

**MID-KINGS RIVER GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022**

This meeting was held by conference call due to local Covid-19 conditions and requirements. The regular meeting was called to order at approximately 1 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Steven P. Dias (phone); Barry McCutcheon, Chair
Michael Murray, Vice-Chair (phone); Diane Sharp (phone)

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Mills, GM and Board Secretary
Ray Carlson, Legal Counsel (phone)
John Doyel, City of Hanford (phone)
Weimner Jay (phone)
Paul Grenseman (phone)

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 THE REGULAR DECEMBER 14, 2021 MEETING

Manager Mills asked if there was a motion regarding the draft December 14, 2021 meeting minutes. Director Sharp made a motion to approve the December 14, 2021 meeting minutes. Director Dias seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes of December 14, 2021 meetings with the noted corrections. The vote for all of the Directors was as follows:

AYES: Steven P. Dias, Michael Murray, Diane Sharp

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Barry McCutcheon

COMMUNICATIONS

Manager Mills reported that a few communications would be reported on in other portions of the meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Fall 2021 SGM Implementation Grant

Manager Mills reported on efforts related to the Tulare Lake Subbasin's development of an application for Fall 2021 SGM Implementation Grant funding from DWR. There had been a recent webinar put on by DWR on January 12. Unfortunately, this event seemed to bring to light lingering questions that DWR needed to clarify. The internal scoring of MKR basins projects continued to look very positive with the Griswold, Cody and other basin projects scoring at the top of the subbasin's priority list.

At this point Chair McCutcheon joined the meeting.

The other high priority projects planned for inclusion appear to be a basin project from El Rico GSA/Corcoran ID and a dredging project by Kings River Conservation District to restore capacity in the South Fork Kings River between Jackson Ave and Empire Weir 1. Also, other efforts such as monitor wells, groundwater model updates and various studies continue to be evaluated for inclusion in the package. Also, consistent with what was communicated in previous meetings, the other subbasin GSAs have requested that the MKR GSA be the applicant for the grant on behalf of the subbasin.

TLS GSP Evaluation Update Letter

Manager Mills reported that the subbasin had not yet received anything, but that DWR continued to communicate that the review letter would be received before the end of January.

Round 3 Planning Grant

Manager Mills reported that it appeared there was now an area where the well videos and loggers may be possible to install. Efforts were beginning to look into accomplishing the remaining efforts quickly before that grant schedule ran out.

Land IQ Information

Manager Mills reported Kings CWD had received another month of information on crop Et in the area. The question currently being investigated was whether the Land IQ information adequately covered Et for triple cropping. The amounts appeared similar to annual alfalfa Et, but did not seem to reflect any losses in reworking the field or pre-irrigation.

2020 Annual Report Development

Manager Mills reported the subbasin consultant was now requesting an update on projects and management actions, as well as continuing to ask for information on surface water deliveries.

UPDATE ON ONGOING EFFORTS

Agency Audit

Manager Mills reported after looking for an auditor for some time, one had been found for a reasonable price. Dennis Hylton, CPA from Visalia is also the auditor for the Greater Kaweah GSA in Farmersville, and after some discussions he agreed to provide those services to the MKR GSA.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

None

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The regular February Board of Directors meeting was tentatively set for February 8, 2022 at 1 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Dennis Mills
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