



HUMBOLDT BAY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
828 7th Street, Eureka



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August 13, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

President Hecathorn called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Director Rupp conducted the roll call. Directors Hecathorn, Laird, Rupp, Sopoci-Belknap and Woo were present. General Manager Paul Helliker, Superintendent Dale Davidsen, Business Manager John Friedenbach, and Acting Board Secretary Dee Dee Simpson-Glenn were also present. Susan O’Gorman and John Winzler of GHD, Paul Brisso and David Aladjem (via phone), Legal Counsel were also present for a portion of the meeting.

FLAG SALUTE

Director Hecathorn led the flag salute.

ACCEPT AGENDA

On motion by Director Laird, seconded by Director Sopoci-Belknap, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the agenda.

MINUTES

On motion by Director Rupp, seconded by Director Woo, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the June 19th and July 10th Board meetings. On motion by Director Rupp, seconded by Director Woo, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of the June 27th meeting. Directors Sopoci-Belknap and Laird abstained as they did not attend that meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Director Sopoci-Belknap and seconded by Director Rupp, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda, less items F2-13 and F2-39.

Item F2-13, Feinstein, Boxer Introduce California Emergency Drought Relief Act

The California Emergency Drought Relief Act is a bill with both short and long-term provisions designed to help communities cope with the ongoing drought and combat future droughts. Director Rupp stated the communities of Trinidad and Rio Dell may benefit from this act.

Item F2-39, Supes working to pay off \$220M pension liability

Director Rupp wanted to draw attention to the Board regarding the County’s use of a trust fund for funding its un-funded pension liability. He suggested that as soon as the District receives its report from the actuary we can review the status of the District’s unfunded pension liability.

On motion by Director Rupp, seconded by Director Sopoci-Belknap, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the two pulled Consent Items.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Letter to SWRCB re: new particle counter**

As part of the District’s Operating Permit, the District is required to perform daily particle counts on grab samples. The particle counter malfunctioned and was returned to the manufacturer for repairs. The cost for repairs is very high, especially given the age of the machine, and the District is looking at



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other options. The District sent a letter to Tony Wiedemann of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to apprise them of the situation with the benchtop particle counter, explaining that we are in the process of replacing it. Mr. Helliker stated he has not yet heard back from Mr. Wiedemann.

2. Letter to Blue Lake re: water use and costs

Mr. Friedenbach discussed a letter sent to Blue Lake City Manager John Berchtold regarding the city's current and projected wholesale water use and potential cost reduction given the shutdown of the power plant. He explained the special provisions per Section 9 of Ordinance 16 that allow for adjustments to be made.

3. Letter to FERC re: annual dam safety inspection

Mr. Helliker reported that following the FERC dam safety inspection, FERC identified some minor drainage issues on the left abutment slope. There is some clarification needed from FERC regarding the issues and HBMWD will assess the issues and implement any modifications that are feasible.

4. Notice from Minasian, Meith, Soares re: SB 88

Mr. Helliker reported on the letter from the law firm Minasian, Meith, Soares, Sexton & Cooper, LLP regarding new legislation – SB 88. There were a number of provisions they expressed concern over such as forced water system consolidations and the new authority granted SWRCB to order these consolidations. Director Laird commented that a good part of the legislation benefitted disadvantaged communities as it will force neighboring communities to help the disadvantaged ones. Director Hecathorn is hopeful this legislation will provide money for interconnections.

5. Letter from CalPERS re: GASB 68 accounting valuation reports

Mr. Friedenbach followed up on this item from last month, reporting that the GASB 68 report has been ordered and the expected release date is September.

6. Letter from Minasian, Meith re: Siskiyou County Farm Bureau vs CDFW

Mr. Helliker reported the case Siskiyou County Farm Bureau vs CDFW may be appealed to the Supreme Court. Director Laird stated he believed the District should not join in or support the appeal as there is no advantage in supporting it or aligning the District with the other agencies listed as recipients on the letter of notification. Mr. Helliker noted that the District clearly stated in the Long-Term Streambed Alteration Agreement that it disagreed with the interpretation put forward by the Court of the requirements of the Fish and Wildlife Code concerning the authority of CDFW to unilaterally make determinations on water rights issues.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. Drought Emergency Water Conservation Regulations

Mr. Helliker reported the retail water consumption numbers were 18% higher than June 2013 and that the July consumption is 24% higher than July of 2013. He has discussed with the Water Board that DG Fairhaven's consumption drives this situation. Warmer weather increases demand for more power and



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results in higher water consumption by the power plant. The residential customers reduced their consumption by 12% in June and 18% in July. Mr. Helliker and Mr. Friedenbach contacted several District retail water business customers and discussed water conservation with them. They also met with Bob Marino of Fairhaven Power regarding water conservation and Mr. Marino said they do have a way they can reduce their consumption.

2. Water Resource Planning - status report and discussion re: water-use options under consideration (local sales, transport, and in-stream flow dedication)

David Aladjem, special legal counsel participated in the discussion via phone. He previously provided an overview of the process/flowchart developed to provide a long term road map on how to address the issues with water rights and the complicated set of projects that the District wanted to embark upon. He reviewed the flowchart and feels the District is still on track. As previously discussed, the local sales and instream flow component are to use water immediately for beneficial purposes and to augment the environment. A planning period of 2014-2016 was provided. In regards to the transport option, John Winzler expressed concern that the preliminary planning for the pipeline study is not adequate to initiate the EIR process. It was a reconnaissance study and the hope was to encourage a potential customer to come forward and put up money to do the actual engineering studies that will be necessary. Mr. Aladjem responded that the work that the District has done over the last five years provides the ability to write a notice of preparation. He agreed with Mr. Winzler and stated that we will need to develop more technical information in order to evaluate the sorts of things we want to do which is the process you go through to develop the EIR and the EIS.

Director Laird expressed concern regarding the CEQA and EIR process since there is no project description or customer to pay for these costly studies.

Director Rupp stated there is a milestone that predates all of this, which is getting a customer. It appears more and more difficult to go the North/South route. The West/East route seems to be one that needs our attention at this point in time. Whether that is viable or not depends on a number of things: The continuation of the drought in California, and funding above and beyond the capacity of the agencies involved in the transaction may be necessary. He suggested, if the Board and potential customer are willing, to look at the State and Federal government to provide some underlying financial support for this pipeline concept. Director Laird expressed concern as to when the threshold is for when a project will need to be defined, based on the timeline. Mr. Helliker explained there is an eight year buffer built-in, assuming the schedule is correct in terms of the steps. Director Laird feels we need to narrow down the options and at some point decide if any of these fall off the table. Director Rupp stated the District still has the ultimate goal of protecting our water rights.

Director Laird questioned Mr. Aladjem regarding our water rights as it relates to the amount of water stored in Ruth Lake. Can the District control the storage of water in Ruth Reservoir, even if we don't release the water from Ruth. Can we be the sole owner of the water right to hold water behind Matthews Dam and Ruth Reservoir? Mr. Aladjem responded that the measure and extent of the water right is the extent to which one puts water to reasonable and beneficial use. Stored water behind a reservoir, without putting it to use is not seen as reasonable and beneficial use. Only when you take the water and deliver it for fish, for people, for farms, for hydro, for viticulture, for all sorts of different purposes, do you then perfect a water right. Recreation can also be considered reasonable and beneficial use, however, the District does not currently have a recreation water right. Mr. Aladjem stated that it is a very common use at many reservoirs in California and across the West although it can



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be a difficult process acquiring a recreation water right.

Director Laird's final question for Mr. Aladjem, was related to the ability to store water in anticipation of a drought. Mr. Aladjem responded that right now water rights are determined on an annual basis. They are determined by the maximum amount you would put to beneficial use during the course of a year. You would establish your water right on a dry year demand as opposed to a wet year demand. What he believes is happening, given the extent of the drought is the water agencies in California are beginning to say we have to have a drought buffer. This is part of the requirement in Urban Water Management Plan. The Water Board has not yet modified the maximum that can be taken in a given year to allow you to have that drought buffer. He believes that case is going to come up within the next 10 years.

Mr. Helliker asked for confirmation to proceed with the instream flow grant application. Staff recommendation is the committee meet again and give guidance but go ahead and authorize staff to pursue a grant for instream flow studies. Director Laird responded they are exploring the various grant programs and they are trying to determine which ones are the best ones to go for. It looks promising that we may get State money to do the study. The Board confirmed proceeding with the Instream Flow Grant application.

3. Plan to Address Impacts from Cannabis Growing Operations-report out on meetings and discuss next steps

The Board previously expressed interest in having a more detailed conversation about the impacts of marijuana growing on the Mad River watershed. Mr. Helliker shared a map, previously presented by Scott Bauer, showing an aerial view of the estimated location of marijuana grows was displayed for the Board. An estimate was made on the number of grow sites. After consultation with growers groups, it was determined that approximately 50 million gallons over a course of the year was used based on the distribution of marijuana production at the time. The Board expressed concerns regarding impacts on water quality and water supply. They discussed ideas on how the District could survey what is going on and get feedback from people and focus on what the District can do to help deal with the impacts of the growing operations.

The Board and staff had conversations with various individuals and organizations and have some feedback to provide. Mr. Helliker shared information about legislation that is being proposed to address medical marijuana cultivation. The current bills all have a series of requirements that if followed, would be a step forward.

Director Rupp would like to develop a program that would enhance the visibility of the Mad River and the impact of these grows and promote enforcement of some sort. Director Laird would like to establish a committee to determine what the District can do. Director Rupp noted stakeholders should be involved also.

Director Hecathorn contacted Trinity County Supervisor John Fenley regarding the issue and invited him to attend the Board meeting. Mr. Fenley was present and addressed the Board. He outlined the current challenges Trinity County is facing in coping with the issues and problems related to the marijuana grows. As the ordinances in Humboldt County and Trinity County differ, there is going to be a line along the Mad River between what is allowed in Trinity County versus what is allowed in Humboldt County. Director Rupp stated that since the Mad River is in both



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Trinity and Humboldt County, as it relates to the Mad River Basin, it would be very beneficial to have a committee and begin to share what is possible and enforceable just within the basin. In discussion with the Humboldt County Sheriff, he is willing to support enforcement on grows within the Mad River Basin. It is hoped that the same level of support would come from Trinity County. HBMWD could be the convening agency and help drive this effort. Mr. Fenley agreed that HBMWD would be the appropriate agency to handle this. He strongly suggested the HBMWD Board take the lead on this.

Mr. Helliker suggested the District consider taking a position of support for the bills currently proposed, related to medical marijuana grows.

Director Woo reported on her meeting with Supervisor Ryan Sundberg. She learned about the ordinance and the few issues she felt it had. Supervisor Sundberg agreed to make calls and try and get the Water Enforcement Team here. Additionally, she and Director Laird met with Dan Ehresman of the North Coast Environmental Center and Jen Kalt of Humboldt Bay Keeper. From these two meetings she was able to gain two different perspectives as regards the ordinance. One issue that Mr. Ehresman and Ms. Kalt had with the ordinance was the grandfathering in. Existing growers have two years to come into compliance. The size of the allowable grows also caused concern. 600 square feet or less no land use authorization required, between 600 and 6,000 square feet a permit needs to be issued and they need to go through the process of getting the regulatory permits from the other agencies as well, and 10,000 square feet or more you will need to go through a conditional use permit. The reasoning behind those numbers is to get as many people into the system as possible for funding. Director Laird pointed out that as half our watershed is in Trinity County we should not get bogged down with the details of the ordinance.

Director Laird met with Dave Feral of the Mad River Alliance and they want to be involved. They are doing full summer steelhead surveys and see the illegal diversions. Since Supervisor Lovelace was out of the area, Director Laird spoke with Mike Wilson, potential candidate for supervisor. He expressed support for the Water District to take the lead.

Directors Hecathorn and Rupp reported Supervisors Bohn and Fennell were out of town and not available to meet.

Director Rupp spoke with Supervisor Bass and sent her the message that Director Woo had put together. He is hopeful Supervisor Bass will be supportive of the District's effort.

Dave Saunderson addressed the Board. He echoed Trinity County Supervisor Fenley's opinion that bills and laws won't work as the growers just don't care. They are not in compliance and never will be. He is in support of the idea of forming a committee made up of numerous agencies.

Dan Ehresman of the North Coast Environmental Center introduced himself to the Board and discussed the impacts of cannabis on the Mad River Watershed.

Mr. Helliker spoke with Hezekiah Allen of Emerald Growers Association. They are not taking a position yet on the proposed ordinance but they do want to do what they can to make sure that the permits that are required can be processed quickly so that growers that do seek them, can get them.



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He also spoke with a representative of Cannabis Voice and they briefed him on what they were proposing. He also spoke with Gary Rynearson of Green Diamond. Green Diamond conducts helicopter surveys of their properties for the purpose of providing information to the Sheriff's Department about where to target their enforcement efforts. Mr. Helliker suggested we could participate with them to expand their helicopter surveys further upstream in the Mad River and pick sites for the WET team and the Sheriff's Department based on the aerial surveillance.

Mr. Helliker also spoke with Jacqueline Debets, Humboldt County Economic Development. She has organized a series of meetings. The first one was the agricultural side. There is also production and distribution. She suggested the District participate in these meetings. She also recommended the District get involved in commenting on the ordinance as she thinks it will be a tool that will give the County the ability to generate some resources.

Director Hecathorn requested a special meeting be scheduled to further discuss the issue. She would like to have Fish & Wildlife, Gordon Leppig or Scott Bauer be invited to the meeting. Additionally our State representatives should be invited. Mr. Helliker confirmed we will get the meeting scheduled.

Director Rupp commented, he would like to discuss the possibility of involving our local newspaper and radio stations to raise the awareness of the community of the impact of illegal marijuana grows on the Mad River. This may also help promote interest on the behalf of the regulatory agencies in the Mad River basin. He would like to see a story "above the fold" where they are out there taking pictures.

Director Sopoci-Belknap added she would like to see some sort of community forum that would put pressure on State regulators and the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

4. Report on dam break tabletop exercise

Mr. Friedenbach gave an overview of the Dam Break Tabletop Exercise held last month. The District partnered with Dan Larkin, County OES to facilitate the exercise. The objective of the exercise was to "truth the work that had been done" and to verify the information of the respective components and affected response agencies in the plans. There was a very good turnout of attendees, representing a number of Humboldt and Trinity County agencies. Mr. Larkin will compile the data from the exercise and present the County's Dam Break Contingency Plan to the County Disaster Council. Once approved by the Council, the Plan will go to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors for approval. This may happen as early as mid-October.

A discussion regarding the District's emergency response to not only dam break but also to earthquake or flooding followed. The Directors expressed an interest in the District emergency back-packs, emergency preparedness in general both at work and home. They requested clarification from staff as to what their role would be during an emergency.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Association of California Water Agencies Ballots – Region 1 and Statewide, approval of ballots, Adopt Resolution 2015-09, concerning Kathleen Tiegs



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On a motion by Director Rupp and seconded by Director Sopoci- Belknap, the board voted 5-0 to approve the Region 1 slate of candidates recommended by the ACWA Nominating Committee. Director Woo is listed on the slate of recommended candidates.

On a motion by Aldaron Laird and seconded by Director Rupp, Directors Hecathorn, Rupp, Laird, Sopoci-Belknap and Woo voted 5-0 by roll call vote to adopt a resolution in support of the nomination of Kathleen Tiegs as candidate for the position of ACWA President.

2. Posting of Board materials to HBMWD website

Mr. Friedenbach reported a representative of the League of Women Voters requested easier access to our board materials. In an effort to comply with the request, the materials for the August 13th Board meeting were scanned and put on the District website. A discussion of the planned update of the website followed. Director Rupp requested the website consultant that is ultimately hired, give a presentation at a Board meeting showing the proposed new website, prior to Board approval. Director Sopoci-Belknap expressed an interest in the Board forming a committee to work on website research, including the hiring of a consultant. Director Woo was interested as well in being on the committee. The item will be put on the September agenda for action.

3. FERC Part 12 Consultant, Cardno, Inc.

Mr. Helliker reported that as part of the FERC Part 12 report, we are required to hire a new consultant. We have used GEI for the last three reports. Staff identified Cardno as a candidate we should consider based on their experience and qualifications. Once the District chooses the consultant, FERC must approve the candidate. The report is due November 2016 and staff believes a consultant should be selected early.

On a motion by Director Rupp and seconded by Director Sopoci-Belknap, the board voted 5-0 to approve retaining Cardno, Inc. as FERC Part 12 Consultant.

4. Adopt Resolution 2015-8 Recognizing the Accomplishments of Carol Rische

Director Rupp read Resolution 2015-8, Recognizing the Accomplishments of Carol Rische. On a motion by Director Rupp and Seconded by Director Laird, Directors Hecathorn, Laird, Rupp, Sopoci-Belknap and Woo voted 5-0 on a roll call vote to adopt the Resolution.

REPORTS (from Staff)

1. **Engineering**

a) Blue Lake-FG CSD Water Line Replacement over Mad River (funded by Prop 84 NCIRWMP grant and FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant):

Ms. O’Gorman reported there has been a little bit of movement in this area. They were contacted by FEMA for information regarding access for the geotechnical work on the north side. That information was sent to FEMA. FEMA will send a letter to the State Historic Preservation Office at the end of July requesting concurrence. They have 30 days to return the concurrence.



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- b) Ranney Collector 1 Lateral Replacement Project (partially funded by Prop 84 NCIRWMP grant)
90% of the plans and specifications have been completed and submitted to staff for review. The final plans, specifications and contract documents should be should completed by the first of September and will be ready to go out to bid this year. The PDF permit was completed by GHD staff and submitted to HBMWD staff for review and will be submitted to the Water Board in September.
- c) Essex/TRF Facilities Master Plan
The plan scope was modified slightly to include the 12KV PG&E service switchgear and sent to the District for review.
- d) Status report re: other engineering work in progress
The Essex septic plan has been submitted to the County. Due to the proximity of the river, the County is requiring wet weather monitoring be done to make sure there is not high ground water during the winter months. Ms. O’Gorman does not anticipate there will be a problem.
GHD conducted an inspection of the 1 million gallon reservoir. The report will be available soon.
Ms. O’Gorman is working with Mr. Davidsen on the Ruth Lake Bunkhouse plans and the Collector 2 Transformer.
Director Laird asked Ms. O’Gorman whether there was anything new to report on the surge tower and the million gallon storage tank in Samoa in regards to the removal. Mr. Davidsen responded both projects are in the budget this year.

2. Financial

- a) Letter to Municipal Customers transmitting FY 15-16 budget
Mr. Friedenbach reported on the annual communication to the municipal customers regarding the approved 2015/16 budget. The Munis were presented with their wholesale charges and their relative percentage increase from the prior year. This included a reconciliation of the Price Factor 2 actual costs versus the flat budget that was billed. These were discussed with the Munis in June and at that time we communicated 7.3% as the overall percentage increase. Between that meeting in June and the final adoption of the budget in July there were a few projects that did not get completed before June 30th. These projects rolled over to July. Consequently there were some adjustments which meant the Munis would receive a little higher Price Factor 2 credit. The carryover budget had to be increased which explains why there was an increase from 7.3% to 7.5%. The additions to the reserves were adjusted downward to moderate the increase to try to keep the net increases as close as possible to the 7.3% as previously communicated. Director Laird asked if there was any feedback from the Munis due to the increase. Mr. Friedenbach stated there was no feedback from the Munis which he felt was primarily due to the fact that we had communicated well in advance with them and we were very close to the actual number. At the outset of the process in February and March the Munis were given the estimate of



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11%. The feedback at that time was a desire to keep an increase below 10% due to the decrease in revenues resulting from drought related water conservation.

b) District reserve policy

Mr. Friedenbach outlined the District reserve policy. In response to Director Rupp's question on financing for Collector 1, once the District goes out to bid, depending on how the actual costs come in from the contractor, we have advance charges and a grant from Prop 84. Mr. Friedenbach felt that due to a question at last month's board meeting it would be useful to refresh everyone on the Board approved reserve policy that was created back in 2009. A copy of the policy was provided to the Board as well as a graphic summary of the reserve policy. The summary graph showed the amount of the various reserves as of July 31, 2015. Regarding the general reserves, he explained that the number will bump up as soon as the Prop 50 project account is released from the grant restriction. At that time we will receive our last claim and that money becomes unrestricted and can go back into the general reserve category. In addition, the \$188,000 cash in the bank as of July, there are outstanding claims that are still being processed up to the final claim of another approximate \$150,000. The combination of those two monies will go back into the general reserves. The total reserve policy is up to \$4,000,000 and is made up of different components as shown on the graph. Part of it is for capital improvement projects, part for operations reserve, part for rate stabilization, and part for working capital needs for the District. Director Rupp commented in regards to the emergency management preparations and finances, if there were to be a significant event that requires a lot of resources quickly, we will burn up that \$1,000,000 very fast. Are we thinking about having a line of credit available that can be drawn down in that event? He suggested the District have a conversation with the bank on this topic. Mr. Friedenbach stated we have a long term relationship with US Bank and he will certainly ask that question. He feels that they would be very accommodating in this type of situation.

c) Financial Report

Director Rupp provided the July 2015 financial report and vendor detail. On motion by Director Rupp, seconded by Director Laird, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the July 2015 financial statement and vendor detail report in the amount of \$132,099.51.

3. Operations

Mr. Davidsen provided the Operation Report for the month of July. He shared that one of the O&M techs resigned to take another job. The District is in the process of advertising for the position.

On July 30th a number of lightning fires were started in and around the Ruth area. The Ruth District employees, Brian and Lisa Newell were packed and ready to evacuate if necessary. Brian did a great deal of work around Headquarters to make a firebreak to protect District property. The Board saw pictures Brian took showing the fires and damage around the area.

Mr. Helliker and Mr. Davidsen visited the Ruth Area, Hydro plant and Headquarters on August 4th. They expressed some concern about what the winter will bring should there be major rains. Water quality at the lake may suffer but they don't expect any water quality issue



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at Essex, given that the lake is a settling pond, the 75 miles of river, and the deep aquifer that water is pulled from at Essex. Mr. Davidsen spoke with Craig Bunas of State Water Resources Control Board as well as Art Reis of FERC to give them a status report. Mr. Davidsen and Mr. Helliker plan on going back up to the area to further evaluate the situation. Director Rupp asked about erosion potential as we go into winter. Mr. Davidsen agreed that is something that needs to be discussed as District property did not bear the brunt of the fires. Director Laird commented that the Forest Service owns the land and should be taking care of the issue.

4. Management

Mad River Alliance Partners Meeting – July 8, 2015

Dave Feral of the Mad River Alliance Partners (MRA) addressed the Board regarding the Mad River Alliance Partners meeting held July 8, 2015. The meeting was attended by representatives from several agencies, including Six Rivers National Forest and US Fish & Wildlife. Mr. Helliker attended the meeting as well. The intention of that meeting was to bring everyone together with the folks that are actually on the ground and making decisions in management for the watershed. The purpose was to receive input on what the priority projects should be for the MRA. It was a very effective process. The outcome of the meeting was very clear that the Mad River Alliance was an alliance, not a litigation group. It is an organization to work on projects of common interest. Mr. Feral thanked Mr. Helliker for his participation. Mr. Helliker reported this was the first meeting he had attended with the Alliance and enjoyed meeting all of the players. It seemed like a very collaborative group. Director Rupp expressed his thanks for the work the Alliance is doing.

DIRECTOR REPORTS & DISCUSSION (some items may be continued to July meeting)

1. General

Director Rupp mentioned as a reminder that former General Manager Carol Rische left a list of items to be accomplished which she did not want the District to forget. He shared that the Executive Committee of the Joint Powers Insurance Authority does an annual evaluation of their general manager and they do a general evaluation of their organization. As part of that, they look at goals annually. Since the District has a new general manager, it might be reasonable to determine and discuss the goals to be accomplished over a period of time. Mr. Rupp feels it would help focus in on the things that are critical for the next year or two that the Board wants to accomplish.

2. ACWA – JPIA

Director Rupp stated he will be attending a meeting the following weekend.

3. ACWA

ACWA Region 1 meeting

Mr. Helliker reported out on the Region 1 meeting. He shared the status of the systems and issues they are dealing with.

ACWA Fall Conference

On a motion by Director Sopoci-Belknap and seconded by Director Rupp, the Board voted 5-0 to



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approve attendance at the ACWA Fall Conference for the Directors and General Manager.

4. Organizations on which HBMWD Serves: RCEA, RREDC, LAFCo

President Hecathorn attended an RCEA meeting. They had a discussion regarding possible litigation and thought it was resolved, then a letter of rejection was sent afterwards. They are still in discussion regarding community choice aggregation, etc.

Director Rupp reported there were several matters discussed, one of particular interest was the Fieldbrook Glendale Community Services District expansion of their sphere of influence. It related primarily to fire suppression. They took a small area now covered by the Arcata Fire District and put it under the Fieldbrook Glendale Fire District.


CLOSED SESSION

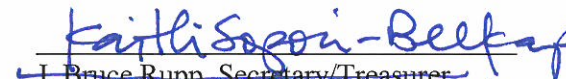
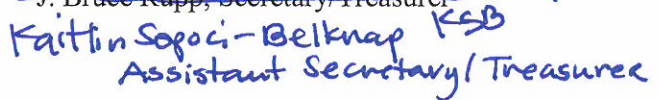
The Board went into closed session at 11:18 a.m. to discuss potential litigation – pursuant to Section 54956.9(c) of the Brown Act (may be taken up by the Board at any point during the meeting). The Board returned to open session at 11:30 and President Hecathorn reported no action was taken during the closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 pm.

Attest:


Barbara Hecathorn, President


J. Bruce Rupp, Secretary/Treasurer

Kaitlin Sopoci-Belknap KSB
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer