

**HONEY LAKE VALLEY**  
**RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**WATERMASTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WAC)**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Thursday, April 13, 2017

**Location:** USDA Service Center, 170 Russell Avenue, Suite C, Susanville

**Present:** Board: Daren Hagata Ramsey Wood Wayne Langston  
Todd Swickard Brad Hanson

Staff: Ian Sims Mitch Otto

Attendees: Dave Brazil

**I. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL**

Meeting called to order by Brad Hanson at 5:30 pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited and a quorum was noted. All board present with the exception of Board Chair Mike Bartley and Board Member Dave Schroeder.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Board Member Todd Swickard made a motion to approve the agenda, Board Member Daren Hagata seconded and the motion passed. All.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**IV. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**

**A. Approval of 3/7/17 regular meeting minutes.**

Board Member Wayne Langston made a motion to approve the 3/7/17 minutes, Board Member Daren Hagata seconded and the motion passed. All.

**V. ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

**A. Lassen County Superior Court Case Number 58261 final update – Sims.**

District Manager Ian Sims gave the WAC the final update on Lassen County Superior Court Case Number 58261.

**VI. REPORTS**

**A. Watermaster Report – Otto.**

Water Master Mitch Otto provided the WAC with information he obtained from contacting Les Grade, a Senior Engineer at DWR, regarding water right holder access to owned diversions and ditch maintenance responsibilities. According to Mr. Grade there is nothing stated definitively in the California Water Code regarding these rights, so this concern falls under basic land laws regarding trespassing if permission has not been gained by the person requiring access to a property not owned by them. Basically it is the responsibility of the landowner to provide his or her own maintenance on the conduits flowing through his or her own property, unless an agreement has been reached between the two parties allowing one to perform maintenance on conduits not located on their own property.

**B. RCD Report – Langston.**

Board Member Langston updated the WAC on the third priority water right letter that was sent to the RCD's legal counsel. The RCD board directed staff to revise the letter generalizing the intent to not only include Baxter Creek third priority water right holders but rather to include all third priority water right holders in the service area.

There was also some discussion about creating a different budget for each creek/decree as well as having the Water Master use an hourly breakdown for Baxter Creek.

**VII. COMMITTEE MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

None.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Board Member Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Board Member Langston seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm. All. The next regularly scheduled WAC meeting will be held **Thursday, May 11, 2017** at the **USDA Service Center, 170 Russell Avenue, Suite C, Susanville** at **5:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Ian Sims  
District Manager  
Honey Lake Valley RCD