



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY OCTOBER 16, 2019

The Board of Directors of the McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency met in the boardroom of the District, 15101 W. Kearney Blvd., Kerman, California, on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at the hour of 2:00 P.M.

Chairman Don Cameron presided and General Manager/Secretary Hurley kept the Minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Don Cameron, Chair
Matt Abercrombie, Vice-Chair
Jerry Rai
Brian Pacheco
Jeevan Singh

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Matthew H. Hurley – General Manager/Secretary
Robert Donlan, District Counsel
Cristel Tufenkjian, Kings River Conservation District
Rebecca Quist, Kings River Conservation District
Paul Peschel, Kings River Conservation District
Glen Allen, County of Fresno
Gary Serrato and Kassy Chauhan, North Kings GSA
Steven Stadler, James Irrigation District

Chairman Cameron called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. and asked the public for comment. No comments were offered.

I. GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

1. This item was an update on the preparation of the draft Kings Basin Coordination Agreement, and request for consideration of approval of the same following the update. GM Hurley reported to the Board that all but one of the other GSAs in the Kings Subbasin had completed their review of the document and that it was likely that the remaining GSA would concur on the Agreement. When first added to the agenda, it was considered highly likely that the remaining agency might have completed their review, allowing for a recommendation for approval. Since that did not occur, GM Hurley recommended that the item be continued for consideration at the November 6, 2019 Regular meeting of the Board.
2. This item was a Public Hearing conducted in accordance with the provisions therefore contained in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, wherein the Board would entertain public comments in addition to written comments received during the previous 90 day period provided therefore, pertaining to the contents of the draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan being proposed by the Agency. Chairman Cameron opened the Public Hearing at 2:10 P.M. and asked if there was any member of the public that wished to provide comment. Gary Serrato, on behalf of the North Kings GSA and Adam Claes, on behalf of Fresno Irrigation District, and Steve Haugen, on behalf of the Kings River Water Association, made brief presentations and/or submitted written documentation summarizing the presentations. No other public comment was received. Chairman Cameron closed the Public Hearing at 2:20 P.M.
3. This item was a final update on comments received on the draft GSP during the period from July 10, 2019 to October 9, 2019 (with supplemental comments received to the present) and a brief review of any amendments to the draft during that period. In light of the receipt of additional public comments since the October 9, 2019 review by the Technical Advisory Committee, GM Hurley recommended that the best course of action would be to convene the TAC once more to review the most recent submittals and allow for the recommendation of the TAC to the Board thereafter to properly include those comments and the consideration of each. Therefore, he recommended continuing this item for consideration at the November 6, 2019 Regular meeting.

II.ADJOURNED TO THE REGULAR NOVEMBER MEETING

Attest:

Matthew H. Hurley, Board Secretary

Affirmed:

Don Cameron, Chairman