



# **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY July 10, 2019**

The Board of Directors of the McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency met in the Kerman Unified Staff Development Center, an alternate boardroom of the District, 15085 West D Street, Kerman, California, on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

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

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Don Cameron, Chair  
Matt Abercrombie, Vice-Chair  
Jerry Rai (arrived at 10:35 A.M.)  
Brian Pacheco  
Jeevan Singh

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Matthew H. Hurley – General Manager/Secretary  
Robert Donlan, District Counsel  
Randy Hopkins, Provost and Pritchard  
Lynn Groundwater, Provost and Pritchard  
Cristel Tufenkjian, Kings River Conservation District  
Rebecca Quist, Kings River Conservation District  
Brian Trevarrow, Kings River Conservation District

Chairman Cameron called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. and asked the public for comment. No comments were offered.

## **I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2019 MEETING**

The Board reviewed the draft Minutes of the June 5, 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, MAGSA's Assistant Treasurer, presented the financial items. The first item was a request for ratification of the payments made by the Agency since the last approvals. He requested that the Board approve/ratify the checks written through June 30, 2019. On the motion of Director Singh and the second of Director Abercrombie, the Board unanimously ratified the checks written without additional comment. (5-0)
2. Asst. Treasurer Trevarrow then presented an Estimated Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement through June 30, 2019, the end of the 2018-2019 fiscal year, for review. He reported that the financials will remain estimates until the final accounting has occurred of all remaining transactions. On the motion of Director Singh and the second of Director Abercrombie, the Board unanimously received the 2018-2019 Estimated Financial Statements without additional comment. (5-0)
3. Asst. Treasurer Trevarrow then presented a draft of the proposed 2019-2020 Budget for the Agency. He indicated that with a minor modification for additional Outreach activities and an Audit, the Budget conformed to the 5 year budget set forth in the Prop 218 proceedings. The draft Budget had previously been presented to the Board at the June meeting and Assistant Treasurer Trevarrow indicated it remained unchanged and staff was recommending the adoption by the Board of the proposed budget, which included the continuation of the per acre assessment at the current rate of \$19.00 per acre. On the motion of Director Abercrombie and the second of Director Singh, the Board unanimously voted to adopt the 2019-2020 Budget and to continue the current \$19.00 per acre assessment rate. (5-0)

## **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. GM Hurley reported that he was awaiting some final paperwork, but that the coverage for the Agency was imminent.

- c. GM Hurley followed up on the previous financial reporting by Assistant Treasurer Trevarrow by summarizing the amounts received from the Tax Assessor representing the 2018-2019 Prop 218 assessments paid, and indicated a small unpaid amount which would be pursued through normal channels in due course.

#### **IV.GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

1. This item was a presentation on the draft SGMA Groundwater Sustainability Plan preparation status and a request for the Board to consider setting a Public Hearing for October 9, 2019, at 2:10 P.M., to receive public input in advance of its formal consideration for adoption of the draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan in due course thereafter and to direct staff to forward the requisite Notice of the Public Hearing to the County of Fresno. The Agency's Engineering Team of Randy Hopkins and Lynn Groundwater summarized the highlights of the information contained in the draft document. They reinforced the notion that the draft Plan did not require immediate pumping reduction, metering of wells or other draconian measures. They emphasized the initial concentration of the Plan was on resource augmentation and enhancement, projects and data gathering. There were several pertinent questions from the public, as well as kudos to the Team for a job well done so far. Upon completion of their presentation, the Team confirmed that they believed that the draft was in substantial compliance with the SGMA legislation and they were recommending the setting of the prescribed date, at least 90 days thereafter, for a Public Hearing to formally consider adoption of the draft Plan. It was noted by the Team, the Board and the public that, upon direction by the Board as recommended, the MAGSA GSP would become the first Plan within the Kings Subbasin, and one of the first in the State of California, to have achieved this point in the process. This was a very momentous step toward the ultimate target of sustainable groundwater management within MAGSA and the Kings Subbasin as a whole. On the motion of Director Singh and the second of Director Abercrombie, the Board unanimously voted to accept the draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan as being in substantial compliance with the SGMA legislation, as had been confirmed by the Engineering Team, to set the Public Hearing for consideration of its formal adoption by the Agency for October 16, 2019 at 2:10 P.M. at the Kerman Community Center, Kerman, California and to direct staff to forward the appropriate communication to the County of Fresno to comply with the notice requirements set forth in the legislation; all with high praise and compliments to the consultants, staff, technical advisory committee, the outreach committee and the public for all of the support in getting the Plan to that point. (5-0)
2. GM Hurley reported that the Coordination Workgroup for the Subbasin continued to meet regularly and was nearing consensus on the Coordination Agreement which would need to accompany the GSPs upon their submittal to the State and 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 for a timely submittal to DWR.

## **V.DIRECTORS REPORTS**

Report from County of Fresno: None

Report from Raisin City Water District: None

Report from Mid Valley Water District: None

## **VI.AD HOC COMMITTEES**

Mrs. Tufenkjian and Ms. Quist provided an update on website activity and related outreach information. They announced that, in a continuing effort to educate and inform the public about SGMA and the proposed draft GSP just accepted, that MAGSA would be hosting a Public Workshop on August 13 and a webinar on August 15, both of which will be for the purpose of specifically reviewing the planning progress to date and the effects on the MAGSA area and the Subbasin anticipated in the future as the pursuit of sustainability continues. They further indicated that the draft GSP would be immediately available for download and that a robust set of comment submittal options would be available to allow for any and all forms of public comment to be received in advance of the October 16 Public hearing. Lastly, they indicated that several written and digital communications would be forthcoming setting forth the specifics of the upcoming GSP outreach activities. GM Hurley noted that, once again, these two ladies had successfully positioned MAGSA to be as transparent and open as possible in educating, enlightening, informing and energizing the public and providing for the ease of communication necessary to allow the maximum two-way contact with MAGSA as the process proceeds forward.

## **VII.UPCOMING MEETINGS**

MAGSA Board: August 7, 2019, 2:00 P.M.  
Mid-Valley Water District: July 11, 2019  
Raisin City Water District: June 16, 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. Public Employment – Personnel Item pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b).  
(General Manager periodic review)

**IX.REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

The Board returned from Closed Session and Chairman Cameron announced that the Board had taken no formal action during the Closed Session and had continued item B for further consideration at the August Board meeting.

**X.ADJOURNED TO THE REGULAR AUGUST MEETING**

Attest:

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Matthew H. Hurley, Board Secretary

Affirmed:

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Don Cameron, Chairman

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