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**MINUTES OF THE LAKE MADRONE WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 22, 2025**

PRESENT: The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lake Madrone Water District was called to order by Chairman Tim Beers at 9:31 a.m. at the Beers cabin, 18 Forest Inn Drive, Berry Creek, California 95916. Other Directors present were Michael Camodeca, Jason Patane and Elizabeth Haydon. Shane McCabe, District's Water System Manager/Maintenance Technician and Vicki Hoggins, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant were also present. Many Community Members were also present including: Tom Jensen, Richard Starch, Tom Sanford, Dave Hamilton (ODIN), Tino Maestas (ODIN) Kathy Nay, Dennis Nay, Thomas Baker, Sheila Raymond, John Raymond, Jess Vickery, Kari Vickery, Tom Collopy, Tim Casillas, Joanie Daniels, Chris Potts and Alicia Santo.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: It was moved by Director Camodeca, seconded by Director Patane and passed unanimously, to approve remainder of the Agenda as presented, with the exception that PG&E and Interwest are not attending today's meeting to talk about easements, but instead will be present at next month's meeting.

PRESENTATION BY ODIN, TINO MAESTAS AND DAVID HAMILTON: Tino Maestas and Dave Hamilton presented information on the planned sediment removal from the Lake scheduled for mobilization on April 28, 2025. The project will take three months, sand removed from the Lake will be compacted as it is removed and loaded into trucks immediately. They expect 70 truck loads a day to remove 42,000 cubic yards of sediment.

Director Mason joined the meeting.

Pictures of ODIN's equipment and the proposed removal sites were passed around. ODIN will do a bathymetric survey before beginning dredging. They are aware of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrative Order. A biologist will be onsite every day of the removal. Turbidity curtains will be used to hold back the sediment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of February 22, 2025, were presented for approval. It was moved by Director Mason, seconded by Director Patane, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 22, 2025, as corrected.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Director Haydon presented the Financial Report. It was moved by Director Haydon, seconded by Director Camodeca, and passed unanimously, **to approve the payment of Warrants 11228 through 11240 and EFTS totaling \$9,239.70 (after subtracting the duplicate payment to USDA in the amount of \$20,428.00 which was already paid last month and Vivian Maritza will be contacted about how to correct this in Quickbooks).** A deposit of \$1,450.00 was received from PG&E as payments for the electrical lines placed underground on District property. Routine and ordinary bills on the unpaid bills report in the amount of \$2,135.52 were presented for approval. **It was moved by Director Haydon, seconded by Director Mason, and passed unanimously, to pay the unpaid bills in the amount of \$2,135.52.** APTIM is now

asking the District for payment on the two old invoices that they have not provided tracking as requested by the District and which the District has not heard from them for about a year.

SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS: (each item not to exceed 15 minutes)

A. Forms 700 for Board Members: These have been completed and delivered online or in person at the Butte County Elections Office.

B. Response to North Complex (Bear) Fire:

(1) Status of Administrative Reimbursements from FEMA/Cal OES. Cal OES has requested that all invoices received from APTIM, Water Works and Minasian Law Firm be categorized into one of the six eligible projects for the North Complex Fire. Chairman Beers hopes to have this task completed prior to the next Board meeting.

(2) Status of Legacy Projects.

(a) Job #4434DR-CA (February and March 2019 Severe Winter Storms).

Currently the Cal OES Disaster Closeout Unit is completing the Final Inspection Report (FIR) for this disaster. They hope to have it completed in the next week or so. Once that is completed, the District should be receiving at least \$1,377.00 in retention funds.

(b) Project 162636 (Water Distribution System). FEMA has agreed to pay for 800 linear feet of PVC water pipe on Madrone Way, 68 service connection laterals, various above-ground appurtenances, and 400 linear feet of PVC water pipe on Lakeside Way between Dan McManus's and Toyon Trail at a cost of approximately \$521,046. The Project is still going through FEMA EHP review.

(c) Project 164538 (Temporary Water Supply and Repairs). FEMA's Grant Portal is showing \$22,284.78 for the Scope and Cost of this Project. Chairman Beers has been working with Scott Rinser at Cal OES to try to get FEMA to correct the Grant Portal to \$36,567.67.

(3) Status of Water System.

(a) Status of Water Grid Design and Replacement. The District is now part of the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience Program (SAFER). The State Water Board has assigned GHD to be the District's Technical Assistance Provider. Madeline Howell from GHD is the Project Manager and Adam Rausch is the Program Director. The goal is to repair the Lake Madrone Water District water grid by the Fall of 2027. GHD is going to have leak detection testing done on the entire water system in May or June of this year. The Corrective Action Plan is to be completed by June 30, 2025. Monthly meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m., the next one being April 2, 2025.

(b) Water Delivery to Temporary Water Systems. Shane McCabe delivered 25 deliveries of water for a total of 25,000 gallons. Shane changed out a failed pump at the Casillas cabin.

(4) Erosion Control. Edith Farrell's lots have been losing trees, root balls and dirt in alarming amounts which has blocked Lakeside Way on more than one occasion. All the current debris has been removed from the road. Edith is paying Wes North for this work. There is no erosion control on these lots and that needs to be addressed.

C. Department of Water Rights IRWM Grant: Director Mason and Richard Starch are waiting for a decision as to whether a portion of these funds can be allocated to correct the problem with the seal on the Galen Well, and it appears that that will be approved.. John Page is the County Representative for DWR. DWR will be adding a Grant Manager. Because of adding the Galen Well to the Project, the number of lots on Toyon that will get water from the new well has been reduced to six.

D. FEMA Funding for 2022-23 Storm Damage:

Project No. 711955 (Lake Sediment and Tree Removal): On Monday, March 10, 2025, Project 711955 entered the Large Project Notification (LPN) Que. It is currently at FEMA headquarters in Washington, D.C. Chairman Beers and Roger Williams have talked to Richard Strezo at the Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAC) regarding a bridge financing loan. A \$4 million loan will cost \$60,000 in fees, with an additional 5% interest on the actual amount borrowed. The District will be responsible for 6.25% of the cost of the Project (\$250,000), but could get 5% back in Cat-Z money from FEMA (\$200,000 plus 5% of Cal OES's cost share (\$750,000) \$37,500). Chairman Beers has completed a draft of the Contract and sent it to ODIN for review. He has made their suggested changes, such as changing "Construction Contract" to "Contract". The first payment to ODIN will be due at the end of May if the Project starts on April 28, 2025. ODIN will do a bathymetric study of the lake before beginning dredging. They also have to do another Biological Survey (30 days before the start of the Project) and wants the District to pay them \$25,000 of the contracted price upfront for this work. It was moved by Director Patane, seconded by Director Camodeca and passed unanimously, to give ODIN a \$25,000 advance payment pending FEMA obligation of the Project. All the paperwork has been completed for the Butte County Encroachment Permit and once the Project is obligated, it will be turned in. Fairbanks Paving is supposed to come up and give the District a quote for road repair before and after the sediment Project is completed.

Project No. 747122 (Rip Rap): Nothing to report.

E. February 4, 2024 Storm Recovery: Project No. 750222: All paperwork has been completed and turned in to both FEMA and Cal OES. It may take several months for the District to receive the \$35,911.41 that has been obligated for this Project.

F. Property Owner Responsibility for Trees in Gap Area: Nothing to report. The Board will produce a written policy when time permits.

G. Worker's Comp. Insurance: The District has been paying \$3,697.32 for Worker's Compensation Insurance. Cody Marshall at Heritage Insurance Agency found Worker's Comp Insurance through Zenith which is part of J-Prima. Their annual premium is \$2,607.00, a savings of \$1,090.32. All J-Prima policies begin on April 1 of each year. Therefore, the District needs to pay a short-term premium of \$308.00 which will cover from March 19 through April 1. It was

moved by Director Mason, seconded by Director Camodeca, and passed unanimously, to approve the new Worker's Compensation Insurance through Zenith Insurance.

GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Letters & Communications: Director Camodeca noted the communications received by the Board since the last meeting have been posted to the District's website and physical copies will be retained pursuant to the District's document retention policy. Vicki Hoggins noted that the 2024 CCR and the Nitrate Monitoring Notice of Violation (a missed water sample) were mailed out to all water users.

B. Maintenance Report and Materials Needed by District: Shane McCabe presented the Maintenance Report covering the period from February 23, 2025 through March 22, 2025.

Water System: February water production was 284,137 gallons, all of which was from Star Well, for an average of 10,148 gallons per day. Water Tender Delivery total for January, 2025 was 25,000 gallons (25 deliveries). Line loss was 8,362 gallons per day. A 2-inch drain line on the Panorama Tank (felled tree damage) needs repair. The lead line survey needs to be posted on the kiosks. In 2024, the District failed to do a required test for nitrates, which means the District had to notify all water users and complete other paperwork. Vicki Hoggins, Shane McCabe and Director Haydon took care of this. The Non-Compliance Notice and Consumer Confidence Report have been posted on the kiosks. The District is now compliant. There was a positive BacT (bacteria) test on the 100,000 gallon tank. A repeat test was negative. In order to have more control over the testing process, Shane is going to get certified as a Water System Operator, which would allow him to collect the samples and deliver them to the lab. The EAR for this year is being completed by Shane and Director Haydon. A 1/4" waterline on the pump at the Kester cabin was repaired. Shane is also preparing and putting important documents in a binder and archiving important emails and documents.

Lake/Creeks: The lake level was 1970.92 feet on February 1, 2025 and 1970.92 feet on February 28, 2025, for no change. Rainfall for February 2025 was 17.3 inches. March rainfall to date is 6.8 inches. January 1, 2025 through February 28, 2025 was 20.4 inches and July 1, 2024 through February 28, 2025 was 57.5 inches. The annual dam inspection has been rescheduled to Spring. A lot of material has been removed from the inlets and the spillway.

Gates/Fencing: The fence at Panorama was damaged by a falling tree. Richard Starch has repaired the fence at least temporarily. **ON MAY 1, 2025, THE DISTRICT WILL BE CHANGING THE PIN PAD NUMBER ON THE GATES AND WILL NO LONGER GIVE IT TO LANDOWNERS IN ORDER TO KEEP IT FROM BEING MISUSED. IT WILL ONLY BE GIVEN TO REGULAR VENDORS SUCH AS BEN'S TOILETS AND THE GARBAGE COMPANY. LANDOWNERS WILL HAVE TO GET CLICKERS TO GIVE TO THEIR VENDORS OR MEET THEM AT THE GATES. PROPERTY OWNERS SHOULD PURCHASE THEIR CLICKERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** Two gate cards have been given to landowners. Gate cards are not for sale.

Landscaping/Trees: Brooke Elliot has confirmed that they will removed the downed trees on District property in front of Frances Pinnock's property. Every decked log has been burned or

removed. The logs at Toyon will also be removed. Richard Starch will take care of the Oak tree across Panorama. A tree fell across from Juli Reise's cabin and has been taken care of. The burn pile is still open. Please text Shane with the date, time and volume estimates before dropping off any material at the burn pile. **DO NOT PUT ANYTHING ON THE ACTIVE BURN PILE UNLESS APPROVED BY SHANE.**

Roads: Shane loaded Wes North's trailer with dirt from mudslides Lakeside Way from Edith Farrell's property. Wes reimbursed \$100.00 in diesel fuel.

Equipment: The front tires on the backhoe need to be replaced. Shane will get a quote on the cost.

Miscellaneous: Goats are still grazing at Lake Madrone and will be there for seven to ten more days. The District no longer has to take the remedial action that was previously discussed (chopping trees and spraying). Dennis Nay and Chairman Beers were thanked for covering for Shane when he is on vacation. The water table measured 31 feet above the pump recently at Star Well, which is a significant increase.

C. Permits, Administrative Orders and Grants Research:

Permits: Nothing to report.

Administrative Orders: Nothing to report because no work has occurred that has to be documented to the EPA, although the sediment removal Project will have to meet the requirements of the Order.

Grants Research: Nothing to report.

D. Community Reports:

1. Fire Protection:

Goat Grazing Fuel Reduction Project. Already covered.

South County Fire Safe Council. Members of the Berry Creek Community Council have invited members of the Lake Madrone community to join in projects and community events. The Fire Safe Council will be doing vegetation removal along Bald Rock Road. There was a meeting to sign an MOU between Berry Creek Fire Safe Council and Butte County Fire Safe Council. Director Haydon is the pod leader for Lake Madrone. Director Haydon went on a tour of what has been done in Concow. There is a timeline on reforestation. A tour of Magalia is coming up. All hours put in by volunteers on fire prevention commencing with the end of November 2024 should be recorded on the form from the website Butte County Fire Safe website at buttefiresafe.net/volunteer. Credit is given toward grants from the Fire Safe Council based on these volunteer hours. They are working on recertification of the Firewise Community designation that can be used to reduce the cost of fire insurance. On May 3, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to noon, Lake Madrone will hold a "Doom the Broom" event where members of the Berry Creek community and

Chico State students will help the Lake Madrone community remove Scotch Broom at Lake Madrone.

2. Website/Newsletter: Kathy Nay will be sending out a newsletter soon. She has included information regarding the fact that the keypad number will no longer be given out as of May 1, 2025, except to recurring providers such as the garbage company and propane suppliers, and volunteered to help make signs to put on the gates. She will also let property owners know that lake cleanout is probable for April 28.

3. No Bear Garbage Club: The beginning balance was \$9,871. Fees paid in March were \$380 and \$450 was received. The new balance is \$9,941. Annual fees are \$150 for part-timers and \$300 for full-timers.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Director Haydon reported that the new directory is nearly ready. Chairman Beers reported that LAFCO's Municipal Service Review for Berry Creek Community Services District recommended that BCCSD be incorporated into South Feather Water and Power Agency or that Lake Madrone Water District be dissolved and become a part of BCCSD. Paul Minasian has been asked to respond on LMWD's behalf.

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING, PLACE, DATE AND TIME: The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lake Madrone Water District will be a regular meeting to be held on April 26, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. at the Ski Beach, weather permitting, and if not, then at the Patane cabin, 322 Lakeside Way, Berry Creek, Berry Creek, California 95916. Topics will include (1) responses to North Complex (Bear) Fire, (2) DWR - IRWM Grant, (3) FEMA Funding 2022-23 Storm Damage, (4) February 4, 2024 Storm Recovery, and (5) Property Owner Responsibility for Trees in Gap Area.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

VICKI L. HOGGINS, Recording Secretary

HOLLY S. MASON, District Secretary