

Meeting Date: May 31, 2018
To: Board of Directors
From: Cece VanDerMeer
Subject: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 26, 2018

The Regular Meeting April 26, 2018 of the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency was called to order at 5:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai, CA 93023.

Attendees were: Board Members: President Dan Breen, Russ Baggerly, Johnny Johnston, Jim Finch and Secretary/Treasurer Cece VanDerMeer.

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

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** President Breen called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Jordan Kear

3. **Director Announcements:**

Mutuals:

Breen reported that Siete Robles' well is in good condition. Hermitage Mutual is still doing repairs from the Thomas fire damage.

Ojai Water Conservation District: Finch reported that the OWCD had their Regular Board Meeting 4/25/18 and discussed river bed clean out.

City of Ojai: None

Casitas Lake Level:

Baggerly from Casitas Municipal Water District (CMWD) reported: The lake is 35.4% full and 84,173 acre feet in storage.

Community Facilities District Report for April 18, 2018 was:

San Antonio #4:

Static level 168.3'

Dynamic - 298.7'

Average Flow - 214 gpm

Mutual #6:

Static Level 151.1'

Dynamic - 201.8'

Average Flow - 189 gpm

4. **BASIN STATUS REPORTS:**

. Current Status of Basin Input, Output and Storage:

Jordan Kear from Kear Groundwater reported that the Basin peak on March 30, 2018 was 139' below ground level. On April 4, 2018 the Lagomarsino Well peaked at 164' below ground level.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA:**
Susie Nixon presented the Board with information regarding the CREW.

Conner Jones presented information on his model of: Slow It, Spread It, Sink It.

6. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

a. **Approve minutes from March 29, 2018:** Johnston motioned to approve the March 29, 2018 minutes, seconded by Finch. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Finch, Baggerly, Johnston and Breen, the minutes were approved.

b. **Treasurer's report March 2018. Budget Spreadsheet and Extraction Charges by Period:** Finch motioned to receive and file the March 2018 Treasurer's report, Budget Spreadsheet and Extraction Charges by Period, seconded by Baggerly. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Finch, Baggerly, Johnston and Breen, the Treasurer's report, for March 2018, Spreadsheet and Extraction Charges by Period was received and filed.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING – Groundwater Management Plan:** The Public Hearing was opened to the public at 5:20.

Bruce Kuebler, Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency (UVRGA), stated that the OBGMA and the UVRGA shared a common area along the San Antonio Creek.

Jim Finch, Ojai Water Conservation District (OWCD), stated that at the last OWCD meeting their Board discussed items; water importation, changing the term from farmers to agriculture, when contour farming practice would be implemented and the use of social media.

Included in the agenda package were letters from:

City of Ventura

Surfrider Foundation

Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency

NOAA

Friends of the Santa Clara River

Breen motioned to direct staff to incorporate the received comments into the Groundwater Management Plan (GMP), and bring this item back to the May 31, 2018 Board meeting, seconded by Baggerly. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Finch, Baggerly, Johnston and Breen, staff will bring back the received comments to incorporate into the GMP.

The Public Hearing was closed at 5:35.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Contract approval of JMundy Consulting LLC Agreement: The Board reviewed the JMundy Consulting LLC Agreement. Baggerly recommended that the Board approve of JMundy Consulting LLC be used in an on call basis. Baggerly motioned to approve the JMundy Consulting LLC Agreement, seconded by Johnston. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Finch, Baggerly, Johnston and Breen, the JMundy Consulting LLC Agreement was approved.

b. Discussion of Increase of Agriculture Well Use for the periods of 2016 and 2017: Kear's email regarding the agriculture well increase was included in the agenda.

c. Change of Office Location: The Board considered approving the office relocation. VanDerMeer presented a proposal on the office move to 417 Bryant Circle, Suite 112, including the approximate moving expense total of \$2,180.00, which will be split with UVRGA. On motion by Baggerly and seconded by Finch. On a roll call vote: Ayes: Finch, Baggerly, Johnston and Breen, the Change of Office Location was approved.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

a. Update on the Annual Report Water Year 2016/2017: Mundy reported that the Annual Report Water Year 2016/2017 was filed with the Department of Water Resources by the due date of April 1, 2018.

b. Correspondence from Bob Daddi regarding Casitas Municipal Water District Stage 4: Correspondence from Bob Daddi was included in the Agenda.

10. ADJOURN -- The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be May 31, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in Ojai City Hall, 401 S. Ventura Street, Ojai.
