

Meeting Date: June 24, 2021
To: Board of Directors
From: Roberta Barbee, Administrative Assistant/Clerk of the Board
Subject: Minutes of the Zoom Teleconference Board Meeting of May 27, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ojai Groundwater Management Agency, held as a Zoom Teleconference Meeting due to the Covid-19 virus response, called to order at 3:04 pm.

Attendees were: Board Members: Jim Finch (3:08), Bill Weirick, Peter Thielke, Bob Daddi, and Chair Richard Hajas; General Manager John Mundy, and Roberta Barbee, Administrative Assistant/Clerk of the Board. Also in attendance: Jordan Kear, Kear Groundwater, Peter Candy, Attorney, Betsy Stix, Trey Driscoll, and Trevor Jones, Dudek Consultants.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chair Hajas called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm. Barbee called the roll.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** not performed.
3. **Director Announcements/Reports/Comments:**

Mutuals: Theilke had nothing to report.

City of Ojai: Weirick thought it but be of some interest to OBGMA that the City submitted a query letter regarding the change in the reclaimed final surface plan that the County is considering deleting the need for 97,000 cubic yards of fill for the quarry. The City is joining with Forrest Watch and the Sierra Club objecting to the process the County is using for that approval. This affects the watershed not OBGMA.

Community Facilities District – CMWD Ojai Service Area: Daddi thought it was interesting that over 12 years ago the quarry across the street asked to mine the fines out of Matilija. He thinks that bringing the silt over to the quarry would be better than trucks bringing in outside material. Apparently there are no environmental issues with tearing down Matilija so why don't they use the quarry across the street.

Ojai Water Conservation District: Finch had nothing to report.

Casitas Municipal Water District: Hajas reported Mary Bergen made her formal appointment to the board the previous night. Nice to have her back, she is very supportive of the Ojai Basin and the issues we are dealing with.

4. **General Manager Comments:** Mundy had no comments.

5. **Public Comments On Items Not Appearing on the Agenda:** None
6. **Basin Status Reports:** Kear shared that it is the end of May but June is busting out all over. We are not seeing the effect of winter as we have in previous years. Less than 5 inches on the valley floor, upwards of 7 inches on the ridge top; the lowest since 1947. The last reading Depth to water in the Key Well was 153.71 ft. 70 % of basin capacity. At the discharge side of the Basin at San Antonio Creek daylight is found almost at the same point as last month. Under the bridge near the Montgomery drain the creek is dry, a significant difference from April. There still is water flow from San Antonio Creek coming out of the basin at 0.22 CFS, discharge surface outflow is down to 15 to 45 AF/mo. Kear showed a photo confirming even though conditions are dry you can see fauna enjoying plants near Camp Comfort downstream from basin boundary.

7. **Consent Items:**
 - a. **Approve Minutes of April 29, 2021 Zoom Teleconference Regular Meeting:**

Weirick motioned to Approve Minutes of April 29, 2021 Zoom Teleconference Regular Meeting. Theilke seconded.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Finch, Daddi, Weirick, Theilke, and Hajas

Noes: None

8. **Action Items:**
 - a. **Treasurer's Report for April 2021:** Mundy reported beginning bank balances were \$169,213.00, we had an income a little over \$45,000 and operating expenses were at \$13,791.00. San Antonio Creek Ranch was refunded \$12,775.00 for over payment of extraction charges. After total expenses and revenues received there was an ending balance of \$168,098.00. This resulted in a decline of the bank balance by \$1,114.00 for April. Total expenses for April were \$44,842.00.

Mundy reported that in January Weirick noted an error in the Extraction Charges Report, it was due to a database problem that has been solved and the report corrected.

No changes in the Grant Income at this point, we expect to see more revenue once we submit reimbursement for the Nested Monitoring Well Project.

Finch motioned to approve Treasurer's Report. Daddi seconded.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Finch, Daddi, Weirick, Theilke, and Hajas

Noes: None

b. Nested Monitoring Well Project Update. Kear reported that drilling is planned to begin June 8. Next time this month he will have cores to share and more information. Welcome to stop by and check it out, it's exciting to see when the cores are laid out. We expect to see fossils.

c. GSP - Groundwater Model Update: Dudek consultant Trey Driscoll reported they were able to collaborate with Daniel B. Stephens & Associates to get the Groundwater Model working. Trevor Jones presented the original analysis by Dudek showing a storage decline of approximately 625 AFY. When they used the output file suggested by DBS&A it resulted in a storage decline of approximately 15 AFY which is telling us the basin is generally in balance.

9. Information Items:

- 10. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:49pm. A Special Meeting for the GSP will be planned for mid-June, meeting date and time will be announced at least 24 hours before. The next regular scheduled meeting will be June 24, 2021 at 3:00 pm, in the Council Chambers, Ojai City Hall, 401 South Ventura Street; Ojai, CA 93023. However, it may continue to be held as a Zoom Teleconferencing Meeting at 3:00 pm that day.

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