

# **State of California, County of Siskiyou**

## **Flood Control and Water Conservation District Minutes**

### **October 5, 2021**

The Honorable Directors of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021; there being present Directors Ray A. Haupt, Brandon Criss, Michael N. Kobseff, Ed Valenzuela and Nancy Ogren, County Administrator Angela Davis, County Counsel Edward J. Kiernan, and County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Directors Laura Bynum by Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham.

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 (AB361), Director Michael N. Kobseff was present at 9:07a.m. and participated/attended via teleconference phone from an off-site location.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Haupt.

#### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments received.

**Natural Resources** - Presentation from the California Department of Water Resources re upcoming geological surveys to occur in the Shasta, Scott, Butte and Tulelake Groundwater Basins. Presentation and discussion only.

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 (AB361), participation in this item by various members of the public was provided via teleconference phone.

Natural Resource Policy Specialist Matt Parker appeared before the Board and introduced Department of Water Resources Regional Coordinator Pat Vellines who participated via ZOOM/teleconference phone.

Ms. Vellines presented a powerpoint presentation regarding the Statewide Airborne ElectroMagnetic (AEM) Project, including the Project goal to understand large scale aquifer structures and to identify possible groundwater recharge areas for developing conceptual groundwater models. Ms. Vellines summarized the methods for collecting AEM data in various high and medium priority groundwater basins in the state, including the use of helicopter flights over open/non-populated areas of the County. Ms. Vellines advised that Proposition 68 funding was being utilized for the survey flights at no cost to the County and provided an overview of the process for collecting the data related to groundwater, the various soil types in a given area, safety measures associated with the flights and ongoing efforts to provide public outreach regarding the upcoming flights.

Discussion followed between members of the Board and Ms. Vellines regarding anticipated public outreach efforts, existing data related to groundwater/wells in the County, various water reduction projects in the County, water storage/availability that can be calculated from the available data and the impact of various soil types on groundwater.

The Chair opened the item to public comments.

Caller Anne Marsh shared concerns regarding the groundwater study/modeling timeframes utilized by Larry Walker Associates, advising of the droughts that have occurred since 2011 and the need for careful review of the data.

Caller Chrissie Reynolds shared concerns regarding the use of EMF in the groundwater survey process.

Caller Angelina Cook from the McCloud Watershed Council spoke in support of the possible funding available for drought and conservation projects in the County.

**Minute Approval** – July 13 and August 3, 2021. Approved.

Director Kobseff was temporarily excused.

It was moved by Director Valenzuela, seconded by Director Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Directors Criss, Valenzuela, Ogren and Haupt voting YES and Director Kobseff EXCUSED, to approve the July 13, 2021 and August 3, 2021 minutes as presented.

Director Kobseff returned to the Board Chambers.

**Closed Session** - Flood District - Conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2), one case, conference with legal counsel, anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9, initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4), one case, commenced at 1:30p.m., concluded at 2:27p.m., with no action taken.

**Report On Closed Session**

District Counsel Edward J. Kiernan announced that closed session was conducted from 1:30p.m., to 2:05p.m., and from 2:25p.m., to 2:27p.m., with no reportable action taken.

Mr. Kiernan advised that Director Criss recused himself and left the Board Chambers from 1:30p.m. to 2:05p.m., returning to the Board Chambers at 2:05p.m., for the remainder of closed session.

**Adjournment** - There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:  
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

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Ray A. Haupt, Chair

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy