



HUMBOLDT BAY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
828 7th Street, Eureka



Minutes for Meeting of Board of Directors

May 12, 2016

A. **ROLL CALL**

President Hecathorn called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Director Rupp conducted the roll call. Directors Hecathorn, Laird, Latt, Rupp and Woo were present. General Manager Paul Helliker, Superintendent Dale Davidsen, Business Manager John Friedenbach, and Board Secretary Sherrie Sobol were also present. Pat Kaspari and John Winzler of GHD were present for a portion of the meeting.

B. **FLAG SALUTE**

President Hecathorn led the flag salute.

C. **ACCEPT AGENDA**

On motion by Director Rupp, seconded by Director Woo, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the agenda.

D. **MINUTES**

Director Laird requested several changes to the minutes. Director Rupp suggested he provide the revised wording and the Minutes of April 12, 2016 Regular Meeting be brought back next month for approval. On motion by Director Rupp, seconded by Director Laird, the Board voted 5-0 to bring the minutes back with changes for approval next month.

E. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was received.

F. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Directors Woo and Laird requested Item 1 be pulled.

On motion by Director Woo, seconded by Director Rupp, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda less Item 1.

Letter from CalFire re: Notice of Inspection

Mr. Rhett Imperiale of Cal Fire conducted a visual assessment of the District property around Ruth Lake. He noted the area exhibited a fairly significant amount of dead, dying and diseased trees that could be harvested under this exemption. Director Woo inquired if the District was going to do anything with the trees noted. Mr. Helliker stated the District can use the exemption to harvest the dead, dying and diseased trees as noted by Mr. Imperiale. Mr. Davidsen stated the leaseholders have been doing this work for several years. They request permission to remove the dead, dying and/or diseased trees off their lease site and the District grants permission to do so using the exemption. Director Laird stated he would like it on record that he does not support cutting trees just because they are dead, dying or diseased. Many of these provide habitat and other benefits for wildlife. Trees should be removed if they pose a threat to structures. He suggested the District have a Timber Management Plan. Director Rupp concurred and suggested the District inform the leaseholders that they are responsible for trees on their lease site. President Hecathorn believes the District should approach this as a joint responsibility. Director Latt suggested in the meantime, only trees that pose that a threat to life or property be removed. Mr. Helliker stated staff will work on a Timber Management Plan.

On motion by Director Woo, seconded by Director Rupp, the Board voted 5-0 to approve Consent Item 1.



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G. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter requesting support for Samoa Peninsula CSD

Mr. Helliker discussed the letter from the Samoa Peninsula Fire District requesting a letter of support for the formation of a Community Services District for the Samoa Peninsula. Mr. Helliker stated the Samoa Peninsula Fire District is in the process of finalizing an application to the LAFCo. The application involves a reorganization for a new district formation concurrently with the dissolution of the existing Samoa Peninsula Fire District. When LAFCo reviews the application, they will be looking for support from a broad range of stakeholders, and are thus requesting a letter of support. Mr. Helliker added they were appreciative the District has a rate structure in place going forward the next five years. This helps them figure out a cost foundation. He also stated in regards to the infrastructure, most of it is already depreciated with the exception of the Techite line. A map showing the Samoa PFD reorganization to a CSD outlined the current Samoa PFD boundary and a section of Samoa that is shown as "possible expansion area". Director Laird inquired why a portion of Samoa was being left out. Director Rupp stated the District should recoup any costs related to the Techite that were not covered by the grant. Both he and Director Laird expressed concerns about writing a letter of support if the boundaries might change. Director Latt initially suggested a conditional letter of support, then suggested staff call and find out why the town of Samoa is not included. Once more information is available, then send a letter. Given the number of unanswered questions, Mr. Helliker suggested the item come back for discussion in June. In the meantime, he will try to get more information about the boundaries. The Board concurred.

H. CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. Water Conservation Regulations

Mr. Helliker attended the April 20 State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) meeting. He and representatives from other water agencies throughout the state testified at that meeting they are not experiencing drought conditions in their water supplies in 2016, and that emergency conservation regulations should be rescinded. Mr. Helliker shared that the SWRCB draft regulations just came out on May 9. They specify that we calculate the supplies available under precipitation conditions in 2013-15 and compare that to demand in 2013 and 2014, and identify any shortfalls. That shortfall will be the new conservation standard in effect through January 2017. We can demonstrate that we have plenty of supply available, and the conservation requirements should be zero.

Mr. Helliker also discussed the Governor's Executive Order that also came out on May 9th. He noted that Item 6 under Eliminate Water Waste states "The Water Board and the Department shall direct urban and agricultural water suppliers to accelerate their data collection, improve water system management, and prioritize capital projects to reduce waste." He did not agree with being forced to prioritize capital improvement projects that reduce waste, especially given our water supply and lack of drought conditions. Director Laird stated the Executive Order is biased in that 10 of 13 directives are aimed at urban water uses and only three towards agriculture. Mr. Helliker added there is nothing directed to commercial/industrial users. The focus is on lawns that only account for 5% of the state use.

2. Water Resource Planning

Local Sales

Mr. Helliker reported that GHD is taking the lead in putting together a proposal for funding of designs and analysis of the pipeline extensions to the north and south. They are collecting



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information for the proposal and are doing this at no cost to the District. Mr. Helliker stated he will follow up with Westhaven and the City of Trinidad to see if they are interested in the project.

Transport

Director Rupp suggested President Hecathorn be on the Transport Committee and she agreed. On motion by Director Rupp, seconded by Director Latt, the Board voted 5-0 to select President Hecathorn as the new Transport Committee member. Staff was directed to schedule a Transport Committee meeting.

Instream Flow

Last month, Mr. Helliker shared feedback from the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) as to why the grant application was denied. The proposal was rated high on most aspects but comments from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) caused it to be rated too low to fund. CDFW staff stated an estuary study was not needed. Mr. Helliker stated he shared the letter from the WCB stating this with Tony LaBanca, the Coastal Fisheries Program Manager for CDFW. Director Laird stated it would be good if Mr. LaBanca would confirm in writing that it is not necessary to conduct additional studies.

3. Local Coastal Dependent-Interim Use Local Coastal Program Amendment

Mr. Helliker shared information on an item that went before the Humboldt County Planning Commission. A Public Hearing was held to discuss an Interim Use Local Coastal Amendment that would allow tenants to use the coastal dependent industrial zone for a limited time, even if the business is not coastal dependent. The Harbor District, County, and City of Eureka proposed an interim use term of seven years. The Planning Commission voted against the Interim Use amendment. Mr. Helliker inquired if the District should send a letter of support to the County Board of Supervisors supporting the interim use? Director Rupp stated the District's purview is water and inquired if the District should get involved in a land use battle? Director Woo stated the District should be involved to the extent that we have a water system available for an industrial customer on the peninsula. Director Latt concurred and noted it is better to support an action that facilitates this rather than inaction. He also added that he thought the Planning Commission rejected the proposal because they wanted an interim use term of ten years instead of seven. After additional discussion, the Board concurred and requested staff draft a letter of support to the County regarding the interim use based on the District's water nexus. Mr. Helliker added he will try and get more information as to why the Planning Commission rejected the interim use proposal.

4. CLOSED SESSION- Public Employee Performance Evaluation for General Manager (pursuant to Section 54957(b)(1))

The Board went into closed session at 3:53 pm.

OPEN SESSION

The Board came back into open session at 4:35 pm. President Hecathorn reported they discussed an amendment to the General Manager's contract based on his performance review. In July 2015, District employees received a 2% COLA. Mr. Helliker did not receive an increase and his salary remained unchanged at \$10,200/month. The Board took this into consideration and on motion by Director Rupp, seconded by Director Latt, the Board voted 5-0 to include a salary adjustment for 2015 and 2016, bringing Mr. Helliker's new monthly salary to \$10,700/month effective July 1, 2016.



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I. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Quagga/Zebra Mussel Infestation Fee Grant Program Application**

The District applied for and received a \$9,150 grant under the 2015/16 Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant Program. Next steps to receive the grant include approving Resolution 2016-4 authorizing the District to execute a grant. Director Rupp read the resolution. On motion by Director Rupp, seconded by Director Woo, the Board voted 5-0 by roll call vote to approve Resolution 2016-4 authorizing the Funding Agreement.

2. **July Board meeting**

Mr. Helliker stated the next JPIA Executive Leadership Training meeting that Mr. Friedenbach is attending will be July 14, the day of the Board meeting. Since the final budget presentation/approval is in July, he recommended the Board consider changing the meeting date to July 13. The Board concurred.

J. **REPORTS (from Staff)**

1. **Engineering**

Ranney Collector 1 Lateral Replacement Project (partially funded by Prop 84 NCIRWMP grant)

Mr. Kaspari stated the work on the perc pond will begin on May 31 and work on the collectors on June 13th. He stated Change order 2 was issued to change the completion date to 12/31/16 and has no monetary change.

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

As reported last month, GHD assessed two alternatives for a crossing to supply domestic water across the Mad River to the communities of Fieldbrook-Glendale CSD and Blue Lake. GHD recommended the Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) but Director Laird requested the Board postpone any decision until the following month. He was concerned that choosing an option would preclude a pedestrian crossing option without the proponents of the Annie & Mary Trail being aware it was even being considered.

Mr. Kaspari stated GHD still recommends the HDD under river crossing. The cost difference between the two options is not that significant but the environmental impacts are. By going under the river, there is no disturbance to the cultural site, no river permits are needed, and the visual impacts are mitigated. In the event of a flood, the greater impact would be on the aerial crossing as there would not be any scour effects on the under river crossing. Director Laird stated an earthquake will happen and there is a risk of an underground pipeline shearing. Mr. Kaspari responded that an underground crossing will be more resilient than an aerial crossing in that situation.

Mr. Helliker shared that he spoke with Hank Seemann from Humboldt County Public Works. Mr. Seemann stated there is no money available to pay for a pedestrian crossing even if the District were to consider an aerial crossing. It would cost approximately \$25,000 to do further design for the pedestrian crossing, and installing a structure to accommodate a trail would increase the cost of the pipeline project by tens of thousands of dollars. Additionally, there



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are issues with the North Coast Railroad Authority right of way, and the river crossing for the trail is low on the County's priority list. The County is working with the City of Blue Lake on a trail to Glendale and also working with the City of Arcata.

Mr. Helliker also spoke with John Murray and Marcella Clem of HCOAG and they were both okay with an under river crossing. Mr. Kaspari added that in 2013 when the District first considered an aerial crossing as a possibility, HCOAG had some money available and chose not put their funding into consideration of a pedestrian crossing there.

Director Laird commented that he wished the item was listed differently on the agenda. It is not clear what the Board is deciding, especially to the public. Director Rupp stated it is on the agenda and the discussion has already been postponed thirty days.

President Hecathorn invited comments from members of the public. Mr. Mike Wilson addressed the Board. He noted that in regards to the railroad trestle currently supporting the pipeline, he hasn't heard from the County if it can be retrofitted. He is aware the County is working on a trail connecting Blue Lake to Glendale and it's important. He acknowledged that conversations have been going on at the staff level regarding a pedestrian crossing, however, he believes a Board to Board conversation needs to occur. He would like the District to seek input from the County Board of Supervisors as to whether or not they would like to partner with the District on retrofitting an aerial crossing with a pedestrian /bike path over the Mad River. Mr. Kaspari noted the County did do a study on the costs to retrofit the railroad trestle and determined it was not feasible.

Supervisor Mark Lovelace addressed the Board also. He too would like to see the topic come before the Board of Supervisors. He acknowledged it would be expensive to include a retrofit for a pedestrian or bike river crossing, however, it is an important effort for the County. Additional discussion at the Board level would be valuable to have. He stated he would like the Board to delay their decision until the Board of Supervisors could be apprised and hear from their staff.

Mr. Helliker stated he understands that discussions with the County staff have been going on since 2012. He inquired why it has not previously been on the Board of Supervisors agenda. Mr. Wilson stated for whatever reason, County staff never moved the issue up to the Board of Supervisor level. Supervisor Lovelace made it clear he did not mean to imply the District was in any way responsible for getting the item on the Board of Supervisors agenda. He would like to hear from County staff regarding time and money impacts. He understands that the County would incur any additional costs for retrofitting an aerial crossing. He is requesting a delay so the Board of Supervisors can weigh in on a pedestrian crossing. If the District Board decides today to go with an under river crossing, that would foreclose the trail option. Mr. Winzler stated the term "retrofitted" is being tossed around like it's a simple thing to do. An aerial crossing can't be simply retrofitted. It must be designed to be retrofittable. Mr. Kaspari added that the final design is not completed for either option, however, because the project is grant funded, grant funds cannot be used to accommodate a pathway. If it is designed this way and not disclosed under CEQA, the repercussions could be loss of funding.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of delaying the decision. After passionate and somewhat heated discussion and debate, on motion by Director Rupp, seconded by Director Latt, the Board voted 5-0 to delay the decision until the June meeting. Director Laird made a motion to approve the overhead crossing option. President Hecathorn stated the motion failed as no second was received.



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Director Laird requested Supervisor Lovelace commit to having the item on their agenda within the next few weeks. Supervisor Lovelace stated it would be on the May 24 agenda. Mr. Wilson and Supervisor Lovelace thanked the Board for their time and consideration.

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Submittals

Mr. Kaspari stated the 12 kV project is one of the projects forwarded on in the PDM grant. The PDM grant is a nationwide grant. The District is also submitting the project, along with the Surge Tower Retrofit to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program which is statewide. The chances of getting the Hazard Mitigation Grant are much greater than the PDM. Mr. Helliker stated he met with the NCRA regarding an expanded easement for the new location of the 12Kv project and doesn't anticipate any issues with the easement.

Potential Exposure of Pipeline on New Navy Base Road

As reported last month, a portion of New Navy Base Road was eroded away and caused exposure of the District pipeline. PG&E and AT&T also have lines there are being exposed as well. Mr. Kaspari reported that he and staff met with the County, Coast Guard, and PG&E (AT&T declined to participate) to discuss a consolidated approach to remedy the situation. They met with the Coastal Commission who indicated a consolidated permit would be appreciated. PG&E needs to take care of their exposed line immediately and therefore can't do a consolidated permit. Mr. Kaspari asked the Coastal Commission if PG&E is required to a Biological Opinion prior to their repair work, can that Biological Opinion be used for the consolidated permit and it is a possibility. Mr. Kaspari shared that he asked the Coast Guard to look for funding opportunities but they did not find any funding sources. The Coast Guard and the County are amenable to being grant funding partners and will continue to look for opportunities.

Coonrod development

Mr. Friedenbach described the proposed changes Mr. Coonrod was making so as not to encroach on the District's easement. With the new plans, only fencing would be over the easement. Mr. Coonrod stated that as plans progressed, he would provide a copy to the District.

2. Financial

FY 2016/17 budget development schedule

Mr. Friedenbach reviewed the budget development schedule. The Board concurred with the schedule.

FY 2016/17 Budget

Mr. Friedenbach provided a presentation and the Board discussed two components of the budget: Service and Supply (S&S) and the Salary and Employee Benefits (SEB). He noted these are still in draft form and the Board will approve the final budget in July.

Mr. Friedenbach discussed the areas of increase in the S&S budget. Accounting Services will likely increase. The District could potentially have a new auditor and factors such as PERS, GASB68 and OPEB will result in additional accounting costs. Insurance costs will rise as JPIA is projecting increases in property and liability insurance. Other line item increases include telephone/internet, office maintenance and property tax expenses. Director Latt inquired what type of costs are in the Miscellaneous Expenses. Mr. Friedenbach stated he would provide detailed info of that at the June meeting. The total proposed S&S Budget with power costs is \$1,437,300. This is a decrease of \$2,100 or - .1% compared to last year.



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The SEB discussion focused on four main topics: Cost of Living Allowance, deferred comp, organizational changes, and healthcare benefits. Each year management consults employees to find out what is important to them. Feedback from the employees is that they would like a COLA and increased deferred compensation.

Mr. Friedenbach presented a range of US and Western US CPI's. Given the CPI indices, he recommended a 2% COLA. Mr. Helliker concurred and recommended a salary survey for next budget cycle. The Board seemed comfortable with the COLA recommendation. Director Latt stated a COLA is good in that employees will see the increase immediately in their paycheck.

Superintendent Davidsen stated COLA's are important and was appreciative the Board was supportive of it. He noted that in the last six months, he tried to hire two T-3 Operators. He did not have any T-3 operators apply. Since the District is the only T4 Plant in the area, he is not only competing with other local agencies, but those out of the area in order to hire T-3 and 4 operators. President Hecathorn inquired what tools are needed to get the people needed. Perhaps in the future, the Board could consider a hiring bonus for example. She too agreed a salary survey would be a way to start. Director Latt asked Mr. Davidsen his thoughts on how to attract/retain employees. Mr. Davidsen responded the District should be the lead in the wage arena and continue to provide the good benefits. The District is a good place to work but if the wage is not there, people will not have the opportunity to know this. The Board stated they would like to work with him to provide the tools needed to attract and retain employees.

Mr. Friedenbach stated the deferred comp program is a voluntary benefit program and has 100% participation. This shows that it is a valuable benefit to employees. Based on employee feedback, staff recommends increasing the match from \$25 to \$50 and \$50 to \$100 depending upon the level of the employee participation.

Mr. Friedenbach stated the District has two electricians on staff. One has provided notice that he plans to retire next summer in 2017. The electricians deal with a wide diversity of systems, ranging from millivolts to 12kV. Given the unique combination of electrical skills required, staff recommends bringing on an electrician trainee to overlap for six months to facilitate knowledge transfer. It is critical to have the six-month transition period. The Board concurred.

Mr. Friedenbach discussed the health care benefits. The JPIA estimates that premiums will increase between 8% and 12%. For the 2016/17 budget, an increase of 10% was assumed. Currently, McKinleyville CSD pays 100% of the premium for active employees and retired employees. Humboldt CSD pays 100% of the premium for active employees and 50-100% depending on the hire date. The District has several plans offered ranging from Health Based Savings Accounts to HMO's. The District payment towards insurance is tied to the PPO Classic Family Plan premium. Currently, there is only one plan that exceeds the amount, the CalCare HMO, and the employees pay the difference. Currently, 67% of employees are on the CalCare HMO plan. Director Rupp stated JPIA is encouraging members to move to an Account Based Health Care Plan. Perhaps a two-tier system might be considered in the future with new employees being offered the Account Based Health Care Plan and existing employees can keep their plan. He doesn't want to penalize current employees, but with the rising costs of healthcare, something needs to change.



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Mr. Friedenbach stated the proposed S&EB budget including the 2% COLA, healthcare premium increase and electrician trainee for 6 months is \$3,678,000 or 5.4% more than the 15/16 budget.

Investment Policy

State law requires that the Board consider and confirm the District's Investment Policy each year. Mr. Friedenbach stated the Board approved and originally adopted the Investment Policy in 2004 and has re-adopted the policy each year thereafter. The District has three investment objectives for the funds the District does not need for immediate use. These objectives are: 1) Preserve the Safety of Principal; 2) Maintain Liquidity, and 3) Achieve a reasonable Rate of Return consistent with current economic cycles and risk limitations. The policy also specifies the two investment options the District will utilize are the County Treasury and the State Local Investment Fund (LAIF). Staff recommends the Board re-adopt the policy. On motion by Director Rupp, seconded by Director Woo, the Board voted 5-0 to re-adopt the Statement of Investment Policy.

Potential changes to Ordinance 16 and Municipal Contracts

Ordinance 16 establishes rates, charges and conditions of service for water sale to municipal customers. The terms for water purchases under Ordinance 16 are delineated under contracts with each of the District's municipal customers. The current contracts were entered into on July 1, 1999 and are effective for 20 years until June 30, 2019. The contracts contain a provision that the 20 year contract term shall be automatically extended as necessary to correspond to the terms of the Safe Drinking Water Loan (SRF) that was used to fund the construction of the Turbidity Reduction Facility. The final payment under the SRF loan will be made on January 1, 2024.

Section 9 of Ordinance 16 contains special provisions to adjust the Moving Five-Year Average and Peak Rate Allocation for Manila CSD in the event Sierra Pacific Industries (which accounts for a major amount of their water consumption) were to close or reduce the agency's total average use by 25% or more. Sierra Pacific did close its doors and represents serious financial implications for Manila CSD. The total average loss is 20.16% and is not enough to trigger the adjustment under Ordinance 16. Manila CSD has requested a meeting to discuss options.

Mr. Friedenbach stated several issues have been identified that should be addressed concerning the above items. Staff is working on an update to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). It is clear that some level of financing will be required to fund the improvements. If the contracts, our source of revenue, expire in seven years, we are not likely to receive good financing. To make longer-term financing more favorable, it makes sense to extend the term of the contracts.

Mr. Friedenbach also noted that Section 7.2.5 of Ordinance 16 limits the amount of capital costs that can be charged in any given fiscal year. He stated he is not clear why the limitation is in the contract. Staff is requesting direction from the Board regarding possible contract extensions with the Municipal Customers and possible revisions to Ordinance 16 in certain areas. President Hecathorn and Director Rupp stated Section 7.2.5 was a result of the mills. They requested the limitation.

Director Rupp agreed that longer contracts would be beneficial in terms of seeking financing. He urged staff to consider what should and should not be in the contracts if they decided to open the contracts and to seek Board input at the appropriate time.



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Letter from County Treasurer

Mr. Friedenbach discussed the quarterly letter from the County Treasurer. The District's fund balances with the County Treasury earned an annualized interest rate of .79% which is double that of LAIF.

Financial Report

Director Rupp provided the April financial report. Director Laird reviewed the bills. On motion by Director Rupp, seconded by Director Laird, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the April 2016 financial statement & vendor detail report in the amount of \$184,186.50.

Audit RFP

Mr. Friedenbach stated the District had a three-year audit agreement with the accounting firm of Hunter, Hunter and Hunt. The third year is now completed. As a result, Request for Proposals were sent to several auditing firms, including Hunter, Hunter and Hunt. The responses are due by May 27, 2016. The Audit Committee will review the proposals received and share the information with the Board at the June meeting.

3. Operations

Mr. Davidsen provided the May Operational Report. The SCADA system upgrade went out for bid and they have selected a vendor to start the upgrade process. Telestar was onsite to commission and install the new chlorinators and chlorine shut down system. The new equipment is much more user friendly than the previous equipment that was 23 years old.

Employee training included Confined Space Safety as well as Heat Illness and Injury Prevention training. He noted this training is especially important prior to the annual Ruth maintenance.

Mr. Davidsen informed the Board the 1Mg Industrial Water reservoir overflowed and explained how this incident occurred. The Harbor District requested the water get pumped to them on Friday as they have done numerous times before for maintenance purposes. Staff began pumping the water as requested and soon received a call from a concerned citizen stating water was coming up on the edge of New Navy Base Road. Staff contacted the Harbor District and found out they forgot to open their valve to receive the water. This caused the reservoir to overflow. The dissipater was covered by a sand dune and the sensors were out of calibration since the District is not investing time or money into the Industrial system. The end result was some minor damage to the road. GRS was contacted, quickly responded and completed the necessary repairs. Cost to repair was \$3,600. Mr. Davidsen stated he was appreciative of the quick response by GRS. Mr. Friedenbach suggested it might make sense to have a maintenance agreement in place with the Harbor District if they plan to request excess water on a regular basis.

Mr. Davidsen also noted that Ruth maintenance was a bit more challenging this year due to being short-staffed. They also had a maintenance issue that took longer to repair than anticipated. All ended well.

K. DIRECTOR REPORTS & DISCUSSION

1. General

President Hecathorn stated she had a good vacation.



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2. ACWA – JPIA

Director Rupp reported out on his attendance at the ACWA-JPIA Conference and Training. On Monday, he attended an Executive Committee meeting and a Board meeting. The big discussion item was Central Basin Municipal Water District. Previously, the JPIA Board of Directors voted to cancel Central Basin’s participation in the Liability, Property and Workers’ Compensation risk sharing programs. Central Basin provided presentation as to why they should be allowed back in.

He attended two sessions on Tuesday; Protecting Your Agency’s Assets by Understanding and Remediating Potential Threats, and Protecting Your Board Meeting from Chaos: Managing strong feelings and difficult meetings during drought and uncertainty.

3. ACWA

At the ACWA Conference, Director Rupp attended a Finance Committee meeting. He noted that ACWA runs on a calendar year. They will meet again in August, then adopt the budget in September for CY 2017. He also attended several different programs and renewed his Ethics training.

Director Woo reported out on her attendance. She also attended several programs, including sessions on biomass, aquatic resources and attracting the water community’s next generation: meeting millennials. She also attended the Region 1 Board meeting. Mr. Helliker reported out on his attendance. He attended several programs including a Statewide Issues Panel- Headwaters Health: Obstacles and opportunities to advance forest management.

4. Organizations on which HBMWD Serves: RCEA, RREDC, LAFCO, NCRP

Director Woo shared that RCEA is starting a public engagement process similar to that of the District’s Water Resource Planning. Mary Gelinis will be working with them.

Director Rupp reported out on RREDC. College of the Redwoods (CR) is updating their five year plan- Education Master Plan to meet Humboldt County’s employment and economic development needs. They requested input from the RREDC Board for their strategic planning. The Board suggested CR provide more trade or vocational training.


Director Rupp stated he was not elected to the LAFCo Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Attest:


 Barbara Hecathorn, President


 J. Bruce Rupp, Secretary/Treasurer