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Dane Downing, Chair  
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Robert Wyre  
Sandra Mullen  
Bruce Hilbach-Barger  
General Manager  
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Project Manager  
Lourance Hall

### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026:**

#### Call to Order

1. Chair called meeting to order at 6:31pm.
2. Directors Downing, Marshall, Wyre, 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 the motion carried unanimously.

#### Public Comment

#### Consent Agenda

1. A request was made to amend the minutes to correct a typo.
2. Mullen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, Wyre seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### Correspondence:

#### 2024-2025 RVCWD Financial Review

1. It was reported that the final draft review was still expected but not received.

#### 2026 RVCWD Board of Directors Election

1. It was noted that directors Wyre and Marshall were up for reelection.
2. It was noted that the candidates could obtain the required forms after July 13 and file them any time before August 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

#### Discussion and Action: Contracts for Management Services

1. Draft contracts for General Manager, Assistant Manager and Administrative Clerk were reviewed and discussed.
2. Marshall made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, Wyre seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### Groundwater Monitoring Network and Water Quality Testing Capacity:

3. It was reported that monitoring well data would soon be uploaded and viewable on the website, and a presentation to the board of that data would follow.

#### Special District Risk Management Subsidy Fund Grant

1. It was reported that the District had now purchased ergonomic chairs, 4' and 8' step ladders, and safety vests, that the Administrative Clerk had submitted the invoices to SDRMA, and that reimbursement for those purchases by SDRMA was expected at fiscal yearend.

#### DWR Community Water Tanks Project Grant

1. It was reported that no residents with demonstrated water insecurity and need for a tank had yet been identified.
2. It was suggested that the District should work with the Fire District to provide fire water storage in strategic locations, especially until a fire hydrant system is constructed.
3. It was suggested that any water tanks placed around town should be secured however possible.

## NCRP Technical Assistance Grant for Gravel Abatement

1. No action.

## Illegal Dumping and Solid Waste Solutions

1. It was reported that Chair had been in contact with the Covelo disposal site contractor, C&S, regarding opportunities to expand services offered.
2. It was reported that Project Manager and General Manager had presented the District's illegal dumping survey results to the RVIT Tribal Council, and it was well received.
3. It was reported that the RVIT Tribal Council had suggested that the District approach RVIT Housing regarding cooperation in abatement, and such outreach had begun.

## Discussion: Pursuit of Clean California Community Designation

1. It was reported that the Tribal Council had been invited to join the District in signing the Clean California Community Designation pledge, and the Council indicated they would put the topic on a future Council agenda.
2. It was agreed the District should continue to pursue collaboration with the Tribes on designation.

## Discussion: Bridge Collapse and Stream Obstruction Risk on Mill Creek

1. Issues and concerns related to the recent collapse of the Mill Creek bridge were discussed.
2. It was agreed that the County's expressed intent to undertake removal of bridge debris in the summer of 2027, and construction of the replacement bridge in 2028, was objectionable.
3. It was agreed that General Manager should draft a letter to the County and other responsible agencies, expressing the District's concerns, to be reviewed and considered at the next District Board meeting.

## Discussion: Potential Consolidation of Local Districts and Relationship to the County

1. A recent proposal by community members to consolidate local area governments, including water, fire, sewer, cemetery districts and as part of the process of developing and maintaining a fire hydrant system for the town of Covelo, was discussed.
2. It was suggested that district consolidation might lead to greater administrative efficiency.
3. It was suggested that district consolidation might lend itself to detrimental mismanagement.
4. It was suggested that district consolidation might politicize district elections and functions.

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

1. Aspects and potential benefits of an MOU were discussed.
2. It was reported that no progress had been made on MOU development.

## CDFW Town Creek Bioengineering and Education Project:

1. It was reported that irrigation of the bioengineering project was underway.
2. It was reported that field trip planning for homeschool students was underway.
3. It was reported that planning for the project video series was underway.
4. It was reported that further historical watershed analysis stream assessment with Native Ecosystems Inc was planned for the following week.

## CFMC Youth Education: Protecting Our Waters Project:

1. It was reported that an exact number of remaining funds, including collected indirect, would soon be available.

## District Storage Room:

1. It was noted that stored items had been cleared from the district office and placed in the storage rooms, and that a new conference table and chairs had been acquired and set up.

2. It was noted that tools, equipment and materials were now stored in the western storage room and that extra furniture and other items in long-term storage were now stored into the eastern storage room.

Eel River Water Diversions:

1. Details of the attempt by the Elsinore Water District to buy the project and sell water were discussed.

Sites Dam and California Water Project:

1. It was noted that dam development was moving forward.

General Manager's Commentary:

Project Manager's Commentary:

Directors' Commentary:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm. The next RVCWD meeting will be on Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.