

State of California, County of Siskiyou

Flood Control and Water Conservation District Minutes

March 21, 2023

The Honorable Directors of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District of Siskiyou County, California, met in regular session this 21st day of March 2023; there being present Directors Nancy Ogren, Brandon Criss, Ray A. Haupt, Ed Valenzuela and Michael N. Kobseff, County Administrator Angela Davis, District Counsel Edward J. Kiernan, and County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Directors Laura Bynum by Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Valenzuela.

Public Comment

There were no public comments received.

Transfer of Funds - Siskiyou County Flood Control & Water - \$100,000. Resolution FLD 23-03 adopted.

It was moved by Director Kobseff, seconded by Director Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Directors Haupt, Kobseff, Criss, Ogren and Valenzuela voting YES, to adopt Resolution FLD 23-03, Transfer of Funds – Siskiyou County Flood Control & Water, in the amount of \$100,000.

Consent Agenda – Item pulled for discussion, then approved.

Flood Control/Natural Resources - Approve Memorandum of Understanding with the Karuk Tribe outlining coordination and communication plan related to Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development, for a term ending April 20, 2027.

At Director Haupt’s request, the above listed item, was pulled from the consent agenda for discussion.

Director Haupt shared concerns regarding the potential negative impacts of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Karuk Tribe on other local Tribal entities.

In response to Director Kobseff, Natural Resource Policy Specialist Matt Parker advised that the draft MOU outlining the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) coordination and communication process was presented to all of the Siskiyou County Tribes.

Participation in this item by various staff members was provided via teleconference phone.

In response to District Counsel Edward J. Kiernan, Assistant District Counsel Natalie Reed, participating via ZOOM, advised that the MOU would not impact any tribal boundaries, but only identifies tribal boundaries as provided to the District under AB 52 (Tribal Consultation).

Following discussion between members of the District Board and Mr. Parker regarding an email Mr. Parker received from a Shasta Nation representative regarding the proposed MOU, it was moved by Director Kobseff, seconded by Director Ogren and carried, following a roll call vote with Directors Kobseff, Criss, Ogren and Valenzuela voting YES and Director Haupt ABSTAINING to approve and authorize the Board Chair to sign the MOU with the Karuk Tribe.

Deputy County Clerk Wendy Winningham clarified that the email to Mr. Parker was sent by Shasta Nation representative Sami Jo Difuntorum.

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

Attest:
Laura Bynum, County Clerk

Ed Valenzuela, Chair

By: _____
Deputy