**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF**

**COLUMBIA RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**FEBRUARY 15, 2024**

Pursuant to the call of the President and to written notice duly made and given as provided in the by-laws, a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Columbia Resource Conservation District (CRCD) was held at the Columbia Canal Company (CCC) office located at 6770 Avenue 7½, Firebaugh, California, on February 15, 2024, at the hour of 8:00 am.

**Those present at the meeting were:**

**Directors:**

Steven Cardella, Vice President (Phone)

Michael Gardner, Secretary/Treasurer

Shane Burkhart, Director

Darrell Vincent, Director

**Others:** Chris Cardella, CCC President

Kim Brown, CCC Director

Bernard Puget, CCC Secretary/Treasurer

Ken Samarin, CCC Director

Noelle Catania, CCC Office Manager

Adam Hoffman, SJRECWA

Chris White, SJRECWA

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice President Cardella called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

**ROLL CALL**

A quorum of the Board of Directors was present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for the December 21, 2023, meeting was presented for approval. After some discussion, Director Vincent moved to approve the minutes. Director Burkhart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER**

The check register for December 15, 2023, through February 7, 2024, was presented for approval. After some discussion, Director Vincent moved to approve the check register. Director Burkhart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**Operation & Maintenance Report:** A letter from CRCD to Christian Buenrostro, United States Bureau of Reclamation dated February 6, 2024, regarding contract # R140R2021P0065, was presented to the Board. The letter included an O&M Report for December 2023 and January 2024.

Columbia Mowry Distribution facilities were shut down in mid-November as Columbia Canal Company’s water delivery season finished. Madera Pump pulled Columbia Main Plant Pumps #1 and #2 and Mowry Pump #1 for general repairs. The trash racks and gates were inspected and repaired as needed. The delivery canal was cleaned and cracks sealed and repaired as needed. The leak on the San Joaquin River west bank next to the MLT west field was fixed. A flap gate on the Re-Lift 9 pump station was installed to prevent water losses from the Columbia Canal. All gates and cables were inspected for correct locks and some welding was required to repair crossing areas that were damaged through the season. Copies are in the minutes file.

**Future Meeting Dates:** The next regular CRCD Board Meeting will be held on May 14, 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 am.

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Rick Elrod, President Michael Gardner, Secretary/Treasurer