

with WWD and DWR about the Yolo project. Errotabere added the Family Farm Alliance has also prepared an analysis of the impacts if there is a change of administrations.

There was no ACWA report as Director Ferguson is transitioning onto the Regional Six ACWA Board. Director **Frank Coelho Jr.** reported the legal affairs committee met earlier today and there wasn't much to report. There were no O&M committee or personnel committee reports either.

Director **Todd Neves** said there is a recommendation to appoint **Zachary Just** to the new CV Salts committee. The board agreed.

Freeman reported on SGMA matters and said the subsidence monitoring stations have been set up around the GSA. The task of fitting wells with meters is well underway. About a third of the wells will be monitored in phase one. The goal is to have all wells in Westlands monitored by the end of 2021. The subsidence network is expected to be operational by the end of this year.

Ormonde walked the board through the Finance & Administration committee finding of savings and therefore no rate increase is needed in all areas. The 2021 rates and charges were approved. I recommend you consult the public record and packet reports for greater detail, if its greater detail you want. Enos said the F&A Committee recommended paying the bills and there were no comments or questions from the board or the public so the board approved. The board also looked over the financial statements and approved.

At this time Birmingham reminded the board to request public comments to the F&A report before public comment. There were no comments. The next item was Public Comment and there was none. The meeting then went into closed session and before the open session adjourned Birmingham made not that Directors Neves and **Don Peracchi** were recused from the closed session item involving the Mendota Pool Group. The meeting then went into closed session at 1:37pm. Probably the quickest Westlands meeting I've ever attended.

But before we go I'd like to ask if you noticed a good deal of dotting the "I's" and crossing the "T's" in Westlands meetings? Perhaps more than takes place at other district meetings? It would be easy maybe even a little fun to smugly poke at them for being that way. It occurs to me Westlands is often the target of the media and environmental law firms. I think after a while anyone would grow tired of being that whipping boy. I suspect Westlands places a greater emphasis on proper procedure as it protects from exaggerated claims of opacity or malfeasance.

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