

MID-KINGS RIVER GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020

This meeting was held by conference call due to local Covid-19 requirements. Chair McCutcheon called the regular meeting to order at approximately 11:00 a.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Art Brieno (phone); Steven P. Dias; Barry McCutcheon, Chair

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Michael Murray, Vice-Chair

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Mills, GM and Board Secretary
Ray Carlson, Legal Counsel (phone)
Johnny Gailey, Delta View WA (phone)
Ashley Goldsmith (phone)

ESTABLISH QUORUM

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

MANAGER'S REPORT

SGM Implementation Grant Application by Kings CWD

Manager Mills reported that over the last month, several things had been learned about the SGM Round 1 Implementation Grant Application that had led to Kings CWD pursuing the grant application, rather than the Mid-Kings River GSA. The first part of this was simply learning about information from DWR on the opportunity. In a webinar DWR held early in December, it was learned that in multi-project applications, individual projects would be scored separately and then the scores for projects would be averaged. This led the Tulare Lake Subbasin GSAs to collectively decide that they would not pursue multiple projects, where they believed that one project would pull down another. The outcome of this was that the Kings CWD Griswold Project was viewed as the project likely to score the best given the grants criteria and it would be the only project applied for. Manager Mills then reached out to DWR grant staff about the applying agency and learned that DWR viewed that it made more sense, to them, for Kings CWD to apply given that they were also an eligible agency.

Consider Letter of Support for Kings CWD Grant Application

Manager Mills relayed that the project being applied for by Kings CWD is roughly a \$3 million package containing the development of the Griswold Basin as well as the improvement of structures at four existing basin location. As Kings CWD is shifting to become the applicant

for the grant, the consultant contract related to application development was also being migrated to Kings CWD. Manager Mills asked the Board to consider authorizing him to develop a letter of support for the Round 1 SGM Implementation Grant application for the proposed efforts. Director Dias made a motion to authorize staff to develop a support letter from the Mid-Kings River GSA for the Kings CWD Round 1 SGM Implementation Grant application. Director Brieno seconded the motion and the Board unanimously authorized staff to develop a support letter from the Mid-Kings River GSA for the Kings CWD Round 1 SGM Implementation Grant application. The vote for all of the Directors was as follows:

AYES: Art Brieno, Steven P. Dias, Barry McCutcheon

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Michael Murray

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The regular January Board of Directors meeting was tentatively set for January 12, 2021 at 1 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Mills

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