

**MID-KINGS RIVER GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018**

Chair McCutcheon called the special meeting to order at approximately 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 Julianne Phillips, County of Kings
Abigail Solis, Self-Help Enterprises Bill Toss
John Doyel, City of Hanford Dusty Ference, K.C. Farm Bureau
Karen Ornsby, KC Grand Jury Trent Sherman, DWR
Mark Edwards Mary Lou Silveira
Bill Giacomazzi Serna Gomes, Dow Chemical
Anthony Silveira, Jr.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 14, 2017 SPECIAL 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 December 14, 2017 special meeting minutes. Vice-Chair Murray seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the special meeting minutes of December 14, 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 relayed that Paul Boyer of Self-Help Enterprises had recently talked to him about interest in a recharge basin north of the community of Hardwick for water quality benefits. He also reported that he had received a request for potential data sharing agreement from the South Fork Kings GSA's representative. He also reported on a letter to the Kings County Board of Supervisors from the Tulare Lake subbasin GSAs related to the County's proposed groundwater export ordinance. And finally, Secretary Mills reported that Tri-County Water Authority recently held a Proposition 218 election to finance their GSP development and it unfortunately failed.

TULARE LAKE GROUNDWATER MODEL

Secretary Mills reported that a meeting on the Tulare Lake Groundwater Model had taken place on Feb. 22 to update Kings County and the partner group. The model is being calibrated and some very preliminary information was shared. Another meeting is planned for Friday, March 16 for discussion of calibrated model results. The consultants plan to deliver a draft Calibration Report draft in early April and hopefully be ready for a presentation to the Kings County Board of Supervisors sometime in May.

RFP FOR TULARE LAKE SUBBASIN GSP EFFORT

Secretary Mills reported that three firms submitted Tulare Lake subbasin GSP development proposals. The three firm leads were Lytle Water Solutions, Geosyntec Consultants and AMEC Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. Lytle Water Solutions is a firm in Golden Colorado and their team had very little local experience. For that reason Secretary Mills contacted them and informed them they were not successful through their application. The other two teams, Geosyntec Consultants and AMEC Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc., were contacted and interviews were scheduled for Friday, March 16 where the other GSA managers would attend and be part of the interview panel.

METERS

Secretary Mills introduced the topic of eventually requiring flow meters on all groundwater wells in the GSA for discussion. The topic was introduced to better understand the Board's view on the matter. Secretary Mills relayed there are meters on some of the groundwater wells in the GSA, but requiring meters on all groundwater wells would require a significant effort given the large number of wells in the GSA. Secretary Mills relayed that others have suggested that it might be possible to not require meters but rather estimate groundwater pumping from satellite imagery and analytical methods. His concern was the accuracy of those methods given the assumptions that would need to be made to employ them. There was discussion both from Board members on the topic as well as from members of the public in attendance. Through the discussion there was a suggestion that the GSA be involved in working with willing growers to install meters soon so that some information could be used to better understand usage prior to development of the first GSP in January 2020. This was viewed

positively by the Board and Secretary Mills stated that he would begin to work on plan and recommendation to bring back to the Board at a later date.

WEBSITE

Secretary Mills reported that Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group had developed a draft version of the MKR GSA website and it is currently under review. The website address will be midkingsrivergsa.org and a logo for the organization has been developed.

PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF TULARE LAKE/KAWEAH SUBBASIN BNDY

Secretary Mills reported on basin boundary modification requests from Corcoran ID and Mina Orchards LLC. Both proposals were recently discussed at a Greater Kaweah GSA Technical Advisory Committee meeting. The message from the TAC was not favorable for a variety of reasons, but if the proponents wish to pursue it further more information would be necessary for the TAC to make a recommendation.

ONGOING EFFORTS

None.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular Mid-Kings River GSA Board meeting is planned for Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 1:00 pm at the Kings County Water District office.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Mills
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