

HUMBOLDT BAY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

828 7th Street, Eureka



Minutes for Special Meeting of Board of Directors

August 08, 2016

A. ROLL CALL

The Board and guests introduced themselves. In attendance were Directors Hecathorn, Laird, Latt, Rupp and Woo. General Manager Paul Helliker and Board Secretary were also present. Congressman Jared Huffman and his District Representative John Driscoll, Municipal Representatives David Hull, Brian Gerving, Mandy Mager and John Woolley were present as was Dave Feral from Mad River Alliance. A member of the press was also present.

B. FLAG SALUTE

President Hecathorn led the flag salute.

C. ACCEPT AGENDA

President Hecathorn suggested that Public Comment be moved to the end of the agenda after the discussion with Congressman Huffman. On motion by Director Rupp, seconded by Director Woo, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the agenda as amended.

D. DISCUSSION WITH CONGRESSMAN HUFFMAN ON HUMBOLDT BAY WATER DISTRICT ISSUES

Congressman Huffman stated he is here to learn about what is going on at the District and how he can help. He shared that he previously served on the Board at Marin MWD. He understands the importance of infrastructure and clean water and wants to make sure this is not forgotten at the Congressional level.

Discussion topics included Water Resources Planning (the three options under consideration), Infrastructure Costs, Sea Level Rise, and Cannabis production. Congressman Huffman shared he is working on a bill to allow capital improvement funding for water resources and stated he would do what he could at the federal level to assist with resource agencies communication regarding instream flow. Mr. Driscoll added he would be happy to work with the District to help convene a meeting with state resource agencies as well. The District and Municipal representatives thanked Congressman Huffman for taking the time to meet and hear the District's concerns.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

The member of the press made statements about diversions from the Eel River into the Russian River watershed, drought conditions in southern Humboldt County and potential transfers of water from HBMWD.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Attest:

Aldaron Laird, Vice-President

J. Bruce Rupp, Secretary/Treasurer