

**MID-KINGS RIVER GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018**

Chair McCutcheon called the special meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.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
Dusty Ference, K.C. Farm Bureau Bill Giacomazzi
Bill Pipes, Wood Dennis Tristao, JG Boswell

ESTABLISH QUORUM

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

GSA MANAGERS RECOMMENDATION ON GSP CONSULTANT

Secretary Mills reported on efforts with the Amec Foster Wheeler consultant team to agree on a final consulting services contract, budget and schedule. He noted that the section on Indemnification in the Mid-Kings River GSA's standard contract was revised because of a law change in 2018 that made the prior language unenforceable.

Manager Mills directed the Board to a table and chart that were prepared to provide information on the anticipated consultant expenses per month over the GSP development effort. He had used information provided by Bill Pipes of Amec Foster Wheeler and assumptions about when DWRs reimbursable grant contract might be operative to develop an estimate of the funds that would be needed to begin paying the consultant's invoices. He referred to these as "seed" funds that would be split by the GSAs as per the current Tulare Lake subbasin Interim Operating Agreement. In an optimistic view, where the first reimbursement request could be submitted to DWR in June 2018 and all GSAs paid their invoices from the MKR GSA within 30 days, only roughly \$200,000 of "seed" funds were necessary. It was discussed that because of Board meeting cycles and the likelihood it would take several months to work through signing the grant contract with DWR the need for "seed" funds might be significantly greater than the optimistic projection. The Board members expressed concern about the timing of funds coming from DWR and the other Tulare Lake GSAs when the GSP consultant invoices were coming directly to the Mid-Kings River GSA. Manager Mills offered to discuss the matter further with the GSA parties

at their next meeting on April 26 and bring back more information at the regular May Board meeting.

Attorney Carlson noted that there was an inconsistency with reference to the Amec Foster Wheeler firm. It was then explained that Amec Foster Wheeler had been purchased by another company named Wood in late 2017 and that business names had been in flux since then. Manager Mills acknowledged that the consultant firm name in the contract and connected documents needed to be made consistent, and asked the Board to consider approving the consultant services agreement with the understanding that staff would address the minor administrative issue prior to Chair McCutcheon signing the final document. Director Dias made a motion to approve the consultant agreement for GSP development services and to authorize Chair McCutcheon to sign on behalf of the Mid-Kings River GSA, contingent on staff's administrative edits regarding the consultant firm name. Director Ayers seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the consultant agreement for GSP development services and authorized Chair McCutcheon to sign on behalf of the Mid-Kings River GSA, contingent on staff's administrative edits regarding the consultant firm name. 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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Mills
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