

OJAI BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 27, 2023

The Regular Meeting April 27, 2023, of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency was called to order at 3:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai, CA 93023.

Attendees: Board Members: Richard Hajas, Jim Finch, Peter Thielke, and Bob Daddi. Interim General Manager, Julia Aranda and Clerk of the Board, Roberta Barbee.

Also in attendance: Jordan Kear, Trevor Jones (Dudek)

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chair Hajas called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm. Barbee called the roll.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Hajas.
3. **Director Announcements/Reports/Comments:**
Mutuals: None

Ojai Water Conservation District: Finch reported OWCD did not hold a meeting; however, Finch and Emily met with Supervisor Lavere at the weir of San Antonio Creek to update him on the physical state of the diversion and the state of the District and LAFCO.

City of Ojai: None.

Casitas Lake Level:

Hajas from Casitas Municipal Water District (CMWD) reported the Lake was at 72% and had 172,000-acre feet in storage.

Community Facilities District Report: None.

4. **GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS:** Julia Aranda reported the Department of Water Resources (DWR) hosted a webinar for ground water management agencies. They offered various types of assistance for implementing Groundwater SP's such as technical assistance, groundwater accounting platform software, and outreach facilitators. Julia will investigate these programs and maybe take advantage of them. Julia is developing a list of things to tackle and working on a draft work plan to possibly present at the next meeting. She has a short-term goal of three months to complete the work plan. Julia submitted consolidated comments to LAFCO on 5/14/2023 on the Service Review.
It is now in their hands for revisions and updates. They are still waiting for past meeting minutes and other data to finalize it. Working on a plan to get those together. A bank resolution for signing authority needs to be done. The State Controller Annual Report is due at the end of the month. No one was tasked with this, so Julia will have the auditor do it. Auditor not available until June.

Looking to see if there are penalties for non-submission or if a time extension is available.

5. BASIN STATUS REPORTS:

Jordan Kear had a presentation "Forty Days of Winter". Kear reported that the Key Well was, 124.76' and there was 57,600 acre-feet in the basin.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA:

None.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Well Permit Application-APN 024-0-042-015, Creek Road:

Daddi motioned to approve this application.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Daddi, Finch, Thielke, and Hajas,

Noes: None

b. Financial Reports for February 2023 and March 2023

Thielke motioned to accept financial reports for February and March, Daddi seconded.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Daddi, Finch, Thielke, Hajas

Noes: None

c. SGMA Implementation Summit & Workshop

Finch motioned to approve IGM attendance and budget; Daddi seconded.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Daddi, Finch, Thielke, and Hajas,

Noes: None

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Well Permit Application – APN 029-0-020-040, 4274 Thacher Road

This is a new well for 4 acre-feet per year for agriculture. Kear analysis was done and attached to the application. Discussion about applicant's actual projections and geology to determine if there will be consequences. Julia will contact the applicant for more information and clarification.

b. Well Permit Application – APN 014-0-040-200, 4100 Matilija Canyon Road –

This is a replacement well for 15 acre-feet per year. Julia will investigate what the County's definition of a replacement well is and bring this back to next month's meeting for discussion.

c. Well Permit Application – APN 024-0-031-160, 1205 Country Club Dr.

This is a new well for 0.5 acre-foot per year for 0.2 acres of ornamental landscape. Kear would caution the OGBMA to approve a permit could be a surface water diversion that is not sealing off the alluvium. This would keep it outside of the GSA and City limits, and meeting GSP compliance. Julia to collect more information, write up additional conditions for the applicant to comply with, and bring it back to the Board in May.

d. Consider Financial Reports on Consent Calendar – Julia explained the function of a Consent Calendar and suggested OBGMA adopt this in their meetings.

12. **ADJOURN** – The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be May 25, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai.

ATTEST: _____