

OJAI BASIN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 29, 2023

The Regular Meeting of June 29, 2023, of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency was called to order at 3:03 PM in the Council Chambers, Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai, CA 93023.

Attendees were: Board Members: Richard Hajas, Jim Finch, Bob Daddi, Andrew Whitman and Peter Thielke. Interim General Manager Julia Aranda and Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer.

Also in attendance: Jordan Kear, Consultant and Peter Candy, Attorney

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chair Hajas called the meeting to order at 3:03pm. VanDerMeer called the roll.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Hajas.
3. **Director Announcements/Reports/Comments:**

Mutuals: None

Ojai Water Conservation District: Finch reported that he had met with LAFCO.

City of Ojai: None

Casitas Municipal Water District: None

Community Facilities District Report: None

4. **GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS:**

Aranda reported that Cece Vandermeer and Tara Ransom are working on catching up with bringing the office reporting up to date. Aranda reminded the Board members to complete and return their Form 700s to the office, and to sign the forms at the bank to complete the bank account set up. Aranda is working with the bookkeeper and the auditor to complete the State Controllers Report. Aranda called the County of Ventura and found out that Resource Conservation District is mailing the retention check in the amount of \$11,093.85. Aranda attended the SGMA conference in Sacramento and reported there was a lot of information that would be helpful for GSP projects.

5. **BASIN STATUS REPORT:**
Jordan Kear had a presentation “Dry as a Bone, Wet as a Fountain. Kear reported the Key Well was 51.05 ft on 6/28/23 and there was about 96% capacity/76,800 acre-feet in the basin.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA:**
None
7. **CONSENT ITEMS:**
 - a. **Approve Minutes and Financial Report:**
Finch motioned to approve the consent agenda; Thielke seconded.
Roll call vote:
Ayes: Daddi, Finch, Thielke, Whitman, Chair Hajas
Noes: None
8. **ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a. **Well Verification Application:**
Peter Candy suggested revisions to the Well Verification Application regarding the Applicant’s signature. Daddi motioned to approve revisions; Whitman seconded.
Roll call vote:
Ayes: Daddi, Finch, Thielke, Whitman, Chair Hajas
Noes: None
9. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
The Board discussed a potential Perched Groundwater Ordinance.
10. **ADJOURN** -- The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be July 27, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai.

ATTEST: _____