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**MINUTES OF THE LAKE MADRONE WATER DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2010**

PRESENT: The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lake Madrone Water District was called to order by Chairman Roger Williams, at 9:45 a.m. at the Williams' cabin, 110 Old Mill Road, Berry Creek, CA 95916. Other Directors present were Dennis Nay, John Raymond and Scott Owens, Director Jim Smith being absent. Also present were Bodil Kruger Keech, Maintenance Technician and Vicki Hoggins, Recording Secretary/Administrative Assistant. Others present were Kathy Nay, Sheila Raymond, Mike Beers, Ron Sanford, and Lon Tennant.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Consent Agenda dated February 27, 2010, was presented to the Board for approval. It was moved by Director Nay, seconded by Director Owens, and passed unanimously, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of January 24, 2010, were presented for approval. It was moved by Director Raymond, seconded by Director Nay, and passed, with Director Owens abstaining, to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 24, 2010, as presented.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Judge Morony passed away. He was 98.

GENERAL AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Letters & Communications:

1. Completed Forms 700 for the Minasian Law Firm.
2. Letter from Dept. of Homeland Security.

B. Maintenance Report and Materials Needed by District: Bodil Kruger Keech, District's Maintenance Technician, reported as follows: (1) she has recorded 46.8 inches of rain for the season; (2) four wild turkeys have been seen; (3) new well: the new well is online, although it is on manual, instead of automatic because something is malfunctioning; (4) all 32 burn piles have been reduced to ashes; (5) some raking was done during dry weather, with much more needed; and (6) a lot less time has been spent removing gravel because of the road work done last year on Idylwild.

C. Community Reports.

1. Budget: The Board held a Budget Workshop prior to this meeting and will hold another in March. All are welcome to attend. The Board is trying to prioritize what needs to be done. A lot of work has been done in a short period of time, including a major lake cleanout, repairing the dam platform, new well and upgrade of the electrical system and new gate, which has depleted the District's reserves. Projects that remain to be done include the outlet pipe under the dam, replacement of the redwood water tanks and annual lake cleanout. In addition, the District has experienced some decline in its income, having not received its 1% of

property taxes for the last three years and no more interest being earned on substantial reserves. In addition, the natural costs of operation increase with the cost of living over time, which leaves less money left over to go in reserves for major projects.

2. Weeds: Nothing to report.

3. Fire Protection: The District's Proposition 50 grant to work on its shaded fuel break expires on April 15, 2010, but only \$5,000 has been funded by the State. The District would have to do the work prior to April 15, 2010 and pay the contractor from its own funds and then hope for reimbursement from the State. The District has asked for an extension of time through the Butte County Fire Safe Council.

4. Landscaping: Nothing to report.

5. Timber Harvest Plans: Of the Timber Harvest Plans received last month, none were in the District's watershed.

SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Filing of Conflict of Interest Forms by Directors (Form 700). Directors were reminded to file their Conflict of Interest forms by April 1, 2010.

B. Fire Protection Project. Already covered. Leave on agenda for next month.

C. Purchase of Fish. Director Raymond will contact Jim Jackson.

D. Annual Inlet Cleaning. Nothing to report. Director Nay will work with Jon Becker to get permits. It was moved by Director Raymond, seconded by Director Owens and passed unanimously, to authorize the expenditure of up to \$2,500 to obtain the necessary permits to conduct annual inlet cleaning.

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING, PLACE, DATE AND TIME: The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Lake Madrone Water District will be held at 9:30 a.m. on March 27, 2010, at the Williams' cabin, 110 Old Mill Road, Berry Creek, California 95916. Topics for the next meeting will include: (1) community reports; (2) fire protection project; (3) purchase of fish; (4) road work for 2010; and (5) annual inlet cleaning. A Directors' Workshop will be held at 8:30 a.m. prior to the regular meeting to discuss the budget. All are welcome to attend.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

VICKI L. HOGGINS, Recording Secretary

JOHN RAYMOND, District Secretary