



Board of Directors and Officials
Barbara Balen (TUD) – Secretary
Randy Fletcher (YWA) – Director
Jim Holmes (County of Placer) – Director
Mike Lee (PCWA) – President
Dan Miller (County of Nevada) – Director
Paul Molinelli Jr. (AWA) – Director
Brian Oneto (County of Amador) – Director
Scott Ratterman (CCWD) – Vice-President
Vacant – Director

Dave Breninger, retired (PCWA) – Governmental Affairs Official
Tom Cumpston, Legal Counsel

Jim Branham – Interim Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

ITEM 1

AUGUST 27, 2021

Location:

Placer County Water Agency, 144 Ferguson Rd, Auburn, CA 95603

❖ Call the Meeting to Order – Mike Lee, President at 10:00 a.m.

In Attendance: Barbara Balen, Randy Fletcher, Jim Holmes, Mike Lee, Dan Miller,
Scott Ratterman

Absent: Brian Oneto, Paul Molinelli, Jr.

Participants: Dave Breninger, Jim Branham, Elizabeth DuBose

❖ Introductions, Announcements, Agenda Item Changes, Public Comment

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Consideration to approve the June 25, 2021 Board Minutes

Motion: Mike Lee

Second: Dan Miller

Motion passed unanimously.

Action: Approved June 25, 2021 Board Minutes

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Closed to the Public

3. Membership Status Update

Motion: Randy Fletcher

Second: Dave Breninger

Recommendation:

- The interim ED and Rayann with EN2 Resources will continue to pursue membership renewal requests. Board members are encouraged to initiate communications with any entities with which they have a relationship and have not renewed membership.
- In addition, revenue projections should be closely monitored by the Board and Executive Director in order to determine if changes need to be made to the approved budget.

Action:

- a) Recommendation approved.

4. October 27 "Drought, Fire and a Changing Climate: Where Do We Go from Here?" Forum Status Update

Recommendation:

- Continue to move forward with the event as planned, making any adjustments necessary to deal with external factors (e.g., Covid-19, Caldor Fire).

Action:

- a) Recommendation approved.
- b) Scott Ratterman suggested that John Kingsbury and Ginny Borkowski be invited as MCWRA guests to the event.
- c) Executive Director to follow up with Congressman Tom McClintock's interest in participating at the October 27th event.

5. Discussion of Possible Creation of a 501 (c) (3) Organization

The Board continued discussing the two-step process for becoming a 501(c)(3) organization. Jim Branham suggested the organization could move forward with state process, while determining the long-term plan. Branham also indicated he had been in contact with Jonathan Kusel of the Sierra Institute for Environment and Community to explore partnership opportunities. Board members expressed their support of continuing to pursue this matter in order to increase regional capacity and funding.

Recommendation:

- The Board should delay any decision on this matter in order to allow the new Executive Director an opportunity to conduct thorough analysis of the impacts such an action would have on the organization.
- MCWRA should pursue conversations with Sierra Institute if and when appropriate to determine if there is a partnership possible to achieve the primary objective of increasing funding in the region.

Action:

- a) Recommendation approved.

6. Authorization for Board Chairman Mike Lee to Negotiate Contract Extension with Jim Branham

Motion: Jim Holmes

Second: Dave Breninger

Recommendation:

- The Board consider authorizing Chairman Mike Lee to negotiate and approve a modified extension of Jim Branham's existing contract with MCWRA.

Action:

- a) Recommendation approved.

Next Board meeting time and location is TBD.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.