



announced Final awards for the GSP & Projects grant, including the Mid-Kings River GSA application on behalf of the Tulare Lake subbasin. Communication from DWR staff indicates that final contract document should be out towards the end of this month. Cost share payments from the South Fork Kings GSA and El Rico GSA were received this month for their portion of the development of the GSP & Projects grant application. No payments have been received yet from the Southwest Kings GSA or Tri-County Water Authority GSA for their portions. Secretary Mills exchanged emails with representatives of a Danish delegation that have been working to develop a SGMA complaint Data Management System (DMS). Secretary Mills received a legal issues document from Kern Groundwater Authority representatives. The fairly extensive document covers various topics and their views on how to legally interpret them. Attorney Carlson mentioned that he had reviewed it and thinks it was developed in the hopes that others will adopt their legal views. Secretary Mills relayed that after the last Board meeting's discussion on meters, he had been contacted by a landowner that was interested in partnering with the GSA on installing meters. He also reported that he had obtained a meter and monitoring ordinance from Madera County.

#### **GSA MANAGERS RECOMMENDATION ON GSP CONSULTANT**

Secretary Mills reported that he and other Tulare Lake GSA representatives had conducted interviews with the Amec Foster Wheeler and Geosyntech consultant teams related to GSP development services on Friday, March 16. After those interviews the GSA managers developed a joint recommendation document which was provided to the Mid-Kings River GSA Board for their consideration. The document, dated March 23, recommended the consultant team of Amec Foster Wheeler, Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group, Inc., GeoSystems Inc., and ERA Economics be selected to undertake GSP Development services in the Tulare Lake subbasin, contingent on development of an agreeable contract, schedule and budget for the described effort. The document was signed by Secretary Mills (Mid-Kings River GSA), Matt Hurley (Tri-County Water Authority GSA), Jeof Wyrick (El Rico GSA), Steve Jackson (Southwest Kings GSA) and Eric Osterling (South Fork Kings GSA). Secretary Mills recommended that the Board approve the selection of the Amec Foster Wheeler consultant team, consistent with the GSA Manager's recommendation, and authorize him to proceed with work to develop an agreeable contract, schedule and budget for the described effort. Director Ayers made that motion and Vice-Chair Murray seconded it. Chair McCutcheon called for a vote and the Board unanimously approve the selection of the Amec Foster Wheeler consultant team, consistent with the GSA Manager's recommendation, and authorized Secretary Mills to proceed with work to develop an agreeable contract, schedule and budget for the described effort. 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

## **WEBSITE AND GSP NOTICE OF INTENTION**

Secretary Mills reported that Provost & Pritchard Consultant Group, Inc. had developed the draft Mid-Kings River GSA website and provided the Board with printed pages for their review. The Board discussed the website briefly and the process about how it would be finalized. Secretary Mills stated that there were a few final files to be added to the website, but that it was almost complete as shown. Secretary Mills recommended that the Board authorize him to make the site live after the final administrative edits were made. Vice-Chair Murray made that motion and Director Ayers seconded it. Chair McCutcheon called for a vote and the Board unanimously approved making the GSA website live after the final administrative edits were completed. 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

Secretary Mills provided the Board a draft letter of intent to the DWR stating the Mid-Kings River GSAs intent to develop a single GSP for the Tulare Lake subbasin. He also described that DWR has over the last few months developed an on-line form that would also need to be filled out to provide DWR the MKR GSA's formal notice on the intent to develop a single GSP for the Tulare Lake subbasin. The Board reviewed the provided information and did not suggest any edits. Secretary Mills recommended that the Board authorize him to process the Initial Notification of GSP development with DWR and to post the letter of intent to the MKR GSA's website. Vice-Chair Murray made that motion and Director Ayers seconded it. Chair McCutcheon called for a vote and the Board unanimously authorized Secretary Mills to process the Initial Notification of GSP development with DWR and to post the letter of intent to the MKR GSA's website. 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

## **TULARE LAKE GROUNDWATER MODEL**

Secretary Mills reported that there was a meeting on Friday, March 16 where the Amec Foster Wheeler consultant team gave a report on the progress towards a calibrated Tulare Lake subbasin groundwater model. He reported that there was good discussion at this meeting and that a draft calibration report was expected to be received from the team very soon. He planned to review the calibration report in advance of a planned meeting on April 30 where the subbasin GSAs would provide their comments.

**ONGOING EFFORTS**

None.

**SET NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regular Mid-Kings River GSA Board meeting is planned for Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 1:00 pm at the Kings County Water District office.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Mills  
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