

Meeting Date: May 27, 2021
To: Board of Directors
From: Roberta Barbee
Subject: Minutes of the Zoom Teleconference Board Meeting of April 29, 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 3:01 pm.

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

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chair Hajas called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm. Barbee called the roll.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** not performed.
3. **Director Announcements/Reports/Comments:**

Mutuals: Theilke had nothing to report

Ojai Water Conservation District: Finch said they met briefly. Oath of Office for Board Members took place; nothing to report of water substance.

City of Ojai: Weirick shared an interesting newspaper article from 1914 about the State Wildlife Commission planting/stalking trout annually in the Ventura River.

Community Facilities District – CMWD Ojai Service Area: Daddi had nothing to report.

Casitas Municipal Water District: Hajas reported the District has been working on revising the State Yield and projecting demands. At the April meeting a new yield was set at 15,010 AcFt/year, this includes a 15% safety factor to get us through dry periods the lake would not go below 44,000 AcFt a nice buffer to get through droughts.

Adopted projected demands and those are 14,525 AcFt which are lower than previous demands projected. We have enough water if it everything stays the same historically so they are pursuing backup.

Weirick asked about the project with Santa Barbara County. Hajas said they are doing the environmental work and budgeting for new design.

4. **General Manager Comments:** Mundy reminded the Board that meetings are the last Thursday of each month.
He will be working to offer having the Extraction Statements be online in pdf format to save errors, time, and money.
He will be out of the Country from May 11-18.
5. **Basin Status Reports:** Kear reported it has been getting late early in the Ojai Basin – feels like October but only end of April. Just under 5 inches on the valley floor, upward of 7 inches precipitation the ridge top. If no more rain this year the valley floor total will be the lowest since 4.35 taken in 1947. Flow out of the Basin from San Antonio Creek is at 0.59 CFS, not a lot of change from last month.
6. **Public Comments On Items Not Appearing on the Agenda:** Kuebler thanked Mundy for setting up Zoom meetings. Mundy gave credit to Luis Gomez at Ojai City.
7. **Consent Items:**
 - a. **Approve Minutes of March 25, 2021 Zoom Teleconference Regular Meeting:**

Weirick motioned to Approve Minutes of March 25, 2021 Zoom Teleconference Regular Meeting. Finch seconded.
Roll call vote:
Ayes: Finch, Weirick, Theilke, and Hajas
Noes: None

Mundy made note that Bob Daddi didn't attend the March meeting.
8. **Action Items:**
 - a. **Treasurer's Report for February 2021, and Budget and Extraction Charges by Period:**

Theilke motioned to approve Treasurer's Report. Weirick seconded.
Roll call vote:
Ayes: Finch, Daddi, Weirick, Theilke, and Hajas
Noes: None

b. **Nested Monitoring Well Project Update.** Mundy

c. GSP update – Water Budget Update: Dudek consultants Trey Driscoll and Devin Pritchard-Peters presented the updated. Completed chapters 1 & 2 of the plan.

d. San Antonio Ranch Refund Request: Board reviewed the updated staff analysis and authorized refund of excess fees paid. Finch was confident in refunding \$12,774, based on the 3 years it is clear the property owner was using the wrong multiplier.

Finch motioned to approve the refund. Hajas seconded.

Roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

9. Information Items:

a. Form 700's – Annual & Leaving Office and Assuming Office for 2020/2021 Statements:

1. Annual statements – filed by April 1, 2021.
2. Leaving Office Statement – filed within 30 days of leaving office.
3. Assuming Office – filed within 30 days after assuming office.

- 10. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be May 27, 2021 at 5:00 pm, in the Council Chambers, Ojai City Hall, 401 South Ventura Street; Ojai, CA 93023. However, it is expected the meeting will continue to be held as a Zoom Teleconferencing Meeting at 3:00 pm that day.

b. CMWD Surface Water Supplementation to Ojai Area: Handout information was provided to the Board on this subject.

11. **ADJOURN** -- The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be February 28, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai.