

**MID-KINGS RIVER GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017**

Chair McCutcheon called the special meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: David Ayers; Steven P. Dias; Barry McCutcheon, Chair,
Michael Murray, Vice-Chair

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Mills, Secretary;
Ray Carlson, Legal Counsel;
Brad Johns, Hugh V. Johns Inc.;
Maria Herrera, Self-Help Enterprises,
Abigail Solis, Self-Help Enterprises

ESTABLISH QUORUM

It was determined that a quorum was present at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 13, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Chair McCutcheon asked if there was a motion regarding the minutes circulated in this month's Board packets. Director Dias made a motion to approve the December 13, 2016 minutes. Vice-Chair Murray seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes of December 13, 2016. The vote for all of the Directors was as follows:

AYES: David Ayers, Steven P. Dias, Barry McCutcheon, Michael Murray

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ELECTION

STATUS REPORT

Secretary Mills gave a brief presentation on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and efforts over the last two years that have led to today's Public Hearing on the election to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA).

PUBLIC HEARING TO ELECT TO BECOME GSA

Chair McCutcheon gavelled the Public Hearing open at 10:10 a.m.

Brad Johns asked, if the State Board was to intervene, whether they would issue a kind of permit to pump, something like a license to drive. Secretary Mills responded that from what he understood the initial dealings with the State Board would be providing records of what had been pumped and the State Board would use those records to levee fees. After the State Board

understood the magnitude of the pumping in the area, they could then determine if pumping restrictions were needed.

Mr. Johns also brought up that in Madera County flow meters are now required on all new wells. Secretary Mills responded that the requirement currently is on a County level and that the requirement for flow meters would be evaluated in the development of the future Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). Mr. Johns expressed that he thought having meters on all wells was a good idea. Mr. Johns also expressed that he was in favor of the Mid-Kings River GSA dealing with SGMA implementation in his area rather than the State Board.

Maria Herrera from Self-Help Enterprises introduced herself and conveyed that she is also a Commissioner on the California Water Commission. Mrs. Herrera congratulated the Board on reaching this milestone. Mrs. Herrera explained that Self-Help Enterprises works in an eight county service area primarily with Spanish communities on water and waste water issues. Recently Self-Help Enterprises started an effort within their organization to help disadvantaged communities engage in water management activities and SGMA. Mrs. Herrera noted that there were no direct Authority Board representatives for local disadvantaged communities and said Self-Help Enterprises would look to work with Secretary Mills on how disadvantaged communities could have a voice in the development of the future GSP in the Mid-Kings River GSA area.

No written comments were received in the mail prior to the Public Hearing and no written comments were submitted during the Public Hearing.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Seeing no one else that wished to address the Authority Board, Chair McCutcheon closed the Public Hearing at 10:19 a.m.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ELECTION TO BECOME GSA – RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-01

Chair McCutcheon asked that the Board move to consider the election to become a GSA through Resolution 2017-01. Director Ayers made a motion to adopt Resolution Number 2017-01 as presented and Vice-Chair Murray seconded the motion. Chair McCutcheon asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing none Chair McCutcheon called for a vote and the Board voted unanimously to elect to become a GSA through the adoption of Resolution Number 2017-01. The vote for all of the Directors was as follows:

AYES: David Ayers, Steven P. Dias, Barry McCutcheon, Michael Murray

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular Authority Board meeting is planned for Tuesday February 14, 2017 at 1:00 pm at the Kings County Water District office. Director Dias conveyed that he will have a conflict and won't be able to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair McCutcheon thanked those that attended the meeting for their participation. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Mills
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