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Board of Supervisors Special Meeting

Wednesday, May 6th, 2015 12:00 PM KCCD Office

ATTENDANCE

Mark Moore , Chair Jeff Brunson , Auditor Bill Boyum , Member Ron Gibb , Member	KCCD Staff: Anna Lael, District Manager Mark Crowley, Resource Technician NRCS Staff: Erin Kreutz, Resource Conservationist
Guest: Bill Eller, Washington Conservation Commission	

- I. **Call to Order-** Chair Mark Moore called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM
- II. **Drought Response** – Anna reported to the Board that she worked with County staff to determine how to respond to the drought situation. It was brought to Anna’s attention that the District is listed as a co-lead in the Kittitas County Hazard Mitigation Plan completed in 2011. The plan states that the District and the County will complete a Drought Response Plan. Anna worked with the County staff and the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) as they declared a Drought Emergency. In the resolution declaring the emergency the BOCC authorized their staff to work with the District to do the plan and they stated they will reevaluate the emergency status at the end of this year.

In the meantime, Anna reported that she talked with Tom Tebb at Ecology about potential assistance with drought response. Immediately after the drought declaration by the Governor in March, Tom reached out to us and other districts in the watershed offering assistance. There had been some email exchanges about assistance, but two weeks ago Anna spoke with Tom about a drought response plan and assistance. Tom’s recommendation was to send a letter directly to Maia Bellon requesting funding and assistance. Anna has a letter drafted for Board review. It includes a list of projects and activities that was put together by talking to the irrigation districts, as well as including our own projects (e.g. sprinkler conversions).

Bill Eller suggested to the Board that they follow the Board of County Commissioners and also pass a drought emergency resolution. That resolution can authorize District staff to work with the County and also state the Board’s authorities in 89.08 to respond to this event.

MOTION – Direct staff to prepare a resolution to declare a drought emergency for consideration at the May 14 Board meeting.

Jeff Brunson, seconded by **Bill Boyum**

Passed Unanimously

The Board reviewed the letter to Maia Bellon and offered some edits, including stating that our Board will be passing a drought emergency resolution. The Board reviewed the list of projects was waiting for the cost estimate from Cascade for costs of the pump replacements. The Board also discussed the timing of the letter and directed Anna to send it out as quickly as possible.

MOTION – Send letter as revised to Director Maia Bellon, Washington Department of Ecology, requesting drought response assistance.

Ron Gibb, seconded by **Jeff Brunson**

Passed Unanimously

III. **Adjournment** – Mark Moore adjourned the meeting at 12:30 PM

MOTIONS APPROVED:

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Jeff Brunson, seconded by Bill Boyum *Passed Unanimously*

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Ron Gibb, seconded by Jeff Brunson *Passed Unanimously*



Recording Secretary



Date



Board Member



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