

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

Chair McCutcheon called the regular 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    Sonja Thiede, KRCD  
Soua Lee, KRCD    Karen Ormsby, KC Grand Jury  
Bill Tos    Shawn Corley, LIWD  
Mary Lou Silveira    Nylon Kaufman, Ranch Systems

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

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

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2018 MEETING**

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 October 9, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Vice-Chair Murray seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes of October 9, 2018. 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**

None

## GSP DEVELOPMENT

### GSP Grant Administration

Secretary Mills reported that a reimbursement request has been submitted to DWR. It is still being reviewed at DWR's Fresno Office. After local office review process, DWR Sacramento will receive the submittal and there is roughly a 45 day period for reimbursement. Given the likely reimbursement in mid-December, the GSP Consultant, Wood, has agreed to waive the normal payment timeframe on their invoice so that a third round of seed funding would not be necessary.

### 6-Month Assessments to JPA Members

Secretary Mills reported that the previously approved assessments are still being developed. His hope was that the assessments would go out to JPA partners very soon. Secretary Mills reported on discussion with the County about their difficulty in paying these type of costs out of General Funds. However, County representatives seemed to believe that something could be arranged as long as a long-term funding plan for the GSA is envisioned at some point.

### Representation from Hanford

Secretary Mills reported that in the recent election David Ayers was not reelected. Chair McCutcheon took a few minutes to thank Director Ayers for his willingness to be a Director for the Mid-Kings River GSA Board and for his willingness to foster a cooperation between the Kings County Water District and the City of Hanford. Director Ayers explained what he understood would be the steps in the transition to a new Director representing the City of Hanford.

### Conflict of Interest Code

Attorney Carlson presented a Conflict of Interest Code to the Board for consideration. The development of the Conflict of Interest Code for the GSA had recently come up as a topic when the County began circulating a revised master code to other local agencies. The Board and Attorney Carlson discussed various aspects of the draft Conflict of Interest Code and its requirements. After the discussion Attorney Carlson relayed that if the Directors wanted to adopt the Conflict of Interest Code as presented, he had prepared Resolution 18-01 for that purpose. Director Ayers made a motion to approve the submitted Conflict of Interest Code through the adoption of Resolution 18-01. Vice-Chair Murray seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the approval of the submitted Conflict of Interest Code through Resolution 18-01. 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

### Update from Recent Tulare Lake GSA Parties Meetings

Secretary Mills reported that at a recent Tulare Lake GSA Parties meeting Wood had presented a draft Monitoring Network map. The GSA staffs will now review the suggested locations and will look at potential owned properties for dedicated monitor wells. There is also a potential for grant funding for some monitoring facilities. There are many locations that have lengthy monitoring records, but no well screen information. For these wells there may also be potential to have them videoed to gain better perspective on the historic readings. This is becoming more important because DWR would prefer monitor wells that show one aquifer rather than a combination, which is reflected in many of this area's wells.

At the meeting last Friday the draft Basin Setting chapter of the GSP was supposed to be delivered. However it was not ready, and Wood has relayed that it will be available soon.

Wood's effort on the subbasin's groundwater model calibration continue. At the next GSA Parties meeting the GSA representatives expect to receive a deliverable on the substantially complete modeling effort. This will be reviewed and commented on, but after this, the model is planned to be used for evaluations for the subbasin.

Secretary Mills had a discussion of potential projects with the Board. He reported that there still isn't a solid estimate for subbasin overdraft yet. However if an amount of 100,000 AF/year of overdraft was assumed and it was also assumed that flood years would occur every four year, then the increased groundwater recharge necessary to offset the average annual overdraft would be four times the annual amount, or 400,000 AF/year. It appears that Kings River flood flows are the only reasonable source of increased floodwater layoff or recharge. The Mid-Kings River GSA is generally the only place in the Tulare Lake subbasin where banking or recharge efforts would be beneficial. Other areas have possible floodwater layoff projects. If efforts are not put into developing a subbasin level project, then GSAs will likely try to mitigate their parts through their resources. However, some areas have more un-planted areas than others.

### South Fork Kings GSA Meeting and Model Tool

Secretary Mills reported that the South Fork Kings GSA staff had visited with him and share a modeling tool that they had developed to evaluate groundwater conditions and well completion reports.

### UPDATE ON ONGOING EFFORTS

None

### SET NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

After some discussion, the Directors decided to forego the normal December meeting and agreed to the next meeting date of Tuesday, January 15, 2019.

### ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Mills  
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