs, with a high of 28,400 cfs on March 14. On March 6, the TRF Tesla project was online. RCAC training for 3 Essex staff started on March 22. March 23 was the Collector 2 Lateral replacement and the Collector Redundant Mainline projects kick-off meetings. Safety meetings took place on March 29, including fall protection, ladder safety, and cable car safety. The Eureka Office solar project passed inspection with Eureka City on April 11, and PG&E will also do an inspection in the next two to three weeks. The system will accommodate the entire office staff with approximately 8k watts returning to PG&E.

b. Alternate Schedules for Operations staff

Mario Palmero, Operations Supervisor for HBMWD, presented an employee-developed proposal for policy change regarding the 12-hour scheduling for Operation staff. The shift operators affected by the change designed the schedule change, which complies with all current labor laws for a non-standard work week. Mr. Palmero described the current schedule, and the proposed schedule, compared the changes, and stated the pros and cons according to the staff affected.

The proposed schedule eliminates one work day without affecting hours overall, potentially

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improving work/life balance and workplace morale.

The proposed alternate schedule for Operations staff was approved and will be updated in the District's employee handbook on motion by Director Woo, with a second by Director Lindberg, and a Board vote of 5-0.

10.4 Management

a. ACWA Headwaters Committee

GM Friedenbach attended the ACWA Headwaters Committee meetings on March 10 and April 7. The Federal Farm Bill, was discussed. It contains money set aside for work in forests. As part of the discussion, it was mentioned that FEMA will not fund fire hydrants and suppression systems. The Farm Bill includes some funding for these systems. This committee will meet at the ACWA Spring Conference on May 9-11. Director Rupp attended the March meeting and raised the concern about the lack of cooperation of the Six River National Forester in our region as compared to the Tahoe National Forester who is collaborating with Yuba Water and their headwater forest improvements. The suggestion to continue attempting to draw attention to the issue was presented and encouraged, including possibly bringing it to Representative Huffman's attention.

b. Trades Day @ Redwood Acres Fairgrounds – April 27

Operation staff will be attending the Trades Day event on April 27 to speak with students regarding water operations as a career path, and the benefits of working for the District.

a. National Public Lands Day Collaboration at Ruth Lake

National Public Lands Day is an annual national event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of September every year. Last year the US Forest Service partnered with RLCSD and Southern Trinity Volunteer Fire Department to clean up around Ruth Lake. GM Friedenbach, Mr. Raschein, and Mr. Jager participated in that event last year. GM Friedenbach asked to utilize \$500 in Public Outreach funds for the promotional materials and to organize participants. On motion by Director Rupp, seconded by Director Lindberg, the Board voted 5-0 to approve funding for this event and co-sponsorship of the cleanup at Ruth Lake.

b. Joint Board Meeting with RLCSD — Sept. 22

The Directors agreed on the proposed date of September 22, 2023, for the Joint Board Meeting with Ruth Lake CSD at Journey's End.

11. DIRECTOR REPORTS & DISCUSSION

11.1 General - comments or reports from Directors

- Director Woo spoke about the Annie & Mary trail segment leading from Arcata to Park 1. The Annie & Mary Trail is a collaborative effort between the City of Blue Lake, The City of Arcata, Humboldt County, Humboldt County Association of Governments, Caltrans, Blue Lake Rancheria, Redwood Community Action Agency, and Friends of the Annie & Mary Trail. There are some design challenges on the portion around our recently constructed 12kV facility. HBMWD entered into a licensing agreement with North Coast Rail Authority before the Annie & Mary Trail spoke to the District about the project. When they did approach the District, they were quickly informed about the location of the new 12kV project, and though the District pushed it over as far as possible, there is not much room left for the Trail without some challenging engineering. GM Friedenbach

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and Supt. Davidsen met with the design engineers at the 12kV facility. As the design becomes finalized, it is anticipated that there will be a meeting scheduled with the District to discuss a possible easement for that portion of the trail. In addition, there is a location near some residential lots where the trail, if it remains on the railroad right of way, would be in their backyards. The Trail project easement research has identified questions about Humboldt Bay's title adjacent to that piece of property. The original deed says from the east side of Mad River to the west side of Mad River, there is also a larger piece of property between the river and the railroad right-of-way. Further research and documentation will be completed before the anticipated request for easement is presented to the board for consideration.

- Director Woo noted that Aldaron Laird, former HBMWD director, is being honored at the Salmonoid Restoration Federation (SRF) at the end of April. Director Woo will be attending that event and asked for staff support in providing bullet points for time spent as past Director of the Board.
- Director Rupp provided a document to Directors for consideration under the Diversion, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee.
- Director Rupp also spoke about the importance of moving forward with a plan for bringing awareness to the State Legislature about who the District is and what the District does. Building a rapport with our representatives, both new and seasoned. Director Rupp encourages the District to initiate activities in the Legislative sphere. The importance of the District being proactive in building relationships with State and Federal government officials is paramount when it comes water rights. Director Rupp suggested that a District Legislative Committee be formed to meet with representatives, annually or biannually, to discuss water issues in an organized manner.

11.2 ACWA

a. Director report out

Director Rupp reported out on his attendance at the Executive Board Meeting and Regular Board Meeting. He shared information regarding new legislation that undermines local water rights control and discussed options for the District to handle legislative matters.

b. Water Rights Legislation — Assembly Bills currently being considered

Director Rupp provided information on four current bills related to water rights legislation. 1) AB460 would provide statutory authority allowing SWRCB the ability to apply and enforce statutes, doctrines, and policies on water; 2) AB676 would insert use and trust consideration into Water Code § 106: priority of use; 3) AB1337 would provide statutory authority allowing SWRCB to restrict diversions through regulation and use of water under any claim of rights and; 4) SB389 would provide statutory authority allowing SWRCB to investigate the diversion of water and authorization a broad range of information from diverters regarding use.

c. The Water Bond Coalition of Northern and Coastal California – IRWM

The Water Bond Coalition submitted a letter to Assemblymember Garcia in support of Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)'s inclusion in AB 1567 and a request for an increase to \$500 million, consistent with the funding amounts allocated in Proposition 1.

d. Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life

ACWA has graphics that agencies can use as part of the efforts of "Making Water Conservation a

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California Way of Life" campaign.

e. Flyer for SB 23 (Caballero) Water Supply and Flood Risk Reduction Projects

ACWA's flyer in support of SB23, Streamlining Delivery of Critical Water Projects while Protecting the Environment to Meet Challenges of Climate Change was shared with the Board.

f. Board of Directors Agenda 3/31/2023

The ACWA Board of Directors agenda for March 31, 2023 was shared with the Board.

g. ACWA Memorandum for ACWA Board Officers Election

A memorandum from ACWA regarding the 2023 ACWA Board Officers Election for the 2024-25 term was shared. The memorandum provided a summary of the Board officers' election process, including key dates and changes being implemented this year.

h. Resolution ACWA Vice Presidency for Ernesto Avila– Resolution 2023-06

Resolution 2023-06 In Support of the Nomination of Contra Costa Water District President Ernesto A. Avila as a Candidate for the Position of ACWA Vice President was presented to the Board. On motion by Director Rupp, seconded by Director Woo, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the resolution supporting Ernesto A. Avila for ACWA Vice President.

11.3 ACWA – JPIA

a. Director report out

Director Rupp reported out on Property and Executive Committee meetings he attended. The Property Committee met to discuss the upcoming renewal. A presentation was made by a new broker who has promised to lower the premium and reduce self-retention from \$10 million to \$250,000. The broker's payment is based on delivery.

The Executive Committee met and approved recommendations from the Finance Committee on the Audit and Budget. They also discussed major claims and potential litigation.

b. Finance and Audit Committee Meeting Agenda

Director Rupp reported out on his attendance at the Finance Meeting. The Finance Committee received the financial audit of the JPIA and its captive, the California Insurance Fund. The audit opinion was an unqualified opinion. This is a good thing.

c. Payment Transfer Fraud

One of the items discussed at the Finance Committee meeting was Payment Transfer Fraud. This is a growing problem in California. Some agencies that do wire transfers have lost up to \$40,000 due to fraud. Tips to avoid such fraud were shared with the Board. Our District uses ACH rather than wire transfers with multilevel approval.

d. Support for Oliver Smith, Valley Center Municipal Water District, Executive Committee Nominee

The Board received a letter from Valley Center Municipal Water District requesting support for their director, Oliver Smith, who is a candidate for the ACWA JPIA Executive Committee.

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11.4 Organizations on which HBMWD Serves

a. RCEA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda 03/23/2023

Director Woo spoke about the RCEA Agenda item: Update from the California Fisherman's Resiliency Association (CFRA). RCEA invited the Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association to discussions with offshore wind power developers when the idea of Humboldt offshore wind development was first being explored. CFRA's Ken Bates described how Association members are witness to climate change impacts and are concerned about losing fishing grounds.

b. RCEA Special Meeting 3/09/2023

Director Woo had no comments regarding this meeting.

c. RREDC Agenda 3/27/2023

President Latt was unable to attend the March 27, 2023, meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 PM.

Attest:



Neal Latt, President



David Lindberg, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer