

Friday, July 22, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.
Governing Board Regular Meeting
Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority
McLean Hall, Pardee Center, Valley Springs, CA 95252
with a virtual (Zoom) option

Summary Minutes

ROLL CALL

Directors John Coleman, Chair, Terry Woodrow, Vice-chair, Jack Garamendi, Ed Gonzalez, Richard Farrington (via Zoom), Richard Blood (via Zoom) and Jeff Davidson (via Zoom) were present. Absent: Brian Oneto, Amador County. Also present were Executive Officer (EO) Richard Sykes, Administrative Officer Rob Alcott, Authority Counsel Greg Gillott, Authority Secretary Lisa (Stuart) Gualco, 4 in-person and 6 online visitors and presenters.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Meredith Sierra requested an update on the Electra Fire along with clean-up efforts and how it might affect their Foothill Conservancy River Cleanup event held every fall. It was confirmed that this was part of the Executive Officer’s planned oral report at the end of the meeting.

AUTHORITY BUSINESS

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2022

The summary minutes of the April 22, 2022 meeting were provided to the Board for review.

Motion 11-22 to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 22, 2022 was made by Director Davidson, seconded by Director Gonzalez and carried by roll call vote: Yea 7 – Nay 0 – Abstain 0.

2. Treasurer’s Report – Second Quarter FY 2022

A copy of the Treasurer’s Report for the Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2022, which ended March 31, 2022, was presented to the Board.

Motion 12-22 to accept the Treasurer’s Report for filing was made by Director Woodrow, seconded by Director Garamendi and carried by roll call vote: Yea 7 – Nay 0 – Abstain 0.

3. Pardee Reservoir Water Quality Monitoring

At the last meeting, the Board requested a presentation on water quality monitoring performed by East Bay Municipal Utility District at Pardee Reservoir. Mr. Roberto Cortez, P.E., Manager of Water Supply at EBMUD, presented an overview of the District’s monitoring program at this meeting and responded to questions.

4. Forest Projects Report

This Forest Projects Report included an update on Phases 1 and 2 of the Authority’s Forest Projects Plan initiative, as well as updates and recommended actions related to Cal Fire’s \$5 million grant to UMRWA, completing an additional 2,795 acres of archeological surveys on Phase 1 lands, and the preparation and submittal of two new SNC grant concept proposals. The report concluded with a summary of all grants awarded, pending, and proposed.

Motion 13-22 to 1) increase to \$50,000 the amount the Executive Officer is authorized to obligate when executing the consulting services agreement with the firm selected to lead the FPP - Phase 2 planning effort, 2) approve and authorize the Executive Officer to execute agreements with Landmark Environmental Inc. and the Institute for Bird Populations for Aspen Meadow Restoration work funded by the Wildlife Conservation Board, 3) adopt Resolution 2022-01 related to Cal Fire’s award of the \$5 million Forest Health Grant

awarded to UMRWA, 4) approve Amendment 1 to the agreement with InContext Cultural Resource Solutions to perform additional archeological surveys on approximately 2,795 acres of Phase 1 lands and increase the maximum contract amount from \$110,000 to \$160,000, and 5) authorize staff to submit two grant concept proposals to Sierra Nevada Conservancy, one to fund Phase 1 implementation projects (plus other small treatment areas outside of the Phase 1 boundary); the second for Phase 2 planning funds, was made by Director Woodrow, seconded by Director Farrington and carried by roll call vote: Yea 7 – Nay 0 – Abstain 0.

5. **Fiscal Year 2023 Budget**

The Board reviewed the proposed FY 2023 budget at their April 22 meeting and directed staff to transmit the proposed budget to Member Agencies for review and comment. A memorandum presenting the proposed FY 2023 budget and agency assessments was sent in May to Member Agency General Managers and County Administrative Officers with copies to each Member Agency's UMRWA Board director. EBMUD commented favorably on the proposed budget; no other comments were received.

Motion 14-22 to approve the FY 2023 UMRWA budget and authorize staff to transmit invoices to Member Agencies requesting payment of FY 2023 assessments by October 31, 2022, was made by Director Garamendi, seconded by Director Davidson and carried by roll call vote: Yea 7 – Nay 0 – Abstain 0.

6. **Consulting Agreements for UMRWA Support Personnel**

The recommended agreements with Richard Sykes and Rob Alcott for the continuation of Executive Officer and Administrative Officer services for the two-year period beginning October 1, 2022 and were provided to the Board for review.

Motion 15-22 to 1) approve an agreement with Richard Sykes to serve as the Authority's Executive Officer for the period October 1, 2022 through October 31, 2024; and authorize the Board Chair to sign the agreement, 2) waive the standard 'additional insured' automobile insurance requirement and approve an agreement with Rob Alcott to serve as Authority Administrative Officer for the period October 1, 2022 through October 31, 2024; and authorize the Executive Officer to sign the agreement, and 3) waive the standard 'additional insured' automobile insurance requirement and approve the consulting services agreement with Landmark Environmental Inc. to provide services for the period October 1, 2022 through October 31, 2024 and authorize the Executive Officer to sign the agreement, was made by Director Woodrow, seconded by Director Farrington and carried by roll call vote: Yea 7– Nay 0 – Abstain 0.

7. **Status of IRWM Grant Applications**

At its January meeting, the Board authorized staff to develop and submit applications for DWR Prop 1 funding for 1) the Calaveras Public Utility District Jeff Davis Water Treatment Plant Backwash Recycle Project for the IRWM Round 2 Grant solicitation, and 2) the AWA Lake Camanche Water Service Replacement Phase IV and the Foothill Conservancy (FC) Amador Household Water Efficiency Project for the Small Community Drought Funding Program. The Executive Officer provided status updates on these applications to the Board.

8. **Ad Hoc Committee to Review Joint Powers Agreement**

The current UMRWA joint powers agreement (the Second Amended Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement) was established on June 6, 2008. At the April 2022 meeting, the Board established an Ad Hoc committee to review the UMRWA Joint Powers Agreement to determine if updates are needed. Directors Coleman, Garamendi, Gonzalez and Farrington were appointed to serve on that committee.

During a July 6 Zoom meeting, the committee discussed the UMRWA boundary map, additions and revisions to the Authority's goal and purpose provisions, clarification of the Authority's broader interest in water supplies beyond just domestic supply and simplifying the current references to potential interests in PG&E's Project 137. The Ad Hoc Committee plans to meet again in September and will report again to the full Board at the October 7 meeting.

9. Legislative Issues Update

The following legislative matters that may be of potential interest to UMRWA were presented to the Board: HB 6903 McClintock, AB 1717 Aguiar-Curry, and AB 267 Valladres which would extend the SB 901 exemption from CEQA to January 1, 2026. It was noted during discussion that the Calaveras County Water District and Amador Water Agency Boards of Directors have already taken positions opposed to AB 1717.

Motion 16-22 to oppose AB 1717 and authorize the Executive Officer to submit position opposed letter(s) to the author, Governor, Senate Appropriations Committee, Cal Fire and Resources Agency was made by Director Gonzalez, seconded by Director Woodrow and carried by roll call vote: Yea 7– Nay 0 – Abstain 0.

Board Member Comments:

Richard Farrington asked that the HR 8168 McCarthy SOS Bill be added to the agenda for the October meeting. Director Coleman reminded the Board that the October 7 meeting will be held outdoors and that electronics/screens will not be available; therefore, the meeting will be held in-person only.

Executive Officer Comments:

The Executive Officer provided the Board with Cal Fire's update on the Electra Fire. JVID Board member requested information on the easement on the Ponderosa Road/Mokelumne River area of Amador County. The board chair expressed an interest in having UMRWA initiatives highlighted during the presentations at the Pardee BBQ on October 7.

ADJOURNMENT: Director Coleman adjourned the meeting at 12:28 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on October 7, 2022, at Pardee Lodge.

SUBMITTED BY:

Lisa Stuart, Authority Secretary

John Coleman, Chair of the Board
APPROVED: October 7, 2022