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## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026:**

### Call to Order:

1. Chair called meeting to order at 6:32pm.
2. Directors Downing, Marshall, Mullen and Hilbach Barger, General Manager, Project Manager, and one participant on Zoom were present.

### Approval of the Agenda:

1. Marshall made a motion to approve the agenda, Mullen seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### Public Comment:

### Consent Agenda

1. Mullen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, Marshall seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### Correspondence:

1. It was reported that the EPA had been contacted regarding Clean Water Act comments discussed at the previous meeting and submitted to the agency, and that the agency gave no indication that those comments would be considered by anyone at the agency.
2. It was reported that the District had been contacted by an attorney offering representation to recover any District expenses associated with the discovery of PFAS in a District monitoring well.

### Special District Risk Management Subsidy Fund Grant

1. It was agreed the District might acquire a 4' step ladder, an 8' ladder, brightly covered vests, and ergonomic chairs, and then secure reimbursement from the SDRMA through their Subsidy Fund Grant.

### Discussion and Vote: Employment Development Department State Disability Insurance

1. It was noted that the District had been withholding and paying the EDD for employee disability insurance, but that the District had not in fact opted into a state disability insurance policy for the District employee, and the District therefore needed to pay those withheld funds to the employee and request a refund of the funds from the state.
2. It was agreed that the District would not opt in to an employee disability insurance program at this time.

### DWR Community Water Tanks Project Grant

1. It was reported that DWR had indicated it was likely that a total of 25 tanks would be delivered by their May 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline, though no tanks had yet been delivered and no communication had been received regarding delivery.
2. It was agreed that, should tanks be delivered, they should be stored at the sewer yard and distributed to those demonstrating extraordinary need.

### NCRP Technical Assistance Grant for Gravel Abatement

1. No action.

### Illegal Dumping and Solid Waste Solutions

1. It was agreed that the District should pursue a Clean California Community designation.

2. It was suggested that the District might add “no dumping” signs to the District’s “ours to protect” sign poles.
3. It was suggested that the District should pursue funding for cleanup, monitoring, education and enforcement.

Discussion and Vote: Memorandum of Understanding for Collaboration with Round Valley Indian Tribes:

1. It was suggested that the District could collaborate with the Tribes on solid waste, and that perhaps the Tribes could create a solid waste authority.
2. It was suggested that the District could also collaborate with the Tribes on stream restoration.
3. It was reported that a subcommittee of the District Board would meet to work on developing a draft agreement for collaboration.

CDFW Town Creek Bioengineering and Education Project:

1. It was reported that an assessment of Mill Creek with Native Ecosystems Inc would commence the following week.
2. It was reported that several landowners had taken an interest in the assessment and wished to know how they can improve stream structure on their holdings.

- Discussion and Vote: Project Contracts

Groundwater Monitoring Network and Water Quality Test Results:

1. It was noted that the new well monitoring network would added to the state GASGEM system.
2. It was noted that water had filled the monitoring well vaults and needed to be drained before water level data could be uploaded.
3. It was suggested that the District should pursue funding for further water quality testing and maybe for treatment of manganese contamination.
4. It was agreed that the District should share completed water quality testing results with the Tribal Council.

CFMC Youth Education: Protecting Our Waters Project:

1. It was reported that funds would be used to put up signs at local river access points.
2. It was reported that funds might be used for a youth rafting trip on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Discuss: District Storage Room:

1. It was reported that the west cell of the jail had been cleaned out and washed, and would soon be ready for shelving and storage.
2. It was agreed that racks could be purchased with CFMC grant funds for grant-related storage.

Eel River Water Diversions:

1. Recent actions by the federal government and Southern California water interests were discussed.

Sites Dam and California Water Project:

General Manager’s Commentary:

Project Manager’s Commentary:

Directors’ Commentary:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm. The next RVCWD meeting will be on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.