

**Grizzly Flats Community Services District
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board
October 14, 2021**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Grizzly Flats CSD Board of Directors was called to order at 6:30 PM by Director McKillop.

ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD

Present: Directors Davidson and Malonson

Called-in: Directors Chigazola, Hannblom, and McKillop

Absent: None

Others: Cort Abney (H2Ou), Kim Gustafson, Mel Kelley, Jodi Lauther, Scott Myers (H2Ou), and Ken Payne (EDWA)

SALUTE TO THE FLAG was led by Director McKillop.

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Director Davidson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Director Malonson 2nd the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken: Director Chigazola – AYE, Director Davidson – AYE, Director Hannblom – AYE, Director Malonson – AYE, and Director McKillop – AYE. The motion passed.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR- These items are expected to be routine business not normally requiring discussion. Action by the Board was taken at one time with one motion.

1. **Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on August 12, 2021.**
2. **Approval of the minutes of the emergency meeting August 27, 2021.**
3. **Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on September 9, 2021.**
4. **Approval of the minutes of the special meeting on September 28, 2021.**

Director Davidson made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Director Hannblom 2nd the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken: Director Chigazola – AYE, Director Davidson – AYE, Director Hannblom – AYE, Director Malonson – AYE, and Director McKillop - AYE. The motion passed.

E. PUBLIC PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

1. **Citizen’s plan to form a 501(c)(3) and efforts to construct a Community Center -** Mel Kelley said that a 501(c)3 organization is being formed, and that they would like to get the property at Grizzly Pond designated as a recreation facility through the El Dorado Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). He mentioned that they would like to develop it into a park, and that they would also maintain it. The non-profit organization may also build a community center later, but not necessarily at the pond lot. It was mentioned that the district’s revenue pertains to water service only, so staff cannot dedicate any time researching the development of the pond site.

Director Davidson made a motion to authorize members of the public to invest time and energy to gather factual data from the El Dorado Local Agency Formation Commission about developing the Grizzly Pond property into a park so that it can be discussed at a future meeting. Director Chigazola 2nd the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken: Director Chigazola – AYE, Director Davidson – AYE, Director Hannblom – AYE, Director Malonson – AYE, and Director McKillop - AYE. The motion passed.

F. ADOPT RESOLUTION 2021-03

1. **Adopt Resolution 2021-03, Proclaiming a Local Emergency Persists, Re-Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency for the Caldor Fire by Governor Gavin Newsom on September 1, 2021, and Re-authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Legislative Bodies of Grizzly Flats Community Services District for the Period of October 18, 2021, to November 18, 2021 CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF CA GOVT § 54953, SUBDIVISION (E), PARAGRAPH (1), SUBPARAGRAPH (B) –** Kim Gustafson said this resolution must be adopted if the Board wants to continue holding remote teleconference meetings during the Caldor fire emergency. The resolution extends the remote meeting period through the district’s next regular meeting which is scheduled for November 18, 2021.

Director Davidson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-03 as presented. Director Malonson 2nd the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken: Director Chigazola – AYE, Director Davidson – AYE, Director Hannblom – AYE, Director Malonson – AYE, and Director McKillop - AYE. The motion passed.

G. CALDOR FIRE EMERGENCY RESPONSE / Lauther (discussion)

1. **Review the most recent Caldor Fire Status Reports** – Scott Myers of H2O Urban Solutions said that staff is still restoring water where there were breaks and system damage. Forest View tank was brought back online. Scott said that staff will repair a leak on Wild Bee Road tomorrow so that non-potable water can be restored to Old Mine Road. He noted that the District is distributing one gallon jugs of water to the community that was donated by Arrowhead. Staff is also working to restore the pressure system. The plan is to make a pump station at the District office and then restore the South View pump station.
2. **Discuss Water Quality Testing Program – status of water quality testing** - Scott Myers and Cort Abney of H2O Urban Solutions reported that they received initial water quality testing results and that some areas were cleared of water use restrictions. Additional results are expected to arrive early next week.
3. **Discuss the Damage Assessment Report issued on 09/27/2021 by H2Ou** – Scott Myers said that they met with California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA), and the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA). He said the initial cost assessment for damage is estimated at \$13,000,000 to replace the pump stations, repair the diversions, and protect the diversion flows from erosion. The estimated cost for pre-treatment if ash gets into the water is \$500,000, and Scott mentioned that a back-up plan to truck in water is ready if needed. Staff is working with FEMA on restoration of service lines and have contracted to have Rob Meston of Hydrevolution perform a leak audit of the system. Jodi Lauther noted that the District needs to get the damage assessed within a 60 day window. She said that a funding request was submitted to Cal OES to cover upfront costs. It is estimated that it will cost approximately \$1,000,000 to remove the hazardous trees on Forest Service land at the diversions. Cort Abney noted that there is more work to do than money. Ken Payne mentioned that he is working with a forest recovery team that is looking at removing and selling hazardous trees.
4. **Report on “Assistance to GFCSO for Caldor Fire Recovery” / Ken Payne, General Manager of the El Dorado Water Agency** – Ken Payne said that the El Dorado Water Agency Board of Directors approved grant funding to assist the District with recovery efforts including legislative advocacy and regulatory assistance with El Dorado County, Cal OES, and FEMA, public relations support, paperwork, and administrative work. Cal OES and FEMA indicated that the District is ahead of the curve. Ken highlighted recent efforts such as applying for emergency funding from Cal OES in the amount of \$3,500,000 to restore Big Canyon diversion, the 6” pressure line, clearing access roads, trucking water in if necessary and addressing debris that may clog the diversions. Additionally, they have been performing work to apply for Section 404 which is a hazardous mitigation grant from Cal OES that can be used to replace and repair infrastructure. He noted that this is a short term grant with restrictions on what may be funded. Also, they have been aiding the district in filing for Section 406 assistance which is a loss of services grant through FEMA which backs up to Section 404 assistance and is a long term grant that can be used to supplement a loss of services and implement improvements to avoid repetitive damages. Ken mentioned that Cal OES will not spend money on federal lands, which is where our diversions are located. A meeting is scheduled to take place tomorrow with the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), Paradise Irrigation District, and others in an effort to pool resources. Anticipated problems include three to five years of debris in the diversion flows, erosion, and approximately five tons of debris. Ken noted that he is working on a package for the Department of Interior for Capital Improvement Project funding if all other plans fail.
5. **Report from the Insurance Adjuster’s Visit on 09/30/2021** – Jodi Lauther said she met with the insurance adjuster on September 30, 2021, to inspect the damage at Tyler and Winding Way tanks. She discovered that the District has a \$500,000 deductible for major disasters.
6. **Report on status of customer billing and payments** – Jodi Lauther reported that all customer payments were processed into the bank as of this week. Staff distributed one additional water statement covering the billing

period of mid-July to August 17, 2021. El Dorado Water Agency approved funding to have a consultant look at our funding and rates to make a recommendation on how to proceed financially after the Caldor fire.

7. **Report from Cal OES Applicant's Briefing, held on 09/29/2021** – Jodi said that an exploratory call was held last Wednesday, October 6, 2021. A scoping meeting has been scheduled to take place on October 15, 2021 to discuss initial damage assessments and start the funding process.
8. **Adopt Resolution 2021-04, Designation of Applicant's Agent Resolution for Non-State Agencies** – Jodi Lauther referred the Board to page 26 of the packet for a resolution that is required by Cal OES to designate the District's point of contact.

Director Hannblom made a motion to designate Jodi Lauther as the District's agent and to adopt Resolution 2021-04 as presented. Director Davidson 2nd the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken: Director Chigazola – AYE, Director Davidson – AYE, Director Hannblom – AYE, Director Malonson – AYE, and Director McKillop - AYE. The motion passed.

9. **Update on emergency actions performed in accordance with Resolution 2021-01, and approve associated expenses** - Jodi Lauther said that she added this item to the agenda so that she could express her appreciation for all of the hard work H2O Urban Solutions has performed for the District. It was also mentioned that former employee Nick Chapman has been assisting with the recovery efforts and is greatly appreciated as well. She referred the Board to page 28 of the packet for the current contract wording for emergency and overtime work.
 - a. **Review H2O Urban Solutions, Inc. invoices for response to the Caldor Fire Emergency and approve payment for invoice for August and September** – Jodi Lauther requested that the Board approve H2Ou's August 2021 invoice for \$27,422.50, the O&M Contract Operations invoice for \$2,485.00, and their September 2021 invoice for \$68,602.75.

Director Chigazola made a motion to authorize payment of the invoices as presented. Director Hannblom 2nd the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken: Director Chigazola – AYE, Director Davidson – AYE, Director Hannblom – AYE, Director Malonson – AYE, and Director McKillop - AYE. The motion passed.

- b. **Review emergency work authorized or completed, invoices and reports if applicable from work authorized under Resolution 2021-01** – Jodi Lauther referred the Board to page 51 of the packet for a summary of expenses incurred under Resolution 2021-01. There was a brief discussion about the charges.

Director Davidson made a motion to approve expenses for emergency actions which were performed in accordance with Resolution 2021-01 as presented. Director Malonson 2nd the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken: Director Chigazola – AYE, Director Davidson – AYE, Director Hannblom – AYE, Director Malonson – AYE, and Director McKillop - AYE. The motion passed.

10. **Discuss Resolution 2021-01, Resolution of GFCSO, Declaring an emergency for the Caldor Fire, adopted on August 27, 2021, and confirm an emergency still exists in the District as described in the resolution** – Jodi Lauther requested that the Board declare if an emergency still exists due to the Caldor Fire, and if she should continue to operate under the conditions of Resolution 2021-01.

Director Davidson made a motion to confirm an emergency still exists and all terms of Resolution 2021-01 remain in place until reassessed at the next regular Board meeting in November. Director Hannblom 2nd the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken: Director Chigazola – AYE, Director Davidson – AYE, Director Hannblom – AYE, Director Malonson – AYE, and Director McKillop - AYE. The motion passed.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS / DIRECTORS COMMENTS

1. **Next regular meeting is scheduled to take place on November 18, 2021, due to the Veteran's Day holiday** – Kim Gustafson noted that November 11, 2021 is a holiday, so the next regular meeting is scheduled to take place on November 18, 2021.

Director McKillop thanked GFCSD and H2Ou staff for their hard work. Director Malonson and the Board thanked Ken Payne and the El Dorado Water Agency Board of Directors for their assistance as well.

- I. **ADJORNMENT- Director Malonson made a motion to adjourn. Director Davidson 2nd the motion. There was no further discussion. A roll call vote was taken: Director Chigazola – AYE, Director Davidson – AYE, Director Hannblom – AYE, Director Malonson – AYE, and Director McKillop - AYE. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.** The next regular meeting will be held via teleconference starting at 6:30 PM on Thursday, November 18, 2021.

Minutes submitted by:

Kim Gustafson, Board Secretary

Approved by:

Sherry McKillop, Board Chair

Date:
