

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Flood Control and Water Conservation District Minutes

July 13, 2021

The Honorable Directors of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 13th day of July 2021; there being present Directors Ray A. Haupt, Brandon Criss, Michael N. Kobseff 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. Director Ed Valenzuela was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Haupt.

Public Comment

There were no public comments received.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Director Kobseff, seconded by Director Haupt and carried, following a roll call vote with Directors Criss, Kobseff, Ogren and Haupt voting YES, and Director Valenzuela ABSENT, that the following consent agenda is approved, and the Chair and/or clerk authorized to execute/record any necessary documents:

Flood Control District / Natural Resources - Approve the third addendum to the Prop 68 contract with Larry Walker Associates.

Flood Control and Water Conservation District - Presentation of an update re the progress of developing Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the Butte, Scott, and Shasta Valley groundwater basins, as required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), including follow-up summary to the fee study presented to the District Board on June 1, 2021.

Natural Resource Policy Specialist Matt Parker provided an overview of the request, advising of the anticipated timeframe associated with presentation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) for the Butte, Scott and Shasta Valley groundwater basins for the District Board's review. Ms. Parker introduced SCI Consulting Group representatives Ryan Aston and John Bliss, participating via ZOOM/teleconference, to present a powerpoint presentation concerning options to provide revenue/funding implementation of the GSPs (once adopted).

Mr. Aston presented the powerpoint, and summarized the Self-Funding, Property Related Fee and Special Tax options for providing revenue (funding). Ms. Aston advised that the Special Tax option could be limited due to the Flood District's limited ability to impose taxes.

Director Kobseff spoke in support of utilizing a Countywide funding option, as groundwater issues impact the entire County.

Assistant District Counsel Natalie Reed advised that the Flood District is limited in the ability to impose taxes to residents within incorporated cities.

Discussion followed between members of the District Board, Ms. Reed, Mr. Bliss and Mr. Parker regarding the three options, the associated impacts of each option to Flood District and County residents (well owners and non-well owners), including impacts associated with water adjudications, possible exemptions from special taxes, efforts being made to locate/secure grant funding to lessen the cost impacts associated with groundwater management and the benefits associated with local SGMA oversight.

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The Chair opened the item up for public comment.

Pursuant to California Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-08-21, June 11, 2021, participation in presentations from the public by various members of the public was provided via teleconference phone.

County resident Nick Joslin spoke in support of the District considering the Metered Usage Option (under the Property Related Fee option in the presentation).

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

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Ray A. Haupt, Chair

By: _____
Deputy