



HUMBOLDT BAY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
828 7th Street, Eureka



**Minutes for Joint Special Meeting of HBMWD Board of
Directors with the Ruth Lake Community Services District
Board of Directors
June 23, 2017**

The HBMWD and RLCSD Board of Directors held a Joint Board Meeting to discuss issues and events of mutual interest regarding Ruth Lake and the buffer strip. President Woo called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. HBMWD Directors Fuller, Latt and Woo were present. General Manager John Friedenbach, Superintendent Dale Davidsen, Business Manager Chris Harris, Hydro-plant Operators Brian and Lisa Newell and Dave Perkins, and Board Secretary Sherrie Sobol were also present. Ruth Lake CSD Directors Gordon, Johnson and Sellman were present. General Manager Donny Stewart was also present. Guests from Trinity County Board of Supervisors, Trinity County Volunteer Fire Department, STAR, Ruth Lake Leaseholders Association and Ruth Rec were also in attendance. See attached sign in sheet.

1. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

2. Introductions

Everyone at the meeting introduced themselves.

3. Updates from Guests:

Trinity County - 5th District Supervisor

Supervisor John Fenley apologized for the lack of Trinity County staff present. He noted it is important to continue the relationships with Ruth Lake CSD and HBMWD.

Trinity County Volunteer Fire Department

Chief Bill German stated there will soon be a new station across from Lamb Creek and an engine stationed at the Marina. These new changes are well received and should reduce response time during an emergency. He acknowledged the good group of volunteers in the department and thanked the Districts for the invite to the meeting. He also shared the construction schedule for Highway 36 beginning July 6, 2017. Travel will be greatly impacted as the road will only be open from 12-1 between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm.

STAR

Steven Blahnik stated Brooke Entsminger was not able to attend and he is here representing STAR. The agency is comprised of a small crew, but they are determined. He stated he reviewed the Emergency Action Plan and has several questions which he will ask during the EAP Face-to-Face meeting following the Board meeting.

Trinity County Sheriff

Supervisor Fenley stated the Sheriff's department is still conducting lake patrols and the deputy conducting them is stationed locally. He shared that OES has a new director, Chris Compton.

Ruth Lake Leaseholders Association

Dave Saunderson stated they association has not met in a few years. There are no issues he is



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aware of. He and Dennis Berners are attempting to get the association active again. In the past, they used to conduct fundraisers and give money to both the volunteer fire department and STAR.

1. Ruth Lake CSD Topics

Aquatic Invasive Species:

2016 Annual Report

Mr. Stewart provided an update on the boat inspections for Quagga mussels and other invasive species. This is the eighth year of watercraft inspections. This past season, 1884 boats were inspected with only one watercraft failing inspection. This season, ten new inspectors were trained. He stated the video they are required to watch is a good video, however it is two-hours long. He inquired if it would be possible to get a shorter video that could convey the message.

Dept. of Boating and Waterways Quagga Prevention Grant

Mr. Friedenbach discussed the three grants the District applied for from the Department of Boating and Waterways. The 15/16 grant received was for \$9,150.00. The 16/17 grant was to convert the Old Ruth private launch site to a public launch site. The District was again successful in procuring a \$63,500 grant. The District was successful in receiving two grants and the third grant for the 17/18 year in the amount of \$7,480 is still in review.

Lease Lots- area of concern

Mr. Stewart stated there is some frustration from leaseholders regarding the time it takes for a project approval to occur. They would like a faster turn-around time. Mr. Friedenbach stated the timeline for project approval of 45 days is clearly stated in the Master Lease. He suggested the leaseholders think about projects in the off season and apply for approval so when the summer arrives, they are ready to begin their improvements. Mr. Stewart added that the leaseholders are reminded of this timeline when they receive their billing for the lease lot.

2. HBMWD Topics

Water Resource Planning

Mr. Friedenbach provided an update on the Water Resource Planning process. He discussed the three options the District is pursuing: Local Sales, Transport to another Municipality and Instream Flow. Questions regarding how instream flow dedication would affect the lake level were brought up. It was noted that the amount of water being discussed is nowhere near the amount of water the two pulp mills previously used. There will not be much of a noticeable difference when the instream flow option comes to fruition.

Timber Management

Mr. Friedenbach stated there are lots of dead, dying and diseased trees that need to be



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dealt with. Lin Dillion is the District's Licensed Timber Operator (LTO) and we are using Cal Fire exemptions to do some of the logging. He reiterated that Ruth Lake CSD and the District must be notified in advance of any planned tree removal by lease lot holders so approval can be obtained and arrangements can be made with the Mr. Dillion to remain in compliance with the forestry regulations.

Cannabis Cultivation in the Mad River Watershed

Mr. Friedenbach stated he has been in communication with the Humboldt County WET Team regarding cannabis enforcement. They requested we share any locations of concern with them.

Mr. Fenley stated Trinity County has been using code enforcement to combat illegal cannabis grows. They have a MOU with the Trinity County Sheriff and handle the abatement process civilly. This has proven to be faster than traditional enforcement. Code enforcement deputies go to complaint site properties as a team with California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Blue Lake Municipal Customer Contract

Mr. Friedenbach stated this item is specific to HBMWD and was not available in time for the previous meeting. On motion by Director Latt, seconded by Director Fuller, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the amended Wholesale Water Contract for the City of Blue Lake.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:01 pm

Attest:

Sheri Woo, President

Barbara Hecathorn, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

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Sign-in Sheet

Name	Agency
Bryan Newell	HBMWD - Resident
Lisa Newell	HBMWD - Resident
Dave Perkins	HBMWD Part Time Hydro
Bill German	ST. Trinity VFD
Susan Gordon	RLCSD
Debra Sullivan	RLCSD
Steven Blahnik	STAR
Michelle Fuller	HBMWD
Chris Harris	HBMWD
Donny Stewart	RLCSD
DENNIS JOHNSON	RLCSD
Chris Sanderson	Leave Folder

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Name	Agency
John Fiedlerbach	HBMWD
SHERI WOO	HBMWD
JOHN FERRELL	TLCBAS
NEAL LATT	HBMWD
Gillian Davis	RLCSD (Ruth REC)
Dale Davidsen	HBMWD