



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY April 10, 2019

The Board of Directors of the McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency met in the alternate boardroom of the District, The Senior Center, 720 S. 8th Street, Kerman, California, on Wednesday, April 10, 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
Brian Pacheco
Jeevan Singh

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jerry Rai

OTHERS PRESENT: Matthew H. Hurley – General Manager/Secretary
Janelle S.H. Krattiger, District Counsel
Randy Hopkins, Provost and Pritchard
Lynn Groundwater, Provost and Pritchard
Katie Durham, Provost and Pritchard
Cristel Tufenkjian, Kings River Conservation District
Brian Trevarrow, Kings River Conservation District

Chairman Cameron called the meeting to order at 2:10 P.M. and asked the public for comment. No comments were offered.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2019 MEETING

The Board reviewed the draft Minutes of the March 6, 2019 Regular Meeting. On the motion of Director Singh, with the second of Director Abercrombie, the Board unanimously approved the draft Minutes, as presented. (4-0-1)

II. FINANCIAL

1. Brian Trevarrow presented a report generated by KRCD, the Agency's fiscal agent, which included the quarterly report, the year to date budget report and the current log of checks written since the last approved disbursements. He requested that the Board accept the reports and approve/ratify the checks written through March 31, 2019. On the motion of Director Singh and the second of Director Abercrombie, the Board unanimously ratified the checks written without additional comment. (4-0-1)
2. GM Hurley initiated a brief discussion and recommended that MAGSA consider expanding the number of banking relationships it has in light of the larger balances being carried and projected to be carried by the Agency moving forward. FDIC insurance limits and other considerations mitigated toward that result.
3. This item was a follow on to the previous discussion. The Board considered Resolution 19-03, **A RESOLUTION OF THE MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZING UPDATED SIGNATORIES ON CHECKING AND/OR SAVINGS OR MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS, AND APPOINTING MATTHEW H. HURLEY AS TREASURER AND BRIAN TREVARROW AS ASSISTANT TREASURER.** GM Hurley pointed out that the current situation needed to be updated with the retirement of the previous Assistant Treasurer Randy Shilling, and that given the increased revenue and banking requirements, that the banking relationships be increased as previously discussed. On the motion of Director Singh, and the second of Director Abercrombie, the Board unanimously adopted Resolution 19-03. (4-0-1)

III. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1. This item was a report from the General Manager concerning the following items:
 - a. General information relative to ongoing agency day to day activities.
 - b. An update on the availability of water for purchase from FID. GM Hurley reported that FID and MAGSA been unable thus far to reach agreeable terms for provision of surface water within MAGSA by FID. Negotiation is ongoing.

- c. This was a report regarding upcoming grant opportunities under Proposition 1 through the Kings River IRWM entity and the submission of a MAGSA related project for additional phases of the On Farm Recharge Project for initial consideration by the Basin IRWM group for prioritizing of the same. GM Hurley reported that the project had been accepted and prioritized for inclusion in the grant application that would be forwarded in the near future.
 - d. GM Hurley reported that following the last meeting he had met with a group of white area landowners and discussed options and recommendations relative to annexation. He reported that he had attended the Raisin City Board meeting and that Raisin City had appointed two board members to meet with Mid Valley Water District to discuss details of a possible annexation. Mid Valley's Board followed with the same action and we are awaiting the meeting of the two sub-groups for further direction on how the annexation might proceed.
 - e. This was a report concerning the status of the pending application for membership by the Agency in ACWA and the appurtenant membership in the ACWA-JPIA insurance program. GM Hurley indicated that the ACWA Board had approved the membership applications of both Mid-Valley Water District and MAGSA and that membership dues billings were "in the mail." The ACWA-JPIA insurance consideration would be heard by the JPIA Executive Committee at its meeting in May, prior to the ACWA Conference in Monterey.
2. This item was a request by GM Hurley for the creation of a dedicated Stakeholder Committee for participation with MAGSA in the finalization and implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan now nearing completion. He recommended a partial slate of initial committee members for Board approval. He also identified a need for additional members in some specific categories and indicated that the search for additional members would be ongoing. Director Pacheco requested an update on the membership of all MAGSA standing committees and GM Hurley indicated he would bring that to the Board in the May meeting. On the motion of Director Singh, and the second of Director Abercrombie, the Board unanimously to create the committee and appoint the initial slate of members as proposed. (4-0-1)

IV.DIRECTORS REPORTS

Report from County of Fresno: None

Report from Raisin City Water District: Director Cameron reported that a meeting of the California Water Commission had been scheduled in Kerman for the middle of May and that they would be visiting the On-Farm Recharge project during their visit.

Report from Mid Valley Water District: Director Singh reiterated that the Mid Valley Board had appointed the sub-group to further consider the annexation of the white areas.

V.GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Ms. Groundwater gave an update on the status of the GSP and the continuing development related to Water Budget draft considerations. GM Hurley noted that the enhanced meeting schedule of the Technical Advisory committee and an informational Board workshop had proven productive and would be continuing as the GSP drafting team moved toward a mid-June target for completion.

GM Hurley reported that preparation of GSPs at other GSAs was reported to be moving along well and things looked positive for the Subbasin compliance with overall Plan development on schedule.

VI.AD HOC COMMITTEES

Mrs. Tufenkjian provided an update on website activity and related outreach information and reported on the final summary of results of the survey on Undesirable Results and reminded the attendees that an open house was planned for May 13, 2019 at the office in Kerman.

GM Hurley indicated that he would be continuing to meet with the white area landowners to discuss possible solutions to their concerns upon the occurrence of the meeting of representatives of the two water districts.

GM Hurley requested consideration of either appointing a new Finance/Budget subcommittee or the reactivation of the prior subcommittee. Director Singh recommended reactivation of the existing subcommittee and the consensus was to take that path. The subcommittee will be considering the Agency Budget and determining a recommended Assessment Rate for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

VII.UPCOMING MEETINGS

MAGSA Board:	May 1, 2019
Mid-Valley Water District:	TBD
Raisin City Water District:	April 30, 2019
MAGSA Office Open Hose	May 13, 2019

VIII.CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Cameron thanked the public for their participation and announced that the Board would be continuing the meeting into a Closed Session to review the following agenda items:

- A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Potential exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b).
(Four potential cases).

- B. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9.
(Fresno County Sup. Court Case No. 18CECG02777).

IX.REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

The Board returned from Closed Session and Chairman Cameron announced that the Board had taken action to direct counsel to dismiss the pending litigation in Fresno County Superior Court during the Closed Session.

X.ADJOURNED TO THE REGULAR MAY MEETING

Attest:

Matthew H. Hurley, Board Secretary

Affirmed:

Don Cameron, Chair

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