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[Justin Caporusso – Executive Director](#)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

ITEM 1

APRIL 1, 2022

Location: Zoom

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

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

Absent: Paul Molinelli, Jr., Randy Fletcher

Participants: Justin Caporusso, Rayann La France

- ❖ Introductions, Announcements, Agenda Item Changes, Public Comment

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Consideration to approve the February 4, 2022 Board Minutes

Motion: Jim Holmes

Second: Scott Ratterman

Motion passed unanimously.

Action: Approved February 4, 2022 Board Minutes

2. Board Director Elections Update

Justin Caporusso summarized election activities to-date and described process moving forward. MCWRA has received two official nominations thus far: 1) Supervisor Lori Parlin of El Dorado County and 2) Director Lori Anzini of El Dorado Irrigation District. Two other parties showed interest and may be nominated before the April 4 deadline.

Action:

- Move forward with filling the two current vacant seats and leave recruitment process ongoing.

3. Caldor Fire Tour Discussion

A summary of planning efforts for the California-United Water Conference: Caldor Fire Tour was provided by staff.

Action:

- Staff to send sponsorship information and form for Caldor Fire Tour to Board of Directors (Complete)

4. Governance Committee Appointments

Justin Caporusso provided a summary of background, purpose and current situation for MCWRA's Governance Committee. Board members discussed potential candidates for the three vacant Governance Committee seats (i.e., Affiliate Member, Associate Member, and Associate Member).

Motion: Jim Holmes

Second: Dan Miller

Motion passed unanimously.

Action: MCWRA staff to proceed with initiating recruitment process.

5. Water Policy Principles

Justin Caporusso summarized discussions with Legislative Committee and direction to staff to update both the content as well as the overall format of the MCWRA Water Policy Principles. The current Water Policy Principals have not been updated since 2019. Staff indicated that the proposed changes included in the Board packet reflect a reorganization of the association's priorities, as well as a reformatting to call out both "Statewide Benefits of Healthy Headwaters" and "Key Priorities" for the association.

Motion: Dan Miller

Second: Barbara Balen

Motion passed unanimously.

After Board members took motion to approve the updates to the Water Policy Principals, Director Miller posed a question related to MCWRA's stance on water storage. The Board discussed and considered incorporating additional language into the Water Policy Principles (Policy #4) to add a third bullet supporting "groundwater storage." Board members also discussed narrowing MCWRA's position on supporting alternative energy production as part of Policy #7. These additional changes shall be incorporated and adopted updated Water Policy Principles.

Amended motion:

Motion: Dan Miller

Second: Jim Holmes

Amended motion passed unanimously.

Action:

Approve proposed updates to MCWRA Water Policy Principles, as amended:

- 3rd bullet for Policy #4: include groundwater/recharge basins when it benefits the region and the statewide water system.
- Expand 3rd bullet of Policy #7 to include support for alternative energy production.

6. Bylaws Review and Approval

MCWRA staff provided a summary of proposed changes from the Executive Members. MCWRA Legal Counsel Tom Cumpston reviewed the proposed additional revisions received and made some slight clarifications to the proposed Bylaws in response. A formatting change was made in Article VII, paragraph C, and minor clarifying changes were made to other sections respectively.

Due to lack of response when staff previously sought unanimous written approval for the updated Bylaws, an alternate path of calling a special meeting of the Executive Members to approve the Bylaw changes, as revised, is proposed.

Motion: Scott Ratterman

Second: Jim Holmes

Motion passed unanimously.

Action: Call a special meeting of the Executive Members to approve the Bylaw changes, as revised.

7. Additional Discussions and Actions

Action:

- Reschedule MCWRA Board of Director Meeting from June 3, 2022 to June 24, 2022. (Complete)
- Reschedule MCWRA Strategic Planning Session from June 3, 2022 to August 5, 2022. (Complete)
- Add Wine, Wildfire, and Water event in October to list of important dates on Agenda. (Complete)
- Rayann La France to confirm and send membership dues amount to Director Miller for communications with Nevada Irrigation District. (Complete)

Next Board meeting time and location is scheduled for June 24, 2022 at 10:00 AM and will be held in-person, at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites El Dorado Hills.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.