

SHASTA VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Siskiyou County, California

Summarized **MINUTES** from Board of Directors' meeting of Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District, Yreka, California, on July 10, 2019.

Directors Present: Ryan Walker, Bill Hirt, Chris Robertson, Beth Sandahl, Rich Klug

Directors Absent: None

Associate Directors: None

Staff Present: Brandy Caporaso, Ed Stanton,

Guests in attendance: Jim Patterson, NRCS; Derek Lyles and Frank Cheung with Civic Spark

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Walker at 6:38 p.m.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion to add Agenda Item: CA Dept. of Water Resources Notice of Default-review and possible action.

ACTION: Add Agenda Item. **MOTION:** Klug, **SECOND:** Hirt; **AYES:** Hirt, Walker, Robertson, Sandahl, Klug; **NOES:** None; **ABSTENSIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**

Introductions

Introductions made.

Public Comment None

Presentation: Derek Lyles and Frank Cheung are Civic Spark fellows who are assisting Mount Shasta updating the GIS system with water and sewer information. For their additional project they assisted SVRCD creating maps of the original location of Panther Creek and what currently exists.

Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Approve Minutes of June 12, 2019 as amended to correct the date. **MOTION:** Hirt, **SECOND:** Robertson; **AYES:** Hirt, Walker, Robertson, Sandahl, Klug; **NOES:** None; **ABSTENSIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**

ACTION: Approve Minutes of June 19, 2019 as amended. **MOTION:** Robertson, **SECOND:** Sandahl; **AYES:** Hirt, Walker, Robertson, Sandahl, Klug; **NOES:** None; **ABSTENSIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**

Financial Report

Caporaso presented the SVRCD financial report.

ACTION: Approve Financial Report. **MOTION:** Klug, **SECOND:** Sandahl; **AYES:** Walker, Klug, Sandahl, Hirt, Robertson; **NOES:** None; **ABSTENSIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**

Ratify Payroll

Caporaso presented payroll for ratification. Questions were asked about rotary staff. Caporaso explained that most staff are laid off with the exception of 2 team members.

ACTION: Approve Payroll. **MOTION:** Hirt; **SECOND:** Sandahl; **AYES:** Walker, Sandahl, Hirt, Robertson, Klug; **NOES:** None; **ABSTENSIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**

Approval of Bills

Caporaso presented bills for payment.

ACTION: Approve Bills for Payment. **MOTION:** Robertson, **SECOND:** Sandahl; **AYES:** Walker, Sandahl, Hirt, Robertson, Klug; **NOES:** None; **ABSTENSIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**

Budget Transfer: None

Approval of Donations Received: None received

Correspondence: Caporaso reviewed correspondence. No action taken.

Business – Discussion and Possible Action

1. DWR Agreement #4600012700 Proposition 1 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant:
 - a. Discussion was led by Stanton explaining the current situation with depositing funds in the county treasury and how it earns interest. The County Auditor's office has informed SVRCD that they will not set-up non-interest bearing accounts. Because the county is willing to work with the SVRCD in a different manner so as not to earn interest on deposits with grants as a reimbursement basis, it was determined that for now the current advance payment issue will be resolved and this issue can be revisited at a later date. No action taken
 - b. Caporaso reviewed DWR's Notice of Default for the groundwater grant. While the advance funds were being placed in a non-interest bearing account, the overall fund in which the account is under earned interest for SVRCD which is not allowed. Because the county is unwilling to set up a non-interest bearing account, the unused advance funds need to be repaid to DWR as well as all interest earned on those funds. **ACTION:** *Repay unused advance funds and interest to CA Dept of Water Resources.* **MOTION:** Robertson; **SECOND:** Hirt; **AYES:** Walker, Hirt, Robertson, Klug, Sandahl; **NOES:** None; **ABSTENSIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**
2. Montague Grenada Weir
 - a. Stanton and Caporaso gave an update on the project and presented notes from the project manager regarding the project.
 - b. Stanton presented the 401 permit. Board had question on Item 8 of the permit regarding maintenance. Also in discussion was that CDFW and USFWS are wanting a maintenance agreement that exceeds the 5 year term of the Agreement. However, because there is no clear owner, parties that are interested in the weir are not willing to sign an MOU. As a stipulation of the maintenance is to pull and replace boards every 5 years. Discussion on whether there was an ITP for the river work or on the maintenance for the 1600. Board is willing for SVRCD to take on removing and replacing the boards as needed. The board would like clarification from the watermaster on their responsibility for maintenance. Need verification that SVRCD is only responsible for maintenance on the 401 after 5 years. Klug questioned the legality of requirements needing a Scientific Collectors Permit to perform, a permit SVRCD does not have.
 - c. Board agreed to approve the Streambed Alteration Agreement with the following stipulations:
 - i. Reduce risk of perpetual obligations for maintenance and management of vegetation at the weir unless funding is provided by the state.
 - ii. Address the concern over Scientific Collectors Permit requirements under statute.**ACTION:** *Approve District Administrator to sign CDFW 1600 permit: Draft Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement, Notification No. 1600-2018-0719-R1, Shasta River, Montague-Grenada Weir Modification with changes as stated.* **MOTION:** Klug; **SECOND:** Hirt; **AYES:** Walker, Hirt, Robertson, Klug, Sandahl; **NOES:** None; **ABSTENSIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**
3. Bogus Watershed Riparian Protection Project
 - a. Stanton explained that the Water Board will not accept him as signatory to contracts and in order to closeout the contract they require a new resolution appointing the District

Administrator as a signatory. Walker has recused himself from discussion. **ACTION:** Approve Resolution 19-006 "A Resolution Authorizing Closeout of an Agreement with the State of California and Designating a Representative to Sign the Agreement, Any Amendments Thereto, and Other Contracts for the Bogus Watershed Riparian Protection Project Agreement D1513102". **MOTION:** Robertson; **SECOND:** Hirt; **AYES:** Hirt, Robertson, Klug, Sandahl; **NOES:** None; **ABSTENSIONS:** Walker. **Motion Approved.**

- b. Discussion with staff and board members regrading new landowner unwilling to sign a landowner agreement with SVRCD for the property on Cottonwood Creek in which exclusionary fencing and stock water station was installed as part of Bogus Watershed Riparian Protection Project. Main discussion items were making a claim against Greco which is not feasible. Attaching fee title for future agreements which is not feasible for SVRCD. Insert wording in new landowner agreements that the seller must disclose the obligation of maintaining the work and having the project inspected as per contract language. Board directed District Administrator to write a letter explaining the work to the new landowner. No action taken.

4. Discussion to submit resolutions for the CARCD Board of Directors meeting in November. No action taken

Project Reports: Stanton's update: Waterboard Streamflow Enhancement grant applications are due September 10 and the request was released today. Stanton will confirm specifics of project with landowner and landowner representative. Parks Creek Fish Barrier Removal: Waiting for an engineer cost update and the permits are being expedited in hopes of completing the project this year. DWR's RFP will be due August 25 and Stanton will be applying for funding for the Panther Creek Project.

Caporaso gave update on: Watersmart contract and the issue of resolving a misunderstanding regarding match with BOR; Biological surveys for Riparian and Groundwater projects is complete; Rotary Trap project is winding down for the season; Groundwater project CIMIS station and HyDAS station status.

Board and Staff Reports: Robertson stated that he could help with social media updates if staff was unable. Klug asked if there were any other permits that have to be acquired for the Montague-Grenada Weir project as a result of the issues brought up with the 1600 permit.

Other Agency/Group Reports

Patterson stated that gasoline was stolen from the vehicles and that their shed was broken into and items stolen over the weekend. CalFire with the Mid-Klamath Watershed will be conducting a prescribed burn in the Bogus area that has been planned for. William Harding with Mid-Klamath is building burn capacity. Equip got funding for forestry to work on parcels in Hammond Ranch. Met with Mt. Shasta Fire District and forester to reduce fuels on property above armory in Mt. Shasta.

Closed Session – Personnel Government Code 54957: **ACTION:** Enter into closed session. **MOTION:** Klug; **SECOND:** Sandahl; **AYES:** Walker, Hirt, Robertson, Sandahl, Klug; **NOES:** None; **ABSTENSIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**

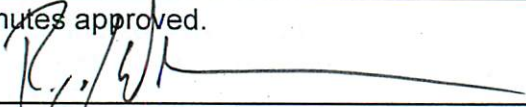
Return to Open Session: **ACTION:** Exit closed session. **MOTION:** Sandahl; **SECOND:** Robertson; **AYES:** Walker, Hirt, Robertson, Sandahl, Klug; **NOES:** None; **ABSTENSIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**

Board reported out of closed session: No action taken.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting: None

Meeting Adjourned – 9:30 pm by Walker

Minutes approved.



Chairman

8-14-19

Date



District Administrator