

Friday, April 23, 2021 – 1:30 p.m.
Governing Board Regular Meeting
Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority
via WebEx and at the Mokelumne Watershed Office,
15083 Camanche Parkway South, Valley Springs, CA 95252

Summary Minutes

ROLL CALL

Directors John Coleman, Terry Woodrow, Brian Oneto, Jack Garamendi, Richard Farrington, Richard Blood, and Ed Gonzalez were present at the meeting. Absent: Jeff Davidson, Calaveras County Water District. Also present were Executive Officer Richard Sykes, Administrative Officer Rob Alcott, Authority Secretary Lisa Stuart, and 10 visitors.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none.

AUTHORITY BUSINESS

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2021

Motion 06-21 to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 22, 2021 was made by Director Farrington, seconded by Director Woodrow and carried by roll call vote: Yea 7 – Nay 0 – Abstain 0.

2. Treasurer's Report – First Quarter FY 2021

A copy of the Treasurer's Report for the First Quarter of fiscal year 2021, which ended December 31, 2020, was presented to the Board.

Motion 07-21 to accept the Treasurer's Report for filing was made by Director Farrington, seconded by Director Blood and carried by roll call vote: Yea 7 – Nay 0 – Abstain 0.

3. Forest Projects Report

The Forest Projects Report included a recommended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Blue Forest Finance to explore potential funding and financing options for future Mokelumne Watershed forest health projects. Also included is a summary of the Forest Projects Plan (FPP) that UMRWA is developing, and for which grant funding is being sought. The State of California appears poised to begin committing substantial new resources towards implementing forest health projects in response to the recent devastating wildfires. As such, staff is recommending the Board schedule a Board Planning Workshop to discuss the FPP's development and UMRWA's role in an expanded forest health program in the Mokelumne Watershed.

The Executive Officer provided a resolution which would authorize him to submit grant applications when submittal deadlines make specific Board approval of such applications difficult. The Board recommended additional language be added to the resolution before approval which would require the EO to provide grant information to the Chair prior to submittal, allowing the Chair to determine if a special meeting should be called prior to final application submittal. Also discussed were an amendment to Ronwright's Black Springs General Services Agreement to complete nearly 18 acres of mastication work in the Fore project area and information on the status of previously approved fuels treatment

projects and contracts. The EO discussed work on an MOU or other vehicle for USFS/ UMRWA coordination on the FPP and that some form of agreement would be discussed at the next board meeting.

Motion 08-21 to (1) approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Blue Forest Finance, (2) approve the scheduling of a Board Planning Workshop in October 2021 to discuss the Forest Projects Plan, (3) approve Resolution No. 2021-01 regarding grant applications, and (4) approve Amendment 1 to Ronwright agreement was made by Director Farrington, seconded by Director Gonzalez and carried by roll call vote: Yea 7 – Nay 0 – Abstain 0.

4. Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

The Board was provided with the proposed FY 2022 budget information. The total member-supported portion of the proposed budget is \$302,725 (\$8,000 less than the current fiscal year). The budget is organized into the Authority's two primary revenue sources: Member funding and non-Member funding (grant and USFS funding). The Authority's work activities planned for FY 2022 were also summarized for the Board.

Motion 09-21 to endorse the proposed FY 2022 UMRWA budget and authorize staff to transmit the proposed budget to Member Agencies for review and comment was made by Director Farrington, seconded by Director Garamendi and carried by roll call vote: Yea 7 – Nay 0 – Abstain 0.

5. Legislative Issues Update

Information on three bills (AB 697, AB 1570 and SB 804) was provided by EBMUD staff and included in the agenda packet. These bills will have a beneficial impact on forest health efforts in California. The EBMUD board of directors voted to support these bills on April 13, 2021. The Board also discussed AB 297 with Director Farrington requesting UMRWA endorse this one as well.

Motion 10-21 directing staff to submit letters of support on behalf of UMRWA to the authors of AB 697, AB 1570, SB 804, and AB 297 based on a quorum of member agency support for each absent any opposition was made by Director Gonzalez, seconded by Director Farrington and carried by roll call vote: Yea 7 – Nay 0 – Abstain 0.

Board Member Comments: Director Gonzalez provided information regarding Jackson Valley Irrigation District's water supply and that they are looking for a water transfer from the Amador Water Agency.

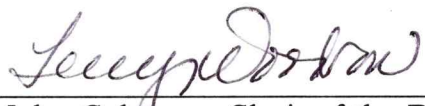
Executive Officer Comments: The EO stated that if California moves forward with reopening plans in June, he's expecting the July UMRWA meeting will be held in person at Pardee Center.

ADJOURNMENT: Director Coleman adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on July 23, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. at a location to be determined based on the State's reopening measures at the time of the meeting.

SUBMITTED BY:



Lisa Stuart, Authority Secretary



John Coleman, Chair of the Board
APPROVED: July 23, 2021