

**MID-KINGS RIVER GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017**

Chair McCutcheon called the special meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** David Ayers; Steven P. Dias,  
Barry McCutcheon, Chair,

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Michael Murray, Vice-Chair

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dennis Mills, Secretary           Ray Carlson, Legal Counsel;  
Jim Maciel, Armona CSD           Julianne Phillips, County of Kings  
Abigail Solis, Self-Help Enterprises   Bill Toss  
John Doyel, City of Hanford

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

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

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST 8, 2017 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Chair McCutcheon asked if there was a motion regarding the minutes circulated in this month's Board packets. Director Ayers made a motion to approve the August 8, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Vice-Chair Murray seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the regular meeting minutes of August 8, 2017. The vote for all of the Directors was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Michael Murray

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Secretary Mills relayed that Ms. Abigail Solis of Self-Help Enterprise had recently sent him an email requesting a letter of support for Self-Help Enterprises GSP grant application for Category 1 funding from DWR. Ms. Solis briefly reviewed Self-Help Enterprises effort and noted the application deadline of November 13, 2017. Attorney Carlson noted that consideration of that matter was not on the noticed agenda, but if the Board wished to add it to the agenda they could vote to do so.

**SELF-HELP ENTERPRISES GSP GRANT CATEGORY 1 FUNDING LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Director Dias made a motion to add the consideration of Self-Help Enterprises GSP Grant Category 1 Funding Letter of Support to the current meeting’s agenda. Director Ayers seconded the motion and Chair McCutcheon called for the vote. The vote for all Directors was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED:None

ABSENT: Michael Murray

After formally adding the matter to the current meeting agenda, Director Dias made a motion to authorize Secretary Mills to develop a letter of support on behalf of the Mid-Kings River GSA for Self-Help Enterprises GSP Grant Category 1 Funding application. Director Ayers seconded the motion and Chair McCutcheon called for the vote. The vote for all Directors was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED:None

ABSENT: Michael Murray

Ms. Solis thanked the Board for their consideration and support.

**TULARE LAKE SUBBASIN GSP & PROJECTS GRANT APPLICATION**

Secretary Mills reported on progress towards the development of the Mid-Kings River GSA’s application for a GSP & Projects grant, Category 2, Tier 1 funding, through the Department of Water Resources. Over the past month Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group had been retained to prepare the grant application and had worked on evaluating cost share requirements. It continued to appear that the Tulare Lake subbasin will be eligible for a cost share waiver given the number of Disadvantaged Communities (DAC), Severely Disadvantaged Communities (SDAC), and amount of Economically Distressed Area (EDA) in Kings County. The Mid-Kings River GSA had been setup through DWR’s GRanTS system in anticipation of the grant submittal. Secretary Mills reviewed the previous documents that were discussed earlier this year would be the basis for the GSP development plan presented in the grant application. The development of the application’s scope, budget and schedule were in progress and were planned to be made available for other GSAs to review on October 20. Given this information Secretary Mills recommended that the Board consider adopting Resolution 2017-02 which resolves that the Mid-Kings River GSA make an application for GSP & Project Grant funding and to enter into an agreement to receive a grant for the Tulare Lake Sustainability Plan Development Project as described in the resolution. Director Dias made that motion and

Director Ayers seconded it. Chair McCutcheon called for the vote and the vote for all Directors was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED:None

ABSENT: Michael Murray

### **REVISED INTERIM OPERATING AGREEMENT FOR THE TULARE LAKE SUBBASIN TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A GSP**

Secretary Mills reported that at the last Tulare Lake GSA Parties meeting on September 28, 2017 the El Rico GSA lead had requested a change to the draft Interim Operating Agreement before they were willing to sign. The issue related to a perception that landowners in two GSAs might hold an effective veto under the draft voting structure. For that reason the El Rico GSA wanted either the voting percentages for each GSA to reflect their cost share percentages or for unanimous successful votes. Secretary Mills explained that if the voting percentages in the agreement were changed to reflect the cost share percentages, then the El Rico GSA would then have an effective veto, but none of the other GSAs would have that ability on their own. Having previously authorized the agreement in concept, the Board expressed that their preference of the two options was the unanimous successful vote.

### **MID-KINGS RIVER GSA WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT**

Secretary Mills recommended that a basic website be developed for the Mid-Kings River GSA. He had no specific proposal at this point but was seeking authorization to develop the beginnings of the GSA website that could eventually become part of the GSAs outreach to interested parties. Ms. Solis from Self-Help Enterprises conveyed how helpful a simple page could be to parties looking for information. Ms. Phillips from the County of Kings relayed that the County is developing an on-line tool that will eventually allow landowners to identify which GSA their parcels are in. Secretary Mills conveyed that staff did not have the ability to develop this in-house so a consultant would be retained to do so. Director Dias made that motion to authorize the development of a website for Mid-Kings River GSA and Director Ayers seconded the motion. Chair McCutcheon called for the vote and the vote for all Directors was as follows:

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

NOES: None

ABSTAINED:None

ABSENT: Michael Murray

### **ONGOING EFFORTS**

Secretary Mills briefly reviewed the effort to develop comments on Semitropic WSD's Tulare Lake Project EIR and that the comment deadline had been extended to November 13,

2017. Also the effort by the County of Kings to develop an ordinance restricting the exportation of groundwater from the County was reviewed and discussed.

**SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regular Mid-Kings River GSA Board meeting is planned for Tuesday November 14, 2017 at 1:00 pm at the Kings County Water District office.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Mills  
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