

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Flood Control and Water Conservation District Minutes

January 4, 2022

The Honorable Directors of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 4th day of January 2022; there being present Directors Nancy Ogren, Brandon Criss, Ed Valenzuela and Michael N. Kobseff, 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 Ray A. Haupt was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Criss.

Public Comment

There were no public comments received.

Consent Agenda – Approved.

Participation in this item by various members of the public was provided via teleconference phone.

Caller Nick Joslin shared concerns regarding the Montague Water Conservation District's North Coast Regional Partnership Proposal for their Main Canal Lining for Instream Benefit project, advising of the potential negative impacts associated with efforts to prevent 'leaky' irrigation ditches.

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

County Counsel/Natural Resources - Approve the second addendum to the Agreement of Services with Somach, Simmons & Dunn and authorize the Chair to execute same.

Flood Control and Water Conservation District - Approve Board Chair to sign letter from the Siskiyou County Groundwater Sustainability Agency to the California Department of Water Resources, supporting the Montague Water Conservation District's North Coast Regional Partnership Proposal for their Main Canal Lining for Instream Benefit project.

Flood Control and Water Conservation District - Discussion and possible direction re proposed kayak and paddle board rental business located on Flood Control property at Lake Siskiyou. Staff directed to research/pursue the proposal further and brought back before the District Board at a later date.

General Services Director Jason Ledbetter provided an overview of the request, advising that there was interest in developing a business at Lake Siskiyou to provide rentals of kayaks and paddleboards, although the Flood Control and Water Conservation District did not have a process for offering such a service. Mr. Ledbetter requested the District Board's input with regard to possibly offering this type of business at Lake Siskiyou.

Discussion followed between members of the District Board, Mr. Ledbetter and District Counsel Edward J. Kiernan regarding possibly declaring Flood District property as surplus in order to engage a concessionaire similar to the Lake Siskiyou Campgrounds concession, researching a licensing approach in order to engage the interested party and the potential negative impacts associated with either option.

Director Kobseff shared concerns that this request for District Board input was premature and suggested putting the issue out for Request for Proposals (RFP) and the potential negative impact of researching the request on County/District staff.

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Participation in this item by County/District staff was provided via teleconference phone.

Assistant District Counsel Natalie Reed summarized the anticipated process for researching possible options and for developing an RFP, and requested District Board input prior to proceeding and utilizing staff time/resources.

Directors Valenzuela and Ogren spoke in support of taking steps to promote Lake Siskiyou.

Following discussion between District Board members and Mr. Kiernan regarding the need to review/research the request and the potential negative impact on staff resources, it was moved by Director Valenzuela, seconded by Director Criss and carried, following a roll call vote with Directors Valenzuela, Ogren and Criss voting YES, Director Kobseff voting NO and Director Haupt ABSENT to direct staff to review/research/pursue the proposed kayak and paddle board rental business located on Flood Control property at Lake Siskiyou, to be brought back before the District Board at a later date.

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

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Brandon A. Criss, Chair

By: _____
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