

**MID-KINGS RIVER GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, May 16, 2023**

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Steven P. Dias; Barry McCutcheon, Chair; Diane Sharp

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Michael Murray, Vice-Chair

OTHERS PRESENT: Dennis Mills, GM and Board Secretary
Ray Carlson, Legal Counsel (phone)
Shawn Corley, Lakeside IWD
Michael LaSalle
Louis Bissig
Karl teVelde
Sebastian Silviera, Gladstone
Bill Giacomazzi
Mary Silviera (phone)
Jay Weiner (phone)
David Stanfield, Summerfield Farms (phone)
Geoff VandenHuevel, Milk Producers Council (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 APRIL 11, 2023 MEETING

Chair McCutcheon asked if there was a motion regarding the minutes circulated in this month's Board packets. Director Sharp made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular April 11, 2023 meeting. Vice-President Dias seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the regular April 11, 2023 meeting. The vote for all of the Directors was as follows:

AYES: Steven P. Dias, Barry McCutcheon, Diane Sharp

NOES: None

ABSTAINED:None

ABSENT: Michael Murray

COMMUNICATIONS

None not covered in other agenda items.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Flood Conditions and Recharge Efforts

Manager Mills reported that the Kings River was currently running roughly 12,750 cfs at Piedra, and that inflow to Pine Flat Dam (PF) was roughly 13,200 cfs. Storage was 333 TAF in PF and increasing. The Kaweah River was currently running roughly 2,900 cfs, and that inflow to Terminus was roughly 4,000 cfs. Storage was 35 TAF in PF and increasing around 2 TAF/day. Manager Mills also reported on a few recharge facilities in the area and their approximate rates of recharge.

Initial Private Recharge Effort Policy

Manager Mills presented the Board a recommended Initial Private Recharge Effort Policy and highlighted the following components:

1. MKR GSA wants to encourage recharge while floodwater is available, but wants to avoid negative impacts from the efforts.
2. This is an initial policy and no assurance is given that this policy will not be modified or altered as additional information and experience occurs.
3. Giving landowners recharge credit that can be used to justify future pumping could bring a significant administrative and monitoring burden on the MKR GSA.
4. Registration of fields where recharge is planned need to be identified with the GSA, and turnout locations from existing ditch systems need to be identified as well.
5. If landowners want to use recharge to justify future pumping, they must agree to allow GSA to access property for monitoring.
6. Landowners cannot receive credit for pumping outside the MKR GSA. There are no current agreements for this.
7. Landowners can receive credit for pumping if pumping occurs in the aquifer that is being recharged and within 1 mile from the recharge location.
8. Recharge on open fields will use the surface water diversion flow meter readings minus the ET readings for the fields in the month recharge occurred.
9. Recharged supplies can be used as follows:
 - a. 1st year after flood year = 75%
 - b. 2nd year after flood year = 60%
 - c. 3rd year after flood year = 45%
 - d. 4th year after flood year = 30%
 - e. 5th year after flood year = 0%

Manager Mills discussed the recommended policy and components with the Board. There were several comments from meeting attendees related to the percentage available over time. Manager Mills explained that the concept was similar to how groundwater banks are

administered. Chair McCutcheon asked if there was a motion regarding the recommended Initial Private Recharge Effort Policy. Director Sharp made a motion to approve the Initial Private Recharge Effort Policy as presented. Vice-President Dias seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the Initial Private Recharge Effort Policy as presented. The vote for all of the Directors was as follows:

AYES: Steven P. Dias, Barry McCutcheon, Diane Sharp

NOES: None

ABSTAINED:None

ABSENT: Michael Murray

Native Yield Study White Paper

Manager Mills reported on a previously discussed white paper effort. He relayed how the effort had been revised over time, to somewhat address the MKR GSA initial concerns. He recommended that the MKR GSA Board authorize participation in the current scope of work, which generally is an effort to define critical issues relative to the Native Yield Study. Chair McCutcheon asked if there was a motion regarding participation in the recommended Native Yield Study White Paper scope of work. Director Sharp made a motion to approve the Native Yield Study White Paper scope of work as presented. Vice-President Dias seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved participation in the Native Yield Study White Paper scope of work as presented. The vote for all of the Directors was as follows:

AYES: Steven P. Dias, Barry McCutcheon, Diane Sharp

NOES: None

ABSTAINED:None

ABSENT: Michael Murray

Suggestions on How to Proceed with State Board

Manager Mills updated the Board on efforts to date, which have been minimal given the flood/recharge efforts that have been underway. Manager Mills relayed that he would try to bring the Board a draft Well Mitigation Plan for the Board to consider at the next Board meeting. The Board suggested trying to target a September meeting approval.

On-Going Efforts

None

DIRECTOR REPORTS

None

SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The regular June Board of Directors meeting was tentatively set for June 13, 2023 at 1 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Mills

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