



HUMBOLDT BAY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
828 7th Street, Eureka



**Minutes for Special Joint Meeting of HBMWD Board of
Directors with the Ruth Lake Community Services District
Board of Directors
July 19, 2019**

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, Hecathorn, Latt, Rupp and Woo were present. General Manager John Friedenbach, Superintendent Dale Davidsen, Business Manager Chris Harris, Hydro-plant Operators Brian Newell and Dave Perkins, and Board Secretary Sherrie Sobol were also present. Ruth Lake CSD Directors Gordon, Johnson, Nicholson, Sellman and Wise were present. General Manager Adam Jager, Assistant Manager Cynthia Lofthouse and Dan Bugbee, Marina Manager were also present. Guests from Trinity County, STAR, US Forest Service, CHP and Sheriff's department were also present.

1. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

2. Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves and the agency they worked with.

3. Updates from Guests:

Trinity County

Mr. John Fenley, 5th District Supervisor apologized for missing the meeting last year and appreciated being invited to attend.

US Forest Service

Kristen Lark, Mad River Ranger District provided updates on the First 48, a timber and fuel reduction project to protect communities and water sources. The goal is to reduce fire starts and increase fire resilience.

Trinity County Volunteer Fire Department/STAR

Brooke Entsminger of STAR stated funding cuts have impacted their budget. They are working with the Trinity County Board of Supervisors to help find a funding solution. No representatives from the Fire Department were present.

Trinity County OES

Letty Garza, Director, and Amanda Braxton of OES provided updates. OES is no longer under the Sheriff's Department and is now part of the Health and Human Services Department. They recently conducted Code Red testing. If any Trinity County attendees did not receive the notification, they encouraged them to contact OES and register their number or if already registered, report an issue. OES is also pursuing Emergency 211. They received a grant for HAM radios and now have eighteen of them. They are aware of only one licensed HAM operator, so OES is actively recruiting for licensed operators.

Trinity County Sheriff

Wayne and Debbie Fackrell are back this year patrolling the lake. It has been five years since they were here last.

Ruth Lake Leaseholders Association

No representatives were present.



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CHP

Officer Thimmes provided an update. He is in the Ruth area at least once a week. The day of the week varies.

4. Ruth Lake CSD Topics

Aquatic Invasive Species:

Mr. Jager discussed the 2018 Annual Report. Most boaters are now familiar with the inspection process and there were no failed inspections last year. He and Mr. Bugbee attended Quagga Inspection training in Santa Rosa conducted by the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW). Both he and Mr. Bugbee are now certified trainers. Additionally, Mr. Breck McAlexander of DFW was able to provide training locally and Ruth Lake CSD now has an additional eleven employees trained as Quagga inspectors.

Dept. of Boating and Waterways Quagga Prevention Grant

Mr. Friedenbach reported out on the grant status. The 2017/18 is almost completed. The final invoices have been submitted. We have not heard back on the status of the 2018/19 grant application. The grant amount requested was \$70,000 and includes a decontamination station and moving Ruth Rec Campground Gate out of the flooding area as well as basic supplies and rock.

Lease Lots: area of concern

Mr. Jager will conduct dock and overall lease site inspections in September and October. He will provide reports then.

5. HBMWD Topics

Law Enforcement on Ruth Lake

Mr. Friedenbach thanked Wayne and Debbie Fackrell for returning and patrolling the lake. He shared that the District helps pay for enforcement efforts by contributing \$5,000 towards the cost of enforcement.

Algae bloom

Mr. Davidsen stated the lake had some bright colored algae blooms earlier this season and he sent samples in to the state for testing. The results came back that it was not blue-green algae. If additional algae occurs, he will send it in for testing if he is made aware of it. He stated he is not at the lake on regular basis and requested "if you see something, say something."

Cannabis Cultivation in the Mad River Watershed

Mr. Friedenbach commented on the recent multi-agency cannabis eradication at two sites near Hale Creek. Dr. Richard Kuhns, Trinity County CAO, stated the County now has three code enforcement positions. The County district attorney is currently using Civil Code 1720 to prosecute some of the illegal grows and it seems to be working well. Other agencies discussed some of their efforts/assistance in stopping illegal grows.



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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sheri Woo".

Sheri Woo, President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Bruce Rupp".

J. Bruce Rupp, Secretary/Treasurer

