



McMullin Area
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MCMULLIN AREA GROUNDWATER June 3, 2020

The Board of Directors of the McMullin Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency met in the virtual boardroom of the District, via Zoom meeting protocols, on Wednesday June 3, 2020 at the hour of 2:00 P.M. The meeting was recorded.

Vice-Chairman Matt Abercrombie presided and General Manager/Secretary Hurley kept the Minutes.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Matt Abercrombie, Vice-Chair
Don Cameron as alternate for Gagan Batth
Jerry Rai
Brian Pacheco
Jeevan Singh

DIRECTORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Matthew H. Hurley – General Manager/Secretary
Janelle Krattiger, District Counsel
Randy Hopkins, Provost and Pritchard
Lynn Groundwater, Provost and Pritchard
Cristel Tufenkjian, Kings River Conservation District
Rebecca Quist, Kings River Conservation District
Amer Hussain, Geosyntec
Malka Kopell

Vice-Chairman Abercrombie called the meeting to order at 2:10 P.M. Being that it was a Zoom meeting methodology, Rebecca Quist and GM Hurley took a few minutes to bring everyone up to speed on how the meeting would work and, following a couple of meeting mechanics questions, the meeting began smoothly.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE May 13, 2020 MEETING

The Board reviewed the draft Minutes of the May 13, 2020 Regular Meeting. On the motion of Director Singh, with the second of Director Rai, the Board unanimously approved the draft Minutes of the May 13, 2020 Regular Meeting, as presented. (5-0)

II. FINANCIAL

GM Hurley presented the current log of checks written since the last approved disbursements. He requested that the Board approve/ratify the checks written through May 31, 2020 as presented. On the motion of Director Rai and the second of alternate Director Cameron, the Board unanimously ratified the checks written report without further comment. (5-0)

III. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

1. This item was a report from the General Manager concerning the following items:

Items a) through d) were general information relative to ongoing agency day to day activities. GM Hurley commented on the continuing Governor's Order regarding the COVID-19 virus and noted that the Agency would continue to allow for virtual meetings, as necessary. He further indicated that the Agency staff and the City of Kerman would continue to monitor the situation to determine when the Agency might be able to return to live and in-person meetings again. He advised checking the website for updates as they came available. He announced that the next ACWA Conference had been re-scheduled to be held during the last week of July. He further indicated that it had been modified for a virtual presentation due to Covid concerns in Monterey.

He then introduced Amer Hussain with Geosyntec who presented a review of the status of the BOR Marketing Grant and provided an introduction of the team members and a brief introduction to the marketing background information being developed.

GM Hurley then briefly discussed some upcoming grant opportunities he was positioning the Agency to pursue.

2. This item was a report on the status of draft MAGSA Policy documents and a recommendation from MAGSA staff and General Counsel for adoption of said Policy documents as specified in the Amended Bylaws on the following items of proposed MAGSA Policy:
 - A. **Investment Policy** – Identified as Policy No. 2020 – 01, the Investment Policy, on the motion of Director Rai and the second of Director Singh, was unanimously adopted, as presented. (5-0)

- B. **Accountability and Transparency Policy** - Identified as Policy No. 2020 – 02, the Accountability and Transparency Policy, on the motion of Director Rai and the second of Director Singh, was unanimously adopted, as presented. (5-0)
- C. **Website Privacy Policy** - Identified as Policy No. 2020 – 03, the Website Privacy Policy, on the motion of Director Rai and the second of Director Singh, was unanimously adopted, as presented. (5-0)
- D. **Records Retention Policy** - Identified as Policy No. 2020 – 04, the Records Retention Policy, on the motion of Director Rai and the second of Director Singh, was unanimously adopted, as presented. (5-0)
- E. **California Public Records Act Policy** - Identified as Policy No. 2020 – 05, the California Public Records Act Policy, on the motion of Director Rai and the second of Director Singh, was unanimously adopted, as presented. (5-0)

IV.GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

1. This item was a report on the status of the GSP implementation and Kings Subbasin coordination. GM Hurley indicated that the comment period for the GSP on the DWR website had expired and that MAGSA had received several comments associated with its Plan. He summarized the comments as mostly additive to what had already been submitted (i.e. comments relative to offers of cooperation with SJ River Restoration and levee issues already identified). TNC essentially reiterated its prior concerns. A couple of neighboring districts expressed some concerns relative to the SMCs, but none of the comments appeared to rise to a level of critical concern. He indicated that staff would review the comments and adjust as appropriate.

V.DIRECTORS REPORTS

Report from County of Fresno: NTR

Report from Raisin City Water District: Director Rai reported that the RC Board was continuing to work on Phase 2 of the Terranova project extension as well as several additional potential projects.

Report from Mid Valley Water District: NTR

VI.AD HOC COMMITTEES

The “crack” Outreach team (Huell Howser Best in Blue Award winning team) gave the latest information on Outreach efforts and website activity during the previous month.

VII.UPCOMING MEETINGS

MAGSA Board: July 1, 2020

MAGSA Stakeholder: June 17, 2020
MAGSA TAC Committee TBD
Mid-Valley Water District: TBD
Raisin City Water District: June 16, 2020

VIII.CLOSED SESSION

Vice-Chairman Abercrombie 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:

- 1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
 - a. Status of litigation pursuant to paragraph (1) of Government Code Section 54956.9(d).
Fresno Sup. Ct. 20CECG00507 - MAGSA v James Irrigation, et al.

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

The Board returned from Closed Session and Vice-Chairman Abercrombie announced that the Board had taken no action in the matter discussed.

IX.ADJOURNED TO THE REGULAR JULY MEETING.

Attest:

Matthew H. Hurley, Board Secretary

Affirmed:

Matt Abercrombie, Vice-Chairman