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Tom Cumpston, Legal Counsel

Justin Caporusso – Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

ITEM 1

FEBRUARY 4, 2022

Location: Zoom

- ❖ Call the Meeting to Order – Scott Ratterman, Vice President at 10:00 a.m.

In Attendance: Scott Ratterman, Randy Fletcher, Jim Holmes, Dan Miller
Absent: Mike Lee, Barbara Balen, Paul Molinelli, Jr.
Participants: Tom Cumpston, Justin Caporusso, Rayann La France

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

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Consideration to approve the November 5, 2021 Board Minutes

Motion: Dan Miller
Second: Jim Holmes

Motion passed unanimously.

Action: Approved November 5, 2021 Board Minutes

2. Membership Update

Justin Caporusso announced two new Associate members Utica Water and Power Authority and Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group. He also discussed recent communications with additional potential members including Calaveras Public Utility District, Sierra Pacific Industries, Nevada Irrigation District, and City of Roseville. Discussions with Mariposa County and Mono County are also ongoing. Randy Fletcher suggested reaching out to North Yuba Water District and Browns Valley Irrigation District (BVID) to introduce MCWRA's vision and mission.

Action: Justin Caporusso will prepare draft email to Executive Members requesting lists of vendors of professional services.

3. Status of Proposed Updates to Bylaws

Justin Caporusso introduced the agenda item noting that staff has received 50% response and approval rate. It was noted that Nevada County has inquired as to whether or not MCWRA is subject to the Brown Act. MCWRA has previously received a legal opinion finding that MCWRA is not subject to the Brown Act. Tom Cumpston has reviewed this legal opinion, and concurred with its findings in his own legal opinion.

Options to move forward with collecting approval votes of the updated Bylaws were discussed. Board members agreed to incorporate member feedback, edits, and suggested changes to the Bylaws and bring the Bylaws back to the Board for ratification. Executive Members would then be invited to a Special Meeting, which would occur virtually, to review and approve the revised Bylaws. The majority of Executive Members would need to attend and then a majority vote to approve the Bylaws is required.

Actions:

- Tom Cumpston will meet with Kit Elliott, Counsel to County of Nevada, to discuss Brown Act as it relates to MCWRA.
- Tom Cumpston will incorporate edits and suggested changes to the Bylaws, as appropriate.
- Staff will work towards holding virtual Executive Member meeting to approve revised Bylaws after next Board meeting (April 2022).

4. Board Director Elections

Board members discussed the current vacancies and Justin Caporusso noted that the Governance Committee has convened to begin the recruitment process for two Director seats: Water Board Member (1) and County Supervisor (1). Randy Fletcher recommended that Justin Caporusso provide an invitation during RCRC's public comment period during its March 2022 meeting. Scott Ratterman proposed reaching out for a representative of El Dorado County since it is in the middle of MCWRA's service area. Suggestions included Lori Anzini, Jim Abercrombie, or Brian Veerkamp from El Dorado Irrigation District.

Motion: Jim Holmes

Second: Randy Fletcher

Motion passed unanimously.

Action: Proceed with the solicitation and nomination of qualified, interested candidates from MCWRA's Executive Membership (General Managers and CAOs) in accordance with MCWRA Bylaws and the schedule outlined in the staff report.

5. Legislative Committee Update

Staff summarized updates to the Legislative Committee, which includes scheduling recurring bi-monthly meetings, reviewing, editing, updating tone, and redesigning Water Policy Principles, and reviewing Governor's proposed 2022-23 Budget and considering letter. Potential 2022 priorities may include 1) North/South alliance/collaborative working toward a joint legislative initiative that funds Sierra NV forest management in exchange for improved/increased downstream water supplies, 2) a new MCWRA legislative initiative that focuses on forest management for reliability of downstream water resources, water quality, and/or water

exchanges, and 3) legislation to amend IRWM funding allocations from population-based to water resource-based criteria.

6. 2022 Event/Tour Discussion

The Board discussed initial planning for two events this year: a summer tour and a fall event, both scheduled around the least conflicting dates from ACWA's industry events calendar.

Justin Caporusso summarized discussions with the CA Water United team: Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA), Mesa Water District, MCWRA, and the Urban Water Institute (UWI) to plan a tour during the last week of June, consistent with previous CA Water United events. A tour of the Caldor Fire is being discussed for the summer tour. Emphasis would be placed on Caples Creek Watershed Ecological Restoration Project (Caples Project), inspired by the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID), funded by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, and completed by the Eldorado National Forest, as well as the event's impact to Grizzly Flats. Other possible topics may include an update from the SWRCB on the digitization of water rights, and/or a review of water quality impacts post wildfire from across the west from Rosemary Smud's team at Carollo Engineers. It has not been determined if this two-day tour would be invite-only or an open event with a registration fee.

The two-day event in the fall, tentatively titled "Wine, Wildfire, and Water," would occur in late September or early October. MCWRA is collaborating with Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 3 and Calaveras County Water District (CCWD). MCWRA is considering a half-day program, evening reception, and morning program in Murphys CA. Scott Ratterman offered assistance with the planning as he and Barbara has provided in the past. It has not been determined if this two-day event would be invite-only or an open event with a registration fee.

Actions:

- Justin Caporusso will discuss date options with CA Water United team for the Summer tour and CCWD for the Fall event.
- Justin Caporusso will proceed with developing a Save the Date for the Summer tour.

7. Strategic Planning Discussion

Staff introduced hosting a strategic planning session and the development of a strategic plan to ensure the most effective and efficient use of MCWRA resources, and to identify and align MCWRA's vision to focus actions and clearly outline expectations of its Executive Director and Board Members. Justin Caporusso recommended contracting with a third-party expert to facilitate a Strategic Planning Session for the Board and develop a Strategic Plan that provides a transparent roadmap for the Association and its Members. This Strategic Plan would provide the Executive Director and Board with direction on where the Association should be influencing outcomes over the next 2-5 years and guide the and provide guidance on the direction of MCWRA resources.

A Strategic Plan Planning Committee would be established and would include two nominated Board representatives to serve on behalf of MCWRA. The Strategic Planning Session would be an all-day workshop facilitated by a third-party expert trained in the development of Strategic Plans, with a specific emphasis on Associations. There would be some advance work, including the review of the previously circulated Member survey, and a pre-planning session with the Strategic Plan Planning Committee.

Randy Fletcher offered to connect with Yuba Water Agency to see if they might be able to assist with providing the Strategic Planning Session facilitator.

Motion: Jim Holmes

Second: Dan Miller

Motion passed unanimously.

Action:

- Randy Fletcher and Scott Ratterman were nominated to serve on the Strategic Plan Planning Committee.
- Staff will proceed with researching and selecting a consultant to provide strategic planning services that align with the available budget.

Next Board meeting time and location is scheduled for April 1, 2022 at 10:00 AM and will be held in-person, location to be determined.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.