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BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 24th, 2025:

Call to Order:

1. Vice Chair called meeting to order at 6:38pm.
2. Directors Downing, Marshall, Mullen and Hilbach-Barger, General Manager, and Project Manager were present.

Approval of the Agenda:

1. Mullen made a motion to approve the agenda, Marshall seconded, and all agreed.

Public Comment:

Consent Agenda:

1. Mullen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, Hilbach-Barger seconded, and all agreed.

Correspondence:

1. It was noted that General Manager had submitted a letter of public comment, on behalf of the Board, to the Trump Administration in support of the "Roadless Rule."

Discuss and Vote: FY 2025-2026 RVCWD Budget:

1. Plans were discussed for depositing and tracking grant funds within the District's organization fund with the County Auditor.
2. Potential benefits of opening a District bank account were discussed.
3. It was agreed that an emergency meeting should be called immediately after the present meeting, in order to vote on authorizing General Manager to establish a District bank account.
4. It was reported that the Grant Amendment was still awaiting approval.
5. It was reported that a drone had been purchased.

Discussion and Vote: Gravel Transport Structures & Gravel Removal Under County Road Bridges

1. A need for the County to remove gravels from under valley bridges was discussed.
2. It was agreed that the District should research historical gravel removal practices and communicate with the County, CDFW, CalTrans, RVAMAC, and the Tribes about potential gravel removal and harvest activities.

Discussion: Clean California Grant, Solid Waste, Workforce Development, and Tribal Cooperation

1. A potential for the District to pursue Clean California grant funding for garbage cleanup was discussed.
2. It was agreed that the District should approach the Tribes and inquire into whether they would like the District's cooperation in developing garbage and recycling service.

CDFW Town Creek Bioengineering and Education Project:

1. It was reported that a community tour of the project site had been conducted.
2. It was reported that preparation for project construction had started.
3. It was reported that student tours of the construction site would be performed over the next few weeks.

4. It was reported that the student art program was under development.
5. It was reported that a first payment on invoices had been received from CDFW.
6. It was reported that community and government outreach had commenced.
 - Discussion and Vote: Project Contracts
7. An updated contract for watershed art instruction was reviewed and discussed.
8. Marshall made motion to approve the updated contract, Mullen seconded, all agreed.

DWR Drought Water Vulnerability Assessment Project:

1. It was reported that that the final Drought Vulnerability Study and Project Completion Report had been submitted to and reviewed by DWR, and that DWR had declared the project complete.
2. It was reported that two final invoices were still receivable by the District.
3. It was reported that landowners would be contacted about the water quality testing results for their individual wells.

CFMC Youth Education: Protecting Our Waters Project:

1. It was reported there would be an art booth at the RVIT Health Fair.

Discuss: District Storage Room

Eel River Water Diversions:

1. PG&E's project surrender agreement was discussed.
2. It was reported that project proponents had admitted the proposed project was not in fact a high water diversion but a low water diversion.

Sites Dam and California Water Project:

1. It was reported that the Sites Dam might in fact be targeted for Eel River diversions.

General Manager's Commentary:

Project Manager's Commentary:

Directors' Commentary:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13pm. The next RVCWD meeting will be on Wednesday, October 29th at 6:30pm.