

**MID-KINGS RIVER GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2017**

Chair McCutcheon called the regular meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** David Ayers; Barry McCutcheon, Chair,  
Michael Murray, Vice-Chair

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Steven P. Dias

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dennis Mills, Secretary                      Ray Carlson, Legal Counsel;  
Mike LaSalle    Abigail Solis, Self-Help Enterprises  
Carolyn Parde, Del Monte    Jeff Gilcrease  
David teVelde    Jim Maciel, Armona CSD  
Dusty Ference, KCFB    Shawn Corley, Lakeside IWD

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

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

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

**APPROVAL OF JULY 11, 2017 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Chair McCutcheon asked if there was a motion regarding the minutes circulated in this month's Board packets. Attorney Carlson noted a minor word change to be included in the final minutes. Director Ayers made a motion to approve the July 11, 2017 minutes with the noted change. Vice-Chair Murray seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes of July 11, 2017. The vote for all of the Directors was as follows:

**AYES:** David Ayers, Barry McCutcheon, Michael Murray

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAINED:** None

**ABSENT:** Steven P. Dias

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Secretary Mills noted that he had received several communications from consultants offering their services of the last month. He also noted that he had a conversation with a growers about how ranches that bridge GSA boundaries would be handled in the future. He conveyed that those guidelines had not yet been developed.

## **UPDATE ON TULARE LAKE SUBBASIN GSP & PROJECTS GRANT APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT**

Secretary Mills reported on discussions and a summary email that he had sent to the other Tulare Lake Subbasin GSA leads. In the last month DWR had released an FAQ Document which was generally good news in terms of eligibility and cost share. However there was a new issue created in the FAQ concerning retention and keeping grant applicant under contract for three years with the threat of repayment and interest if the GSP wasn't accepted by DWR. As the Tulare Lake subbasin GSA continue to agree on the Mid-Kings River GSA being the grant applicant for the subbasin Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group has been engaged through Kings CWD to setting up a team to work on the grant application. Manager Mills relayed that he spoke to Heather Shannon at DWR yesterday and she believes the final application should be released in August with nine week application window.

## **REPORT ON PROPOSED GSP DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

Secretary Mills reported on several pieces that together would form a proposed framework for GSP Development in the Tulare Lake Subbasin. As has been discussed in previous meetings, the Tulare Lake GSA parties are currently in agreement that they wish to pursue a common GSP for the subbasin with chapters that provides more specific information in GSA areas. The pieces of the framework had been developed over the last few months and discussed with other Tulare Lake GSA party leads. The first component was an outline described as the GSP scope that described what would need to be developed. The second component was a document that outlined GSP development and described how things could be developed. The third part of the framework was a consultant team that would need to be retained for GSP development. The fourth part of the framework was a subbasin operating agreement that would supersede the interim operating agreement currently under consideration.

An important concept involved with the consultant team is the development of a subbasin technical advisory committee that would work with the consultant team to develop coordination agreement elements or GSP technical elements. The concept is that the consultant team would develop technical documents for GSAs to consider and potentially peer review. GSAs would be asked to "approve" interim documents as efforts were completed. However after the coordination agreement elements were developed, GSAs would be asked to "adopt" the documents. GSA level chapters could be developed after the coordination agreement elements were adopted.

The proposed GSP Development Framework was discussed and some feedback provided, but the proposed plan was generally viewed positively.

## **CONSIDERATION OF INTERIM OPERATING AGREEMENT FOR THE TULARE LAKE SUBBASIN TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

Secretary Mills presented an agreement titled "Interim Operating Agreement for the Tulare lake Subbasin to Develop and Implement a Groundwater Sustainability Plan" to the Board for consideration. He read a few portions of the agreement that stated the agreements

intent. He reviewed that in the agreement there were five parties agreeing to split 50% of the cost equally and 50% of the cost based on service area acreage. By this method the Mid-Kings River GSA cost sharing percentage was shown as roughly 19%. Secretary Mills relayed that the agreement was intended to play an important role in future grant applications because it would show a cost sharing and decision making framework for the subbasin. Secretary Mills recommended the Board approve the agreement in concept and authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the GSA. Secretary Mills noted a few minor edits he would be providing the other GSA parties for consideration and expected there to be a few from others as well. There was some discussion of the proposed agreement. Director Ayers made a motion to approve the agreement in concept and authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the GSA. Vice-Chair Murray seconded the motion and Chair McCutcheon called for the vote. The vote for all Directors was as follows:

AYES: David Ayers, Barry McCutcheon, Michael Murray

NOES: None

ABSTAINED:None

ABSENT: Steven P. Dias

#### **CONSIDERATION OF 2017 BUDGET**

Secretary Mills presented a spreadsheet outlining the estimated costs in the 2017 Budget. Secretary Mills provided information on how components of the budget were viewed and his ability to reliably predict costs at this point. Also there was a discussion of how grant funds might be involved in offsetting GSP development costs. In the total of Calendar Year 2017 the potential costs were estimated as \$100,000. Secretary Mills recommended approving the Mid-Kings River GSA 2017 Budget as submitted. There was some discussion of various components of the proposal. Director Ayers made a motion that the submitted Mid-Kings River GSA 2017 Budget be approved. That motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Murray. Chair McCutcheon called for a vote and the vote for all Directors was as follows:

AYES: David Ayers, Barry McCutcheon, Michael Murray

NOES: None

ABSTAINED:None

ABSENT: Steven P. Dias

#### **SELECTION ON NUMBER OF SIGNATORIES FOR UNION BANK ACCOUNT AND SELECTION OF SIGNATORIES**

Secretary Mills recommend having the four Board members (three Kings CWD representative and one City of Hanford representative) be authorized to sign checks as well as the Board Secretary. Secretary Mills also recommended having three signatures per check which would duplicate the Kings CWD practice. The Board discussed then recommendations. Vice-

Chair Murray made a motion to have the four Board members (three Kings CWD representative and one City of Hanford representative) be authorized to sign checks as well as the Board Secretary and that three signatures be required per check. Director Ayers seconded the motion and the vote of all Board members was as follows:

AYES: David Ayers, Barry McCutcheon, Michael Murray

NOES: None

ABSTAINED:None

ABSENT: Steven P. Dias

**ONGOING EFFORTS**

None.

**SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regular Mid-Kings River GSA Board meeting is planned for Tuesday September 12, 2017 at 1:00 pm at the Kings County Water District office.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair McCutcheon thanked those that attended the meeting for their participation. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Mills  
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